



February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

April

29- Township Clean Up Day.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

October

7- 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
2023

Township Clean Up Day ****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 29, 2023

Saturday, October 7, 2023

****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 2023

Hamilton Schools has an election on May 2, 2023.



For helpful information on voting, please visit
www.michigan.gov/sos . 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 States of America.
3. At least 18 years of age (by election day).
4. Not serving a sentence in jail or prison.

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.

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

Herrick District Library is now open 24 hours a day with its new lending machines in Holland Heights and Park Township. The Holland Heights machine sits on the east side of the Food Club parking lot, 739 Paw Paw Dr. , in a well-lit shelter. The Park Township machine is at the new Outdoor Discovery Center's Dragonflies Discovery Preschool on 152nd St. and Ottawa Beach Road.



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 all the residents who were part of 2022's Residential Review and took time to review the information and return the form. The feedback is helpful in keeping our assessing records accurate.

This year the Consumer Price Index is over 5%. Michigan statute states that the rate of inflation for taxable value is equal to the C.P.I. or 5%, whichever is lower. That means, for 2023, everyone who owns property in Michigan will likely see their taxable value increase 5%. New construction and demolition will alter that percent.

The March Board of Review will meet March 14 and 16. You will see the dates and times they meet listed on the Change Notice property owners receive mid-February. Please take a moment to review your information. If you have a question, please ask. The Change Notice will also provide information for making an appointment to appeal to the Board of Review.

Professional Code Inspectors (PCI) handles all building, mechanical, and electrical permits for Heath Township. PCI also reviews and approves all property splits.

There is a new "Assessing" page on Heath Township's website. The page includes assessment information, contact information and common forms. Emailing your questions is the fastest way to receive an answer. Please use 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 Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-877-2000

2023 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Reconstruct 125th Ave from 41st St. to 38th St. for future paving
- Place gravel on 127th Ave from M-40 to 138th Ave.
- Dust control on gravel roads will be applied 3 times to 9 miles of gravel.

2022 Hamilton Fire Department Report

In 2022, Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 504 incidents, which tracks a 4% increase over our two year average of 486 incidents.

The addition to the fire station is complete. The work was done by Wedeven Bros. Construction, Hamilton, Michigan. The project was funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

In March of 2023 we will take delivery of a new Light Rescue Vehicle which is designed to respond more efficiently to medical emergencies. This is a Ford F350 Super Cab, with a Ward Apparatus body, out of Horsehead, New York and is funded by the American Rescue Plan Act.

This past fall, Unication Industries from Plano, TX, (Pager Vendor) installed a Micro Repeater on the Hamilton Fire Radio Tower. The Micro Repeater will boost the paging radio signal for paging out emergencies in our area. The Micro Repeater is the only one being tested in the United States and is being monitored 24 hours a day by Unication Lab in Vancouver, BC. and by Michigan State Police Radio Communications Center in Lansing, MI. This pilot project is being funded by Unication.

Our best wishes to Firefighter Nate Heuer, who is leaving us for a fulltime career with Spring Lake Township Fire/Rescue.

We welcome Firefighter Riley Capel. Riley has his Firefighter I & II, Fire Instructors and EMT Certifications, and is in class for Fire Officer Certification. We also welcome Josh Klein. Josh is currently in the Fire Academy for his Firefighter I & II Certification, and will be taking his EMT classes next year.

In 2022 Hamilton Fire/Rescue was part of a joint Federal Grant for \$58,000 to expand the Live Fire Training Facility.

In 2023 Hamilton Fire/Rescue will continue to work with Hamilton Schools, Ottawa County Medical Control, and Law Enforcement in joint training for emergency responses.

We remind everyone to check your smoke and CO detectors batteries. If your smoke and CO detectors are more than 10 years old, we strongly encourage you to replace them.

Hamilton Fire/Rescue is greatly blessed with a great group of people who are willing to step forward to serve our community. We are also blessed with a great community that supports Hamilton Fire/Rescue, to which we wish to express our deepest thank-you.

Sincerely,

Fire Chief

Dave Haverdink

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
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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.

