



Heath Calendar

February

14 - Winter tax bills due.

April

22 Township clean up day.

June

3 - HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

July

1- Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14- Summer tax bills due.

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
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.

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2017

Township Clean Up Day

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 22, 2017

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

When: June 3, 2017 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.

Where: Republic (Hamilton) Recycling Station

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

Acceptable Materials:

Electronic Items:

- Televisions (1 TV Limit)
- 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
- Medical Waste Sharps

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 Republic 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 \$36 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 Republic Recycling Station listed below.

2017 Curbside Recycling Dates:

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

* Alternate collection day due to holiday.

Republic Recycling Station:

Residents can use their Resource Recovery Card at the Republic 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

In 2016 Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 379 incidents, which is a 19% increase over 2015.

In 2016 we have been working with Law Enforcement in developing an action plan in the event of a major disaster, and or a violent incident. We will be doing training this coming spring on our action plan.

Last summer the Allegan County Board of Commissioners approved a new Emergency Services Radio System for Allegan County. This project was and still is a major undertaking. The new system should go live in the late fall of 2017. The County has agreed to fully fund the radio equipment for the fire service through the 911 Surcharge. The impact of that decision is a \$167,000 savings for Hamilton Fire & Rescue.

Over the past year we have been working with Saugatuck, Graafschap, Holland, Fennville and the Ganges Fire Departments in building a jointly owned training facility for fire training. The facility will be built next to the Saugatuck Fire Department station. We hope to start construction in the spring of 2017, with training to start in the fall of 2017.

In mid March of 2017 we will be switching the Open Burning Notification (Burn Permit) telephone number to 269-751-4444. All notifications will now come directly to the Hamilton Fire Station.

REMEMBER THESE NOTIFICATIONS ARE FOR BRUSH ONLY

1. Brush only can be burned.
2. No building materials/plastic/rubber products.
3. All fires ***MUST*** be completely out by sunset.
4. If you live in sections 5 & 6, you can ***NOT*** open burn. (The Fire Department may grant clearing the exception for burning depending on the time of year.)
5. If you live in sections 5 & 6, you may get a camp fire permit. (These will be for camp fires only, if you burn leaves, chips, brush or household items you are in violation of Ordinance #57 and could be charged for a Fire Department response.)
6. Rental Property Owners will also be held responsible for their renter's actions.

Please remember to check your smoke detectors and change the batteries in the spring and fall.

Respectfully,

David Haverdink, Chief
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

***Burn
Notification
Line
269-751-4444***

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check your smoke
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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

The assessing staff will continue field inspections this year. The State Tax Commission recommends that assessors inspect 20% of the township each year in order to maintain current information on property. Before a field inspection, property owners will receive a letter notifying them when the assessing staff will be inspecting. You have the option to schedule an appointment by calling the office to set up a time. Inspections involve measuring and photographing the outside of all building and land improvements. If the property owner is available, they will ask a few questions about the interior construction and age of your home. The assessor does not inspect the interior of your home or buildings. If you are not at home, a yellow door hanger will let you know they were there. Please fill out the requested information on the door hanger and mail it back to the township office. Thank you for your cooperation with our field inspections.

Field inspections help us determine the assessed value of your home by listing all the components and determining the amount of depreciation of those improvements. Sales studies also influence the value of property. Assessed value should represent 50% of fair market value.

Taxable value is the value your tax bill is based on. Assessors cannot change taxable value unless there has been a transfer of ownership, new construction, or an addition of property that was not previously listed. For 2017 taxable value increased 0.3%. The consumer price index (or 5% - whichever is lower) determines the percentage. Taxable value, by law, may never be higher than assessed value.

If you ever have questions about your property assessment, taxable value or homestead exemption please call the township office. Lisa is in the office on Wednesdays.



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



2017 Road Work



- Various roads will have some gravel applied.
- Dust control application three times.
- Pave 126th Avenue from 38th Street to 36th Street.

Election News

As of now, it looks like there will be no elections in 2017. We commend our voters for their turnout in 2016. Here is a brief synopsis of our November 8, 2016 election. We had 2,556 registered voters and 1,872 voted, or 73.24%. This is the breakdown per age group:

Age	Voted
18 – 21	65
22 – 30	203
31 – 40	306
41 – 50	401
51 – 59	386
60 +	511

We would like to thank our faithful election workers for the long hours they put in and the tremendous job they do in making sure the reports are submitted correctly.

To register to vote, you must be all of the following:

- A U. S. citizen
- At least 18 years old by Election Day
- A resident of Michigan
- A resident of the city or township where you are applying to register to vote.

If you want to check to see if you are registered, visit www.Michigan.gov/vote

For further information on elections, please check out the state website at:
www.Michigan.gov/elections



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 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:



Heath Township Park by Township Office:

