



Heath Calendar

February

14- Winter tax bills due.

April

19- Township clean up day.

May

31- HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

7 - Last day to register for August Election.

August

5 - Primary Election.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

20- Township clean up day.

October

6 -Last day to register for November Election.

November

4 - General Election.

December

1- Winter tax bills mailed.

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Office hours:
Mondays & Wednesdays
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. and
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Township Clean Up Days

*****Please note new days and times!!!*****

The location for the township clean up days will be at the Heath Township Hall located at 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49419 from

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

Saturday, April 19, 2014 and Saturday, September 20, 2014

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

*****People will be there to assist only.*****

***** If you are disposing of burn barrel contents on these days;**

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

When: May 31, 2014 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Where: Allied Waste (Hamilton) Recycling Station

3310 M-40 Hwy, Hamilton (See Page 2 for more details.)

Acceptable Materials:

Electronic Items:

- Televisions
- 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
- Wood Stain
- Adhesives
- Weed Killer
- Fertilizer
- Pest Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Deck Sealer
- Mercury Items

Latex Paint is Not Accepted.

Heath Township Curbside Recycling

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/ COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT:

Allegan County Resource Recovery is hosting a Regional Household Hazardous Waste/TV/Computer Recycling Event at the Allied Waste 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 Ben Williams at 269-686-4559 if there are questions about this event.

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 as noted with a *. **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 \$25 surcharge on the winter tax bill.)

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 Allied Waste Recycling Station listed below.

2014 Curbside Recycling Dates:

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

Allied Waste Recycling Station:

Residents can use their Resource Recovery Card at the Allied Waste 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: Ben Williams, Allegan County Recycling Coordinator

Phone: 269-686-4559, E-mail: bwilliams@allegancounty.org

Fire Department News

Hamilton Fire and Rescue has responded to 306 incidents in 2013, which compares to 282 in 2012.

In 2013 seven members of Hamilton Fire & Rescue took the EMT class. Upon completion of the class, and with the upgrade to our medical equipment, we then met the standard to upgrade our State Medical License from Medical First Responders to Basic Life Support. The upgrade will allow us to give additional patient care and some medications. Hamilton Fire & Rescue is one of the first Paid On Call fire departments to upgrade our level in the West Michigan area.

We are currently submitting the final paperwork to the State for our approval. The level of service that we will be providing would not have been possible without the efforts of our staff, Fire Board, Townships and the community that we serve.

Over the past few years you may have seen other fire agencies in the Hamilton area. We have seen a great commitment from our surrounding fire departments in working together. Not just a fire scene, but also in training, resources, and planning. Those departments include, but are not limited to, Overisel, Holland City, Graafschap, Saugatuck, Fennville, and Hopkins.

Hamilton Fire & Rescue is also part of a multi-county mutual aid pact that covers the counties of Allegan, Ottawa, Kent and Muskegon. In the event of a major incident or disaster, we can call upon any fire agency in this area for any additional resources that we may need.

Radio coverage for our area is still a major concern. We are exploring many different solutions and meeting with engineers, vendors, and other users.

Staffing fire departments is a major concern for many agencies. We have been very blessed with a great group of people that make up the Hamilton Fire & Rescue. The support we have had over the years from the Fire Board, Townships, and most of all our community is second to none, for which we are very grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Haverdink, Chief
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

*Automated
line for burn
permits
269-686-5222.*

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





Assessment News

Another assessing cycle has passed and you will soon be receiving your 2014 tax bills. Since Proposal A passed in 1994 your taxes are based on taxable value not the assessed value. Assessed value changes based on the real estate market, new construction on your property or any other changes made to your property.

Taxable value changes by the previous 12 month consumer price index or 5% whichever is less. It also changes by anything new added to your property or by the sale and purchase of your property. For 2014 the consumer price index was 1.6% so you should see about a 1.6% increase in your taxes unless millage rates change.

The taxable value is controlled by State Law and cannot be changed by the Board of Review or Assessor unless the assessed value goes below the taxable value.

The Township is in the process of adding a part time assistant to the assessor. We will be doing site visits to properties on a regular basis to try to eliminate inequities and comply with State Law. We will notify you prior to the visit to your property.

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

Election News

July 7, 2014 - Last day to register for August 5, 2014 Election.

August 5, 2014 - Primary Election.

October 6, 2014 - Last day to register for November 4, 2014 Election.

November 4, 2014 - General Election.

We are in need of election workers from the Democratic party. Please email the township at info@heathtownship.net or call Sheila Meiste, Township Clerk, at 269-751-2403 for an application. This is a paid position.



2014 Road Work



- Reconstruct 126th Avenue from 36th Street to 38th Street for future paving.
- Various roads will have some gravel applied.
- Dust control application three times.
- Looking ahead at 2015 we will share a project with Overisel Township involving the reconstruction of 136th Avenue from 38th Street West to 41st Street for future paving.



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.

*Sections 5 and 6 boundaries are 136th Avenue to the north, 134th Avenue to the south, 48th Street to the west, and 44th Street to the east.



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Township Parks

The township park by the township office is almost complete. Come see the improvements this spring! New picnic pavilion with tables and grills! The playground has more toys! Walking paths! Skate park and more!

Regarding the new skate park the rules are as follows:

- Heath Township assumes no liability for loss, death, damage, or any kind of injury sustained by users or damage to or loss of user's personal property.
- Skaters must use the facility at their own risk. Caution and common sense should be exercised when using the facility.
- All skaters must wear proper safety gear, including helmets and pads.
- No alcohol, smoking or drugs allowed. No horseplay, violence or profane language allowed in the park.

We are in the process of applying for a matching grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to make improvements to Schutmaat Park located on the Rabbit River.