



February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

May

4- Township Clean Up Day.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

October

5- 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

2024

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, May 4, 2024

Saturday, October 5, 2024

****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 2024

Presidential Primary— February 27, 2024

Primary— August 6, 2024

General— November 5, 2024



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

Heath Township

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

All property owners will receive a Change Notice in February. Please take a moment to review the information for accuracy. If there is an error with the mailing address, or Principal Residence Exemption, please contact the office immediately. The assessed value of your home should be approximately 50% of what it would sell on the market. Taxable value determines the amount of tax you pay. A new addition to the Change Notice is the "reason" box. This will detail any changes made to the property that caused an increase or decrease in taxable value. If you disagree with the assessed value, property classification or find an error in the calculation of taxable value, please call the office to speak with the assessor or make an appointment with the March Board of Review. The Board also accepts written appeals if you are unable to meet in person.

I'd like to thank Randy Reimink, Kirk VanOrder, and Kenn Westenbroek for serving Heath Township on the Board of Review. They provide an opportunity for property owners to appeal the information about their property to someone other than the assessor.

Please contact Professional 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 a formula:

$50\% \text{ of the value of new construction} / 1000 \times \text{millage rate} = \text{tax increase due to new construction.}$

NEW THIS YEAR—you can now access your assessing and tax information from Heath Township's website. There is no cost to access your own property information, however, there is a fee to access information about property you do not own.

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

2024 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Pave 125th Ave from 41st St. to 38th St.
- Gravel applied to roads as needed.
- Dust control on gravel roads will be applied 3 times throughout the year.
- Some sidewalk repair will continue from 135th Ave to 136th Ave.

2023 Hamilton Fire Department Report

In 2023, Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 519 incidents, CO alarm calls being one type. Please remember to test and replace batteries. The fire station addition was completed in July 2023. The Light Rescue Truck was delivered August 2023. The 16' Lowe Rescue Boat and Trailer was placed into service July 2023. There have been more rescues on the local rivers with an increase in kayaking and tubing.

Tim Haverdink stepped down in July 2023 after 23 years of service.

Josh Klein is now State certified Firefighter I & II. Josh will now be taking EMT MEDIC training.

We welcomed Shy Foster in July 2023 from Dalton Twp Fire & Rescue. She is certified Firefighter I & II. She is employed by AMR and also is State certified Emergency Medical Instructor. In January 2024, we welcomed Matt Peterson from Thornapple Twp Fire & Rescue. He is certified Firefighter I & II and serves in the Army National Guard. He will be taking EMT medic training.

Hamilton Fire Department has been working with Hamilton Schools and Ottawa County Medical Control doing mass casualty training. Also working with area Fire Departments and local Police Departments to have a joint action plan for traffic flow related issues. MDOT has provided signage and equipment for such issues.

In September 2023, the Fire Department was audited by ISO Services and scored very well. Once the audit results are released, we should be able to get a better rating.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue is blessed to have 22 members. We are lucky not to struggle with finding people to fill positions. We do work with other fire departments and call on each other to help with additional personnel if needed at large scenes.

The success of Hamilton Fire & Rescue is not the result of one or two people, but it is the direct result of 22 member working together to serve the community that we live in. Many times you will hear, "What do you need?", from one of the members. Our success is also the direct result of the support of our units of government, and the support of our community.

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.



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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.

