

March 2011

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Heath Calendar

February

14—Winter tax bills due.

April

2 - Township clean up day.

4 - Last day to register for school election.

16 -Township clean up day and Recycle/Proper Disposal event.

May

3 - School Election

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14—Summer tax bills due.

October

1 -Township clean up day.

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

Heath Township Annual Newsletter

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 2, 2011 and Saturday, April 16, 2011

Saturday, October 1, 2011 and Saturday, October 15, 2011

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

The Heath Township Board is working with the Allegan County Resource Recovery Program to host a Recycle/Proper Disposal Event on Saturday, April 16, 2011 from 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m. at the Township Hall.

This event is a great opportunity for residents to do some Spring cleaning and properly dispose of hazardous waste and the t.v.'s collecting dust in the corner!

This event is free! Please contact Ben Williams at 269-673-5415 or email: bwilliams@allegancounty.org if there are any questions about this event.

Recycle/Proper Disposal Event Acceptable Items:

Electronic Items:

- Televisions
- Computer Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Copiers
- Video Gaming Units
- Scanners
- Ipods, MP3 Players
- 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.

Recycling will reduce your trash 40-50%.



Heath Township Curbside Recycling

Residents can participate in a curbside recycling program through the township. Recyclables are collected by Potter Disposal on the **first** and **third 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. Holidays observed by Potter Disposal are New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **Materials must be set out the night before.**

To sign up for this valuable program, please go to the Township Hall during office hours. **The first recycling bin is free, start today!**

There is no limit on the quantity of materials residents may recycle. Overflow materials may be placed in clear bags, paper bags or other containers similar in size. (Rubbermaid style totes with covers work great!) The following items can be comingled together: **Plastic bottles and containers, metal cans, clear and colored glass, newspapers, paper, cardboard and magazines. Items must be clean!**

Other Recycling News:

Residents can use their Resource Recovery Card at the Allied Waste Recycle Station, (located at 3310 M-40, Hamilton) for the following items: **Appliances, Tires, Styrofoam, Household Batteries and Cardboard.** Hours of operation are from **9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.** on the **first** and **third Saturdays** of the month.

Please visit www.allegancounty.org select **Recycling** for more information.

Do you have building permit or building and zoning questions?

Please call:

Professional Code Inspections (PCI)

1575 - 142nd Street

Dorr, MI 49323

(616) 877-2000

Or

1-800-628-3335

2011 Road Work

- 135th Avenue from 38th Street east to 36th Street will be reconstructed for future paving.
- Moore Street will be resurfaced.
- Kimber Street will be resurfaced.
- Butler Street will be resurfaced.
- Martin Street will be resurfaced.
- Dust control will also be applied three times this summer on gravel roads.

2011 Election News

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

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| April 4 | Last day to register for May School Election. |
| April 30 by 2:00 p.m. | Electors who wish to receive an absent voter ballot for election by mail submit applications. |

ELECTION DATES

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| May 3 | School Election |
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Fire Department News

In 2010 Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 251 incidents, of which 110 were within Heath Township.

In the spring of 2010 we took delivery of a 2010 Spartan/Spencer fire engine. The certified pumping capacity is 1,750 GPM, with a maximum pumping capacity of 2,500 GPM. The water holding tank is 1,000 gallons. The new fire engine has also been certified as medical first responding vehicle, by the State of Michigan. The in service life of this new fire engine is 35 to 40 years.

The 1986 GMC fire engine was moved to a fully operational back up roll. It will be used on all major structure fires and as a

remote fill site engine. The in service life, of this engine in its roll, is expected to be an additional 10 to 15 years.

The roll that these two engines play meets the standards of the new ISO certification.

In 2010 Hamilton Fire & Rescue received three grants. The first was from the Trans-Canada Pipeline for \$2,500, which was used for support equipment for the new engine. The second grant is from Homeland Security for \$12,000, which is being used to upgrade the quick attack/brush truck. The third grant is in the form of a Grain Bin Rescue Tube, which is used if someone would be trapped in a grain silo. The Grain Bin Rescue Tube was given

to us by the Hamilton Farm Bureau, and is available to any fire department in Allegan and Ottawa counties.

Please remember that by township ordinance, if you have property in sections 5 and 6, you cannot have open burning (see below). All other areas of Heath Township you must call 269-686-5222 for a burn permit. It is an automated system you just need to follow the instructions. Be aware of where the smoke and ash is traveling. If the fire department gets a complaint, you may be asked to put the fire out.

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

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

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. This service is for only leaves not sticks 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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Allegan County Commission on Aging

269-673-3333 or 1-877-673-5333

The Allegan County Commission on Aging is responsible for distributing the senior millage funds to service providers.

They are currently funding Hot Home Delivered Meals, Volunteer Transportation, Personal Care, Homemaking, In-Home Respite, Outreach & Assistance and Adult Day Care services for seniors age 60 and over living in Allegan County.

Website <http://www.allegancountycoa.org>

Assessment News

Robert Jones, Heath Township Assessor

(616) 318-2360

Another assessing cycle has come and gone which means soon you will be receiving your 2011 tax bills. Since the passage of Proposal A in 1994 your taxes are paid on taxable value not assessed value.

Assessed value changes by sales studies and the real estate market (unless you add new construction or remove a structure). Taxable value changes by the previous 12 month Consumer Price Index or 5% whichever is less. For 2011 the increase in taxable value is 1.7% which would mean an approximate 1.7% increase in your tax bill. This is controlled by law and cannot be changed by the Assessor or the Board of Review.

As always if you have any questions or are splitting your property or removing a structure please call me so I can take care of the issue. Please note I am at the township office most Monday mornings if you need to see me.