



February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

May

2- Township Clean Up Day.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

October

3- Township Clean Up Day.

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
info@heathtownship.net
Office hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Heath Township Annual Newsletter

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2026

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 2, 2026

Saturday, October 3, 2026

****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 2026

Primary— August 4, 2026
General— November 3, 2026

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.
As a reminder, both of these elections will be a 9 day early voting election. Early voting will start in Heath Township on the second Saturday before election day. Times will be determined by the Election Commission before the election.

Street Light Reminder:

Street light issues can be reported directly to the Consumers Energy Website under the outage and safety tab.



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.

2026 Heath Township Recycling Collection Calendar

■ Holidays ■ Recycling

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Please contact Republic Services at 877.698.7274 or visit RepublicServices.com for more information.

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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: _____

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

In February you will receive a Change Notice which includes important information about your assessment. Please take the time to review the information that will determine your taxes for 2026. If you find an error or disagree with the assessment, you may call the assessor to discuss or make an appointment with the March Board of Review (MBOR). Contact information will be on the form. A dispute about your assessed value for 2026 must be made before the MBOR closes.

Lisa Freeman
Heath Township Assessor

Herrick District Library

Herrick District Library is so much more than books. Have you checked out Groundworks yet? It is our DIY learning and maker space. Whether you are interested in tech, want to get crafty, or advance your career with new digital skills, we've got you covered! Offering seasonal Maker-in-Residence experiences, dozens of hands-on events, and daily drop-in hours, it's never been more convenient to get creative. Just take it from Kallie and Andrew, a fun-loving local couple who have utilized Groundworks to grow their hobbies and expand their creative outlets. Andrew, a local pastor at Embody church, holds the HDL record for the longest banner printed on the library's poster printer. Kallie, an avid unicyclist and outdoor adventurer, has crafted costumes with our sewing machines, cut vinyl for doormats, and engineered a part for a remote-control door for her backyard chicken coop. The couple says Groundworks has many layers, with entry-level projects that draw the user in and become a gateway to larger creative pursuits. "There is a lot of cool programming for kid in our community," says Kallie, "but once you turn 18, it's kind of 'game over.' I'm especially grateful to Groundworks for being a space where adults can continue to learn and play." To read more on Kallie and Andrew, check out our blog at <https://tinyurl.com/az7vzd6>. Come explore new technologies, like AI, 3D printing, or start a podcast from our recording studio. Get crafty with local artists, register for a fabric arts class, record your own music, or design your own t-shirt. Friendly, knowledgeable staff are available to answer questions and offer guidance. One-on-one appointments (as of January 5) and equipment reservations are also available. For more information, visit us at <https://herrickdl.org/groundworks/>.

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

THANKS FOR APPROVING THE ROAD MILLAGE!!! 2026 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- Repave 135th Ave from 36th St. to 38th St.
- Repave 47th St. from M-40 to 136th Ave.
- Repave Martin St., Moore St., Butler St., Kimber St., Willyard St.
- Dust control applied 3 times to 9 miles of gravel roads.
- Roadside mowing performed 3 times throughout the summer.

2025 Hamilton Fire Department Report

As of December 1, 2025, Hamilton Fire & Rescue has responded to 565 incidents.

Congratulations to Travis VanNuil and Havi Carroll on completing the Fire Academy and receiving their Firefighter 1 & 11 certifications. Travis is currently in EMT Academy, and Havi is scheduled to be in the EMT Academy in the spring or fall of 2026.

The fire board approved a purchase of a new fire engine with a cost of \$837,000. The delivery of the chassis was in August of 2025 and the production of the apparatus will begin in May of 2026.

Hamilton Fire Department has continued to work with surrounding fire agencies and law enforcement in joint training sessions as well as the area schools to work on safety programs.

Hamilton Fire is blessed with a great group of people who are willing to serve our community in a moments notice. Their dedication and commitment is unmeasurable.

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.

