

Heath Township Annual

March 2007

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Township Website: www.heathtownship.net

Meeting Dates: Township Board – second Monday of each month at 7pm

Building Permits: Professional Code Inspections
1575 142nd Ave, Dorr, MI 49323
(616) 877-2000

Zoning Administrator: Professional Code Inspections, (616) 877-2000 (Building and zoning questions)

Assessor: Robert Jones (616) 318-2360 (assessing and homestead questions)

Township Cleanup Days

Location: Allied Waste, 3310 M-40, Hamilton, MI 49419

From: 8:00 – 3:00 pm

Dates: Saturday, April 7, 2007 and Saturday, April 21, 2007
Saturday, October 6, 2007 and Saturday, October 20, 2007



Heath Township Recycling

Drop-Off Site: Located at the Heath Township Hall, 3440 M-40, Hamilton. Open all hours. Place newspapers in one compartment. Glass bottles and jars, empty aerosol cans, kitchen metals, household batteries and plastic items can be combined in the other compartment. *Please rinse food containers.*

NEW! Drop-off now accepts clear, green and brown glass; #1-#7 plastic bottles, tubs, cups (no foam), #2 or #4 plastic grocery carry-out bags; household batteries (sealed in zip-lock bag).

Monitored Depot: Located at Sunset Waste 3310 M-40, Hamilton.

On the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

You must present your Resource Recovery card. (**Note:** only the Allied Waste monitored recycling depot is open at these times. The transfer station is closed.)



The following items can be taken to the Monitored Site: Office paper, junk mail, magazines, cardboard, box board (cereal and cracker boxes with liners removed; no microwave or refrigerated food containers), phonebooks, styrofoam, appliances, tires and household batteries.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program: Located at the Allegan County Health Department, 3255 122nd Ave; Suite 200, Allegan. For paints, pesticides, solvents and other chemicals. Appointments for drop-off are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays during regular business hours. **You must call to schedule a time, (269) 673-5415.**

Used Motor Oil—Don't dump it! Recycle it!

You can take your used motor oil to one of these service stations: (Call to check their hours.)



- Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 1001 Butternut Drive, Holland, (616) 399-9422
- Valvoline Instant Oil Change, 1027 S. Washington, Holland, (616) 392-7199

IMPORTANT: Do not mix other wastes with used oil. Such mixtures can create hazards and make recycling more difficult.

Ongoing Weekday Collections:

Allegan County Health Department, 3255 122nd Ave., Suite 200, Allegan.
Appointments available Tuesday and Thursday during regular business hours.
You must call to schedule a time, (269) 673-5415.

2007 Saturday Collections: *By appointment only.*
Sites open at noted times, but closed after the last scheduled appointment.

Saugatuck Public Work Garage, 3338 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck.

For appointments call Resource Recovery, (269) 673-5415.
Saturday June 16 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Wayland Area Ambulance, 911 S. Main, Wayland.

For appointments call Wayland City Hall, (269) 792-2265
(Please do not call more than three weeks before the event)
Saturday May 12 9:00 am to 11:00 am



The following substances are accepted: **pesticides, weed killers, cleaners & polishes, aerosol, wood preservatives, asphalt & roofing tar, oil based paint products (thinners, solvents, varnish), photographic chemicals, mercury thermometers, fluorescent lamps and home repair products (glue & cement).** NO smoke detectors, explosives or latex paints. Water based paints can be solidified with sawdust or kitty litter and safely disposed of with household trash. Residential materials only. Commercial wastes cannot be accepted.



Mercury Thermometers: The Health Department also accepts mercury thermometers for recycling and recommends that all area residents replace these dangerous instruments with safer digital devices. If mercury spills from a broken thermometer and is not carefully and thoroughly cleaned up, it will continue to evaporate, reaching potentially harmful levels in indoor air. Mercury Thermometers may be

dropped off at the Health department any time during business hours; no appointment is required. Double wrap thermometers in plastic zip-lock bags for transport.

Electronics Waste—Michigan Goodwill stores now accept all computer equipment, usable or not, free of charge. Contact individual outlets for more information. The South Kent County Landfill, at 300 10th Street, Byron Center, offers free recycling of residential computer, audio and video equipment, including televisions with screens 19" or less. Many electronics contain heavy metals and should not be disposed of with trash. Landfill hours are 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Saturday.



QUESTIONS? CALL RESOURCE RECOVERY (269) 673-5415

NOTE: New Hours for Hamilton Recycling Depot - Hours for Allegan County Monitored Recycling Depot located at Allied Waste, 3310 M-40, Hamilton have changed. Due to increasing operational costs and infrequent use during the afternoon hours this station will be open between 9:00am and 12:00noon, on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The County Monitored Depot at Salem Township Transfer Station will retain the 9:00am to 3:00pm open hours.

Parks

Make a visit to one of our parks. The Hamilton Ball Park, the park by the Rabbit River and Trestle, and Silver Creek County Park.



Fall Leaf Burning

PLEASE DO NOT BURN! The following Burning Ordinance was approved by the Heath Township Board in 2003.

Please take notice that at a meeting of the Township Board held on September 8, 2003, the Heath Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 57, the Open Burning Ordinance. A summary of the ordinance is as follows:



Section I - TITLE This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Heath Township Open Burning Ordinance"

Section II – PURPOSE The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of Heath Township and to prevent environmental and fire hazards which can be caused by open burning.

Section III – GENERAL PROHIBITIONS 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. In consideration of any permit, adjoining property owners must be notified by an applicant. Open burning in other sections of the Township shall be governed by the provisions in Section IV.

Section IV – PROVISIONS FOR OPEN BURNING All open burnings, 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. Be of materials consisting of paper, cardboard, dry leaves, brush and clean untreated lumber.
3. Burning to occur only after sunrise and extinguished and admitting no smoke after 9:00 pm or 10:00 pm during daylight savings time.
4. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any structure, fencing or woodpiles.
5. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any public or private property line.
6. No burning shall occur within a 24-hour period proceeding and during any Trick-or-Treat hours established by the Township Board.

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.

Section V – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES Any violations of this ordinance will be considered a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine which is \$100 for the first offense; \$250 for the second and \$500 for the third offense. The ordinance will be enforced by the Township and the Township may also bring a civil action for injunction and damages.

Section VI - EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication. NOTE this ordinance is currently in effect.

Campfires are now allowed in sections 5 and 6. Please contact Hamilton Fire Department for the regulations pertaining to campfires.

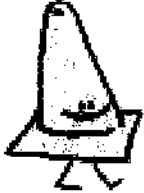
Dear Health Township Residents:

This coming fall we will resume the leaf pick up service. We ask that you do not burn your leaves. This is for 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 Straighline Lawn Service.

Many Thanks ~ The Heath Township Board

(Please note, 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.)

2007 Road Work



- Reconstruct 38th Street from 124th to 126th.
- Reconstruct 126th Avenue from M-40 east to 38th Street.
- Repave Oak and William Streets in the Village of Hamilton.
- Repave Hubbard Street from South Street to 134th Avenue.
- Apply gravel to various roads.
- Dust control will also be applied three times this summer on gravel roads.
- Work on the sidewalks on Hubbard Street, South Street, and 47th Street.

Fire Department

Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 242 incidents in 2006.

We received \$118,300 in grant funds to update a wide range of equipment in 2006. The equipment purchased was Turnout Gear, SCBA's, Thermo Imaging Camera, Laptop Computer, and upgrades to the radio system.



Hamilton Fire & Rescue has also entered into Automatic Mutual Aid Agreements with area surrounding fire departments, for first alarm structure fires.

We have joined the Holland area fire departments in doing joint training programs. It has greatly increased the level of training, while building working relationships.

In working Allegan County, we have also received a grant to help fund the cost of a new Weather Warning Siren. The Siren will be installed near the end of March of this year. Siren tests will be the fourth Friday at 11 am from March until September. The Siren will be controlled by Allegan County Central Dispatch, 911. It will have a range of about one-mile from the fire station.

Please remember that spring is time to change your smoke detector batteries.

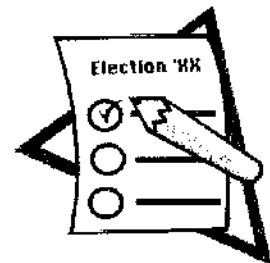
2007 ELECTION NEWS

ELECTION DATES

May 8	School Election
August 7	State Primary
November 6	State General Election

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

April 9	Last day to register for school election
July 9	Last day to register for August primary
October 6	Last day to register for state general elections



Heath Township Recreation Department

Slow Pitch Softball Leagues Forming Now –
Monday Night Men's League - \$400 per team
Friday Night Coed League - \$250 per team
Contact BJ Nykamp at (616) 218-3864



Coming in May – Fall soccer and Football Sign-up. Watch the Hamilton Herald and the Hamilton Community Schools Friday folders for details.

If you have any questions on recreation Department signups please call BJ Nykamp. (616) 218-3864

County Health Department News

The Family Planning and Women's Health of Allegan County offers annual exams, birth control methods, mammogram referrals, and other testing. Services are available regardless of ability to pay. To make an appointment, call (269) 686-4560



Southwest Michigan Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program and the **Kalamazoo County Human Services Department** coordinates services for women living in Southwest Michigan in the following counties: Allegan, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph, and Van Buren. They offer free screenings. For more information contact (269) 373-5213. Toll-Free (888) 243-4087. Website <http://www.kalcounty.com/hsd/bcccp/>