



### Heath Calendar

#### February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

#### March

8 - Presidential Primary

#### April

4 - Last day to register for May Election.

23- Township clean up day.

#### May

3 - Election

#### June

4 - HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

#### July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

5- Last day to register for August election.

#### August

2 - Primary Election

#### September

14- Summer tax bills due.

#### October

11 - Last day to register for November election.

#### November

8 - General Election

#### December

1- Winter tax bills mailed.

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

**Heath Township**  
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P.O. Box 241  
Hamilton, MI 49419  
Phone: 269-751-2403  
Fax: 269-751-2804  
info@heathtownship.net  
Office hours:  
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  
2016

## Township Clean Up Day \*Only One Day This Year\*

The location for the township clean up day 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 date:

Saturday, April 23, 2016

### HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

When: June 4, 2016 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
- 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.

### **2016 Curbside Recycling Dates:**

April 6	September 8*
May 4	October 5
June 2*	November 2
July 7*	December 7
August 3	

\* Alternate collection day due to holiday.

### **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 & Rescue responded to 317 incidents in 2015, which is 7% less than 2014 incident volume.

Al Slotman has retired from Hamilton Fire & Rescue after giving 27 years of service to our community. We wish Al the best and thank him for his years of service.

We welcome to Hamilton Fire & Rescue, Brad Kerber. Brad comes to Hamilton from Hopkins Fire & Rescue. We welcome Brad and his family to our community.

Chris Nyhof, Jacob Rowe, Cory Heuer and Brad Kerber have just completed and graduated from the EMT Class, which was sponsored by Hamilton Fire & Rescue and taught by AMR, at the Hamilton Station.

We have reach an agreement with AMR to teach our continuing education classes. AMR will also keep our Basic Life Support license current, and up to standard with the State of Michigan.

As we look to the future, we continue to see improving working relationships with our surrounding Fire Departments. Many times in discussions with the other Chiefs the topic of how can we better service our community together comes up. Finding ways to share resources is the common goal.

Please remember to change your smoke detector batteries. Working smoke detectors save lives. A few weeks ago Hamilton Fire ran a call of a house fire. On arrival the attached garage was fully involved. The young lady who called in the fire stated that she was watching TV when the smoke detector went off near the door to the garage. She opened the door to the garage, saw flames, and called 911.

**Please review the attached Burning Ordinance for Sections 5 & 6 in Heath Township.**

If you have rental property in those Sections you must inform your renters. You will be billed as the property owner. As the weather gets nicer there will be no exemptions to the Ordinance. Please follow the Township Clean Up Day for dumpster usage.

Respectfully,

David Haverdink, Chief  
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

*Burn  
Notification  
Line  
269-686-5222*

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



To read  
more about  
the Heath  
Township  
Burn  
Ordinance  
see the  
Township  
website.



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.

## 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)

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.

Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: All campfire permits EXPIRE on December 31 of each year

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Assessment News

Another assessing cycle has passed and you will soon be receiving your 2016 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 2016 the consumer price index is 1.003% so you should see about a 1.003% 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 an 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. As time passes Lisa will be transitioning to the Township Assessor. This will be phased in over the next year.



**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

2016 will be a busy election year. We commend our voters for their faithful turnout and thank our faithful election workers again for their great job serving Heath Township.

April 4 - Last day to register for May Election.

May 3 - Election.

July 5 - Last day to register for August Primary Election.

August 2 - Primary Election.

October 11 - Last day to register for November General Election.

November 8 - General Election.

For further information on elections, please check out the state website at:

[www.Michigan.gov/elections](http://www.Michigan.gov/elections)



## 2016 Road Work



- Various roads will have some gravel applied.
- Dust control application three times.
- Pave 136th Avenue from 38th Street West to pavement.



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.



HEATH TOWNSHIP OFFICES  
3440 M-40  
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### 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 new fishing/observing deck down by Schutmaat Park.

Schutmaat Park on Rabbit River (The improvements will be done in May):



Heath Township Park by Township Office:

