



### Heath Calendar

#### February

14- Winter tax bills due.

#### April

6-Last Day to register for May Election.

18- Township clean up day.

#### May

5-Election

30- HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

#### July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

#### September

14- Summer tax bills due.

26- 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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Monday & Wednesday  
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m. and  
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

# Heath Township Annual Newsletter

www.heathtownship.net  
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## Township Clean Up Days

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 18, 2015

and

Saturday, September 26, 2015

### HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

When: May 30, 2015 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 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
- 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. **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.)**

**\*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 Allied Waste Recycling Station listed below.

### **2015/2016 Curbside Recycling Dates:**

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

### **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](http://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](mailto:bwilliams@allegancounty.org)**

### Fire Department News

Hamilton Fire and Rescue responded to 341 incidents in 2014, which compares to 306 in 2013.

The winter of 2013/2014 was challenging at best. Our records show a record number of incidents for the month of February. A number of these incidents were traffic related, accidents, road closures and searches for stranded motorists.

We wish to acknowledge and thank, Poll Farms, Eding Farms and Kempker Farms for their assistance in supplying equipment to conduct these searches. Their willingness allowed us to do our job safely and get people out of harms way.

In 2014 Hamilton Fire & Rescue was granted our Basic Life Support License. The new license will allow us to provide additional treatment to our community. Again we thank all of those who helped in this project. Hamilton Fire & Rescue is the only agency, Paid on Call, to reach this level of service in West Michigan.

The radio coverage issue is still and remains a major problem for the Hamilton area and other parts of the county. As of today's date there is still no solution on the horizon.

The following members have retired from Hamilton Fire & Rescue in 2014; Jeff Baukema and Tammy Scholten. We wish to express our deepest thanks to them for all that they have done and contributed.

In 2015 we will welcome new members to Hamilton Fire & Rescue; Don Dickens F/F, P-EMT, Steve Brower F/F, P-EMT, Dylan Harris P-EMT, Cory Heuer and Jacob Rowe.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Haverdink, Chief  
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

*Burn  
Notification  
Line  
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 2015 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 2015 the consumer price index is 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 has added a part time assistant to the assessor. We will be continuing to do 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. For your information her name is Lisa Freeman, so if she contacts you by mail or phone please work with her as we need to do this process based on State of Michigan requirements.



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

April 6, 2015 - Last day to register for May 5, 2015 election.

May 2, 2015—Clerk will be available in office 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. for electors who wish to receive an absentee ballot.

May 4, 2015—Clerk will be available in office 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. for electors qualified to obtain an absent voter ballot for election may vote in person in clerk's office.

May 5, 2015—Election.



## 2015 Road Work



- Reconstruct 126th Avenue from 38th Street East to 36th Street.
- Various roads will have some gravel applied.
- Dust control application three times.
- Reconstruct 136th Avenue from 38th Street West to pavement for paving in 2016.



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 south, 134th Avenue to the north, 48th Street to the east, and 44th Street to the west.



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### Township Parks

- ◆ Come enjoy the Heath Township Park. The picnic pavilion has tables and grills! The playground has more toys! Walking paths! Skate park and more!

#### Skate Park Rules:

- 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 looking at improvements to Schutmaat Park with M.C. Smith and Associates. This is an approved project depending on permits.