



#### February

14 - Winter tax bills due

#### April

25-Township Clean Up Day

#### June

20- HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

#### July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

#### September

14- Summer tax bills due.

#### December

1- Winter tax bills mailed.

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

**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.**

# Heath Township Annual Newsletter www.heathtownship.net 2020

## Township Clean Up Day

**CANCELLED**  
**\*\*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:

**CANCELLED**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

**\*\*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 20, 2020 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 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.

### **2020 Curbside Recycling Dates:**

February 5	September 2
March 4	October 7
April 1	November 4
May 6	December 2
June 3	January 6, 2021
July 1	February 3, 2021
August 5	March 3, 2021

\* 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

Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 446 incidents in 2019, which is a 3% increase over 2018 it total volume.

On August 19, 2019 the Live Fire Training Facility was dedicated with a Grand Opening. All the partners were on hand, along with the State Fire Marshall, National and State Representatives, local citizens, donors, and project construction partners. The State Fire Marshall rated our facility as one of the top training centers in the country. He, along with other officials, commented on the partnership and the collaborations of local fire departments, and the local units of government coming together. He stated, this has never been done anywhere before, and that we are a model for others to follow.

We are disappointed in the fact that after our third attempt for a FEMA grant, we were again turned down. The request for replacement Turnout Gear will be in the 2020 budget. However, we are still looking at submitting a grant for SCBA's, based on information coming from other agencies.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue sponsored an Ag Rescue Training class this past August. Students from all over Michigan and local fire departments joined us. The instruction was paid for by a State of Michigan grant. Also a big thank you to Poll Farms, Greenmark Equipment, and Hamilton Distributing for all the training equipment provided.

We also acknowledge Koeman Farms for their donation of a house for our training this past summer. It was a great asset to the fire and rescue training skills. Thank you.

The upgraded computer reporting software transition went very well. We are using the same software as Graafschap Fire and Saugatuck Fire. The tech support has been great.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue has joined the OASSIN, Ottawa Area Secure Schools Network, which the Hamilton Schools are a part of. OASSIN is a network of school leaders, law enforcement (local police departments, county sheriffs, state police, and FBI), emergency management and fire departments. The focus of the group is to develop school safety and security planning for the active assailants, large fires, and other major incidents.

In 2019 we welcomed back Don Dickens, F/F, Paramedic, after a leave of absence. We welcome Dillon VanderKamp, who comes to us with no background in the fire service. Dillon will be starting Fire Academy in January 2020, and medic school in 2021. Also starting January 1st, 2020 will be Ben Scheffers. Ben comes to us from Cooper Township Fire, and has his Firefighter 1 & 11 Certificate along with Medical First Responder Training.

We will also be interviewing in February a candidate who comes to us from Holland Township Fire with all his needed certifications.

In August of this year, CHS Corporate gave Hamilton Fire & Rescue a \$10,000.00 grant for a "Confined Space Rescue Training", which will be held in February/March of 2020. There will be 2 to 3 people from Hamilton, Saugatuck, Graafschap, and Holland Fire attending the class which is OSHA and MIOSHA approved. At this point F/F Craig Poll and F/F Frank Cronin will be attending, with a third person pending.

Also in August, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Division of EMS and Trauma, conducted an audit of Hamilton Fire & Rescue. These audits are done each year before our Basic Life Support license can be re-issued. Once again, out of 109 items check (equipment, continuing education, report writing, de-briefings, policies, operational standards, etc.) Hamilton Fire & Rescue scored 100% in each category. Thanks again to Sara Groenheide for all her work in keeping us on track!

F/F Mike Bosch and F/F Frank Cronin will be taking classes to become Certified State of Michigan Fire Training Instructors. The classes will be held at Saugatuck Fire Department in January and February of 2020.

Looking at long range planning, Rescue 860 will need to be replaced in the next 5 to 8 years. This truck has been in service since 1998 and is 22 years old.

Each year the demands placed on the fire service is evermore increasing and time consuming. Hamilton Fire has and continues to be blessed with a great group of people, willing to answer the call. To have a waiting list of people who wish to join Hamilton Fire & Rescue is unheard of in the fire service today when many agencies struggle to find people.

Our success comes from the support of community, local units of government, surrounding fire agencies, and our dedicated firefighters.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns about the fire department, please contact us anytime.

Respectfully submitted

David Haverdink

Chief

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

Can we FIND  
YOU...

In an emergency, every  
second counts.

Please make sure your  
address number is  
clearly posted and visi-  
ble 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 ad-  
dress number.

THANK YOU

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

*Burn  
Notification  
Line  
269-751-4444*

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





# Heath Township





## ALLEGAN COUNTY SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING GUIDE

### CURBSIDE CART & DROP SITE FRIENDLY ITEMS

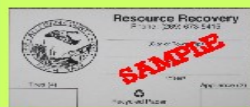
<b>CARDBOARD &amp; PAPERBOARD</b> Flatten, remove plastic & foam. Tape & Labels OK. 	<b>CARTONS</b> Coated paperboard that held liquid. Rinse & keep cap on. 
<b>GLASS BOTTLES &amp; JARS</b> Clean & empty. Labels OK. Remove metal lids. 	<b>PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS &amp; TUBS</b> Rigid plastics only. NO FOAM. Labels OK. #1-7. Rinse & keep cap on. 
<b>PAPER, MAGAZINES, &amp; NEWSPAPER</b> Remove plastic & rubber bands. No shredded paper 	<b>METAL CANS &amp; FOIL</b> CLEAN & empty. Labels OK. Aerosol cans MUST be empty! 


**NOT ACCEPTED:**  
 Plastic bags, shredded paper, cords/cables/wires, electronics, hazardous materials, windows, gift wrap, Styrofoam, clothing
 

1. Rinse All Containers.
2. Leave caps on containers.
3. Break down card-board 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!**

## 2020 NEWSLETTER



If you did not receive a 2020 Resource Recovery (Recycling) Card please contact Heath Township Hall at (269) 751-2403. This card is required to receive depot services.

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](http://www.allegancounty.org) for more information.

### 2020 Event Dates

Wayland Area Collection Event	May 2nd
Harding's Parking Lot — 300 Reno Dr.	
Hamilton Area Collection Event	June 20th
Recycling Depot Site — 3310 M-40	
Otsego Area Collection Event	Oct. 3rd
Otsego City DPW — 243 Farmers St.	

All events are 9:00am-12:00pm

Scrap Tire collection events are hosted throughout the year. For information visit [www.allegancounty.org](http://www.allegancounty.org), click 'recycling'.

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



Dates will be posted spring 2020.

Waste reduction programs and the collection of recycling is funded through a voter approved recycling surcharge. The recycling surcharge is located on winter property tax bills.

On November 11, 2019, as the snow was falling, the Hamilton Area Veteran's Memorial was dedicated. Mr. Lyle Shanks called out as three other veterans from the Dorr American Legion raised the Army, Navy and Air Force flags. Former Marine Russ Beckley raised the Marine flag and veteran Cal Klockert raised the Coast Guard flag. As the American flag in the center of the Memorial was raised, soloist Renae Turner sang "The Star Spangled Banner." The Rev. Paul Burmeister, retired Navy, read and prayed as 175-200 of the greater Hamilton community members encircled the monument to honor our veterans. The service was ended with a bugler playing Taps and a 3-gun volley salute. It was a very touching and highly anticipated moment for Hamilton and the members and veterans here.



Pavers to honor the veterans are still available to purchase until April 15, 2020. They come in two different sizes and forms are available at Teddy's Transport, Allegan County Community Foundation and Heath Township Hall.



**Dedication Service:** Join Hamilton's Memorial Day Festivities! On May 25, the Hamilton Area Veteran's Memorial will be doing a Dedication Service at the newly constructed memorial located at 3440 Lincoln Road (M-40) Hamilton. This service will honor all the Veterans that have served or are currently serving. It will also recognize those that worked hard to create the monument in their honor. A free lunch for the first thousand people attending will be served from 11:30-1:00 pm at the adjacent Memorial ground by Heath Township Hall Soccer Field and the Hamilton Elementary School Gymnasium with the service following at 1:00 pm.

Additional activities for Memorial Day in Hamilton include a pancake breakfast at Hamilton Christian Reformed Church from 7:00-9:00 am with a parade following. The parade ends at Riverside Cemetery where there will be a Service Roll Call for all area Veterans that have served our Country and unfortunately are no longer with us.

**THANK YOU VETERANS FOR YOUR SERVICE!**

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

Home sales continued to be strong during 2019 resulting in an increase in values for the 2020 assessment year. Land values for all classes (Agricultural, Commercial, Industrial, and Residential) increased as well.

I will continue to conduct field inspections to ensure our assessing data is current. The State of Michigan requires assessors to perform a physical inspection of 20% of the unit each year. Before coming to your property, I send a letter indicating the date I hope to conduct the field inspection. A field inspection consists of documenting, measuring, and photographing the outside of all buildings on the property. If you are home, I will confirm the date buildings were built as well as some interior information. I do not ask to enter your home. Thank you for your cooperation; it's been enjoyable meeting the residents of Heath Township.

The March Board Of Review will meet March 11 and 12 to hear public appeals. Please look for your Change in Assessment notice during February to review your property information. See your Change Notice for appointment 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

## 2020 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Paving 134th Ave., 47th St. to M-40 .62 miles
- Paving 125th Ave., 41st St. west to end of pavement 1 mile
- Paving 43rd St., 125th Ave. South to dead end .37 miles
- Dust control on gravel roads will be applied 3 times
- Some roads will receive new gravel (determined Spring of 2020)



## Election News

### Election Dates:

March 10, 2020	Presidential Primary
August 4, 2020	State Primary
November 3, 2020	State General Election



### Registration Deadlines

July 20, 2020	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the August Primary.
August 4, 2020	In-person registration with the local clerk with proof of residency.
October 19, 2020	Last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk for the November general election.
November 3, 2020	In-person registration with the local clerk with proof of residency.

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://mVIC.sos.state.mi.us/> At this site you can find your voter information, register to vote, view your ballot, absentee voting and working at the polls.

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.

### 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.

