

DPW News

STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

Lawn Care

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams.

- ◆ Don't overwater your lawn. Consider using a soaker hose instead of a sprinkler.
- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Use organic mulch or safer pest control methods whenever possible.
- ◆ Compost or mulch yard waste. Don't leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains or streams.
- ◆ Cover piles of dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.

Pet Waste

Pet waste can be a major source of bacteria and excess nutrients in local waters.

- ◆ When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local waterbodies.

2021 Road Work

- ◆ **Chip seal roads to be completed:**
 - ◇ Jones Road—Arms to North End
 - ◇ Nolet Road—M-25 to North End
 - ◇ Nebobish Road—Knight to Nolet
 - ◇ Youngs Ditch Road—Farley to East End
 - ◇ Halstead Road—Cotter to East End
 - ◇ Arms Road—Knight to Boutell
- ◆ **Crack seal roads**
 - ◇ Pensacola Drive—Youngs Ditch to Englewood
 - ◇ Englewood Drive—Pensacola to Eastland
 - ◇ Venice Court—Youngs Ditch to End
 - ◇ Venetian Court—Youngs Ditch to End
 - ◇ Gondolier Court—Youngs Ditch to End
 - ◇ Saint Marys Court—Borton to End
 - ◇ Wagner Road—Cass to German
 - ◇ Eastland—Youngs Ditch to End
 - ◇ Angus Court—Englewood to End
- ◆ **Chip seal with cape seal:**
 - ◇ Pine Street—M-25 to Nebobish (**NOTICE** will be given by the Bay County Road Commission to residents affected prior to the work beginning.)

BRUSH CHIPPING

Brush Chipping is scheduled to begin the 1st Tuesday of every month (weather permitting and emergencies take priority). The DPW will travel the entire township, so brush must be out before the 1st Tuesday of the month as the route they take may change each month. Brush not put out in time, will be left for the following month.

There is no list that you need to be put on.

- 10 minutes **MAXIMUM** per location
- Nothing larger than a 4" diameter
- Stacked neatly with all ends facing the road
- Last Brush Chipping, weather permitting will be November

WATER QUALITY REPORT

2020 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address: www.baycodws.org/CCR2020.pdf

Please email BAWTP@baycodws.org or call (989) 439-7245 if you would like a paper report delivered to your home.

For more information on reducing lead exposure around your home/building and health effects of lead, visit EPA's Web site at www.epa.gov/lead

If you have, or think you may have a lead water line, please call our office to schedule a visit to see if you could be lead sample test site. Call 989-893-7541 for more information. www.michigan.gov/deqleadpublicadvisory

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Building, Plumbing, Mechanical & Electrical Permits

ALL structures being built on-site or brought in pre-assembled, **must** have a building permit before placement on property.

Permit costs will be **DOUBLED** if you begin work before obtaining a required permit.

You must call inspectors for a **FINAL INSPECTION** once work is completed.

2021 Holiday Office & DPW Closed For Business

July 5	Monday	Independence Day
September 6	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Thursday	Veteran's Day
November 25	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 26	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 23	Thursday	Christmas Eve*
December 24	Friday	Christmas Day*
December 30	Thursday	New Year's Eve*
December 31	Friday	New Year's Day*

*Holiday is recognized on these dates



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Summer 2021

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Office Hours: Monday — Friday
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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Board of Trustees meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission meets the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Appeals meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Boardroom at 801 W. Center Rd.

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www.hamptontownship.org
Facebook page
Hampton Township Administration

Terri Close

Hampton Township Supervisor

Hello Township Residents,

I would like to share with all of you the great things going on in Hampton Township.

- ◆ **The Administration Office is finally open** to the public after the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the pandemic, all the Township employees have continued to work and take care of the needs of Hampton Township.
- ◆ **Refinanced existing USDA Sewer Bonds** that were issued in 2010. After refinancing these bonds at lower interest rates, Hampton Township recognized a **total real dollar savings to the Township of \$2,026,645.21** after the costs were paid and took off four years of payments on the back end. This also reduced our bond payments by \$25,000 per year. That's a big win for the Township!
- ◆ **\$5,000,000 in sewer lift station improvements** to begin in 2021. These improvements will be funded by a USDA Grant in the amount of \$2,225,000 and a \$2,768,000 loan at 1.375% for 40 years.
- ◆ **Identify material of "unknown" water service lines.** Hampton Township has been approved to receive a Drinking Water Asset Management (DWAM) Grant from EGLE (Environment, Great lakes, and Energy). This grant will allow Hampton Township to identify a number of our "unknown" water service lines to find out if they are lead and need to be replaced.
- ◆ Hampton Township has applied for an **EGLE Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) loan for water system improvements.** This would be used for necessary water main replacement and for lead service line replacement.
- ◆ **2020 Hampton Township Financial Audit**—was presented by the Weinlander Fitzhugh at the May 24, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting. Hampton Township added to the fund balance. We are very pleased with the audit results as this shows our cost-saving measures have been successful as we continue to lose tax revenue from Consumers Energy.
- ◆ **American Rescue Plan (ARP)** is reportedly providing Hampton Township with approximately \$900,000, over the next two years, to help address the economic fallout of the Coronavirus pandemic. There are restrictions on how this money can be spent and more information will be forthcoming. We will be asking residents to weigh-in on how our residents would like us to spend this money.
- ◆ **New residential construction** is happening in many areas of Hampton Township. Since last October, our Building Inspector has advised that he has worked on at least 15 construction projects. A couple of subdivisions are finally seeing development and this is wonderful to see.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend our Board of Trustee meetings on the second and fourth Mondays of every month. This is when we discuss and vote on Township issues and give the residents an opportunity to be heard. Our agendas are posted on our Facebook page "Hampton Township Administration" the Friday before the meeting as well as on our website or call our office Friday afternoon, or the day of the meeting, and ask what is on the agenda.

Don't forget to sign up for **What's New in The Hamptons** and get email news and updates. To subscribe, visit our website at www.hamptontownship.org.

Also, follow us on Facebook "Hampton Township Administration" to get up-to-date township information. Please feel free to contact me, if you have any questions or concerns.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!

Assessing Information

from the desk of
Ronda MRock-Parks, Assessor

Veteran News

Sadly, The State did not go through with the not having to file annually the application and copy of your letter from the V.A.

I will still send out reminders and applications, we will need the application and a copy of your V.A. letter back every year still.

Business Owners

Please do not resend form 5076 to be exempt from Personal Property Taxes, it is costing you money to resend them and me time to open them, and throw them out. The original exemption stays in place unless you remove it.

July Board of Review & Summer Tax Bills

Taxpayers having a change made, i.e. PRE added, clerical errors corrected, will receive a new tax bill towards the end of July so please wait for the new bill before paying.

Contact Information:

Ronda Mrock-Parks, Assessor
Phone: (989) 876-7625
Email: asgfirm@charter.net

Donna K. Samyn, Treasurer

The last day to pay Summer Tax Bills is Tuesday, September 14, 2021 without any additional penalty/interest. Penalties and Interest will be applied to tax bill not paid as of that date. The last postage date accepted for payment is Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Additional information regarding taxes is on the back of the tax bill.

Please continue to use the drop box or mail to make payment. If you would like a receipt stamped "PAID", include a self-addressed stamped envelope so a receipt can be mailed. Drop box is located on the south side of the building and closes September 14, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Deferment applications have been mailed. Please review applications and if a parcel is missing, contact the office by calling (989)893-7541. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dates to Remember

TAXES ARE DUE Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and the office is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The office will be CLOSED in observance of Holidays – July 5th, September 6th, October 11th, November 11th and November 25-26th.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and have a great summer with family and friends.



Fran DeWyse, Clerk

Thank you for electing me your Township Clerk. I would like to thank the staff here at the Township Offices for welcoming me and all the hard work they do. They are professional, reliable, dedicated and a valuable asset to our Township. All of our employees work hard to make Hampton Township a great place to live, work and play.

There are no elections this year for Hampton Township. The Michigan Secretary of State will be sending out cancellation notices to all of the absentee ballot applications they sent and were returned to them from last year's elections.

The Executive Committee (Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer) are working on several projects to save the Township money. We are always willing to listen to input, please call us.

Hampton Township PUBLIC SAFETY



FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN BENCHLEY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety Department has started off the 2021 year on a very busy note. Thus far we have responded to 2,474 calls for service for 2021.

We now have three, State of Michigan Medically Licensed, patrol car's to utilize while on patrol. The cars are driven by licensed medical first responders to cut down on the response time for citizens medical calls for service.

Our new roommates at the fire barn, MedStar, have been working out great. They have offered to include the Public Safety Employees on training so we can continue to receive our continuing education credits for state licensing, all free of charge. It's nice having a close working relationship with MedStar as we are all getting to know each other and we all work well together giving you, the citizens, the best service in Bay County.

This summer has been especially dry. Before burning, please check the State of Michigan DNR website to see if we are on a burn ban or reach out to the fire station and

they would be happy to answer that question.

We have your new pumper engine in service and it has been working out great. It's a very high tech piece of equipment that will assist us in extinguishing fires. If you'd like to see it in person, please stop by the fire station and we would be happy to give you a little tour of it.

You may have seen a Michigan State Police (MSP) vehicle parked at our police station and wondered why it is there. Our station is a half-way point between the MSP Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officer's Caro office and where he lives and we have agreed to let him park his vehicle during his off hours.

It always been a pleasure to serve the citizens and visitors of Hampton Township. Please be safe and feel free to stop in and say hello.

BEFORE YOU BURN

Check to see if there is a burn ban!

<https://dnr.state.mi.us/burnpermits/>

or call

Hampton Township Fire Department
989-893-7791



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