

DPW News

STORMWATER POLLUTION SOLUTIONS

5 SIMPLE WAYS YOU CAN HELP THE GREAT LAKES

- 1 **Use a pooper scooper!** Bacteria, parasites and viruses from pet waste can easily wash into storm drains and end up in the river without being treated.
- 2 **Limit your pesticide and fertilizer use.** Pesticides are one of the biggest pollutants of all. Limit fertilizer use, and make it a habit to sweep your grass clippings onto the lawn rather than into a catch basin.
- 3 **Check your vehicles for fuel and oil leaks.** When it rains, grease and oil drippings wash into storm drains, and go straight into our rivers and streams.
- 4 **Wash your car on the lawn or go to a car wash** (where the water goes to a wastewater treatment plant). Dirt and oils you wash off can harm fish and animals if it goes straight in the storm drain. Grass filters pollutants — and you'll water your lawn at the same time!
- 5 **Only Rain Down the Drain !** In other words, use trash cans! Even if it means a slight inconvenience for you, it's better off for everyone who shares Michigan's rivers.

2022 Road Work

- ◆ Chip seal roads to be completed:
 - ◇ Knodt Road—Callahan to East End
 - ◇ Meilan Road—Hampton to North End
 - ◇ Burns Road—Youngs Ditch to Center
 - ◇ Warner Road—Center to East End
 - ◇ Wagner Road—Youngs Ditch to Ridge
 - ◇ Orchard Road—Nebobish to M-25
 - ◇ SE Boutell Road—Center to Youngs Ditch
 - ◇ Hampstead Road—M-25 to North End
 - ◇ Farley Road—Hampton to North End
- ◆ Crack seal roads
 - ◇ Bay County Road Commission determines
- ◆ Asphalt /HMA roads
 - ◇ Cecelia Court & Road—M25 to End & Cecelia to Southeast Boutell
 - ◇ Avalon Circle—M-15 to End

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

2021 Drinking Water Quality Report is available online at the following web address: www.baycodws.org/CCR2021.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.

2022 Holiday Office & DPW Closed For Business

July 4	Monday	Independence Day
September 5	Monday	Labor Day
November 11	Friday	Veteran's Day
November 24	Thursday	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Friday	Day after Thanksgiving
December 23	Friday	Christmas Eve*
December 26	Monday	Christmas Day*
December 30	Friday	New Year's Eve*

*Holiday is recognized on these dates



Hampton Times

Summer 2022

Terri Close

Hello Township Residents,

I would like to share some good news and updates with you:

- ◇ **Consumers Energy Update**—On April 20, 2022, Consumers Energy announced that the Karn 3&4 natural gas and fuel oil generation facility will **NOT** close in 2023 as announced in 2021, but will remain open until 2031. This is great news for Hampton Township!
- ◇ **American Rescue Plan (ARPA)**—Hampton Township received the first installment of the funds and has been working on the following projects to date:
 - Water main extension project to eliminate a dead end on Burns Road. (completed)
 - ADA automatic door openers at the Township Administration Offices. (completed)
 - DPW has completed some ditch digging/cleaning. (ongoing)
 - Finn Road Park and Pondsides Park Improvements—Grant applications have been submitted to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for new playground equipment at both parks and a kayak launch at Finn Road Park and a walk path around Pondsides Park. If grants are awarded, ARPA money can be used for the required match dollars from the Township. This will increase the total project budget.
 - Updating the Hampton Township hall and administration building electrical panels.
 - Generator purchase for Township Hall—Currently the hall does not have a generator. The Township hall is a designated American Red Cross site should there ever be a need in our area. The electrical contractor is waiting on parts. Installation should begin soon.
- ◇ **Residential Construction** is still happening in many areas in Hampton Township and we are hoping to see the trend continue.
- ◇ Hampton Township Audited Financial Statements are available on our website.

Wishing you all a wonderful and safe summer!

Donna K. Samyn, Treasurer

The last day to pay Summer Tax Bills is Wednesday, September 14, 2022 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 Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Please read the back of the tax bill for additional information.

Deferment applications have been mailed. Please review these with tax bills. If you find one of your parcels is missing a deferment application, please 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 Wednesday, September 14, 2022, and the office is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The office will be **CLOSED** in observance of the following Holiday: July 4th, September 5th, October 11th, November 11th and November 25-26th.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and have a great summer. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

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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.

Visit us at:
www.hamptontownship.org
Facebook page
Hampton Township Administration

Assessing Information

from the desk of
Ronda MRock-Parks, Assessor

Veteran News

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



Fran DeWyse, Clerk

2022 Elections

Primary Election will be held on August 2nd & the General Election will be on November 8th.

Polling places have changed for the following residents:

- If you voted at Verellen School, you will now vote at the Hampton Township Fire Station, behind the Township Hall at 949 N. Wagner Road.
- If you voted at Hampton School, you will now vote at the Hampton Township Sr. Citizen Center, also behind the Township Hall at 801-1/2 W. Center Road.

Absentee ballot applications will be going out the end of June for the August election and the end of September for the November election.

If you are not currently a permanent absentee voter and would like to be added to the list, please contact our office. Once on the permanent list, you will automatically receive future applications.

We are always looking for election workers, contact our office for information.

New Voter Registration Cards

You should have a received a new voter registration card. Clerks state-wide had to mail cards to all registered voters as the State Senate Districts have changed for all jurisdictions. My Deputy, Tara Franz, has worked hard to get these cards out to everyone on our voter list. We received many back and she has been reviewing each one to see if the voter actually still lives in the Township. You do not need this card to vote.

Township Board

Please see our website for agendas and meeting minutes. The regular meetings of the Board are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month here at the Township Office at 7 p.m. We encourage everyone to get involved and let your voice be heard.

Finances

The audit for 2021 was completed in May and presented to the Board. The document is posted on our website. With the closure of Consumers Energy plants moved back to 2031 from the original 2023 date will help the Township financially for a few more years. The Township continues to be in a good financial position and has planned for the reduction in property taxes for the past few years. The Board has been faced with difficult decisions and did not take any of these lightly. Our employees, past and present, have made concessions to help and we are so appreciative. We all continue to work harder with less people and less resources than we've had in years past. We hope to continue our current services and make Hampton Township the best place to live!

Hampton Township PUBLIC SAFETY



**FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN BENCHLEY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFTEY**

We are very pleased to announce that our newest Public Safety Officer, Shaun Bacon, has graduated from the Bay City Fire Academy and also completed his medical first responder training giving him a state M.F.R. license. Shaun is one of 9 other officers, myself included, that serve our residents. We also have a fulltime fireman that works out of the station along with a Part-time fire chief and 12 paid-on-call firefighters that serve the township as well.

We have been very busy applying for grants from various agencies to update our aging equipment. We received a grant from Meijer to purchase new flashlights, we've applied to AAA to purchase a speed radar trailer that we would set up in areas of speeding complaints. We have also applied for and been approved to receive funds to purchase a new patrol car. Because of the multiple job duties your officers do now, I have ordered a truck as our newest patrol car. The truck will allow officers to store their fire gear, medical gear, and police gear in the back on a slide out tray. Currently all of that gear is stored in the back of the cruisers piled up creating a vision obstruction for the officers.

I report monthly to the Federal Government for use of force incidents. Last October was the first time I've

had to report a number to them. Our Officers stopped to check on a vehicle parked at Finn and Arms. As the Officers exited the patrol car, a subject had pulled up a shotgun and shot at the officers. Each officer shot one round back towards the subject as they were taking cover behind the patrol car. He had barricaded himself on the opposite side of his car and after over an hour standoff, the incident ended peacefully with no one sustaining any injuries. The patrol car had suffered a shot out window. We live in a great community with great residents but it just shows that bad things can happen at any time. This subject was not a resident of this community nor this state.

Please remember that if you need to do some branch burning etc., to contact the fire stations to get a burn permit. At times the state will ban any burning and we must follow the states rules. Also, we do offer residential house checks to residents if they leave for an extended period of time. Just come to the Police Department and fill out a vacancy form and your home's exterior will be periodically checked by officers.

It's always a pleasure to serve the residents of Hampton Township.



Grass taller than 8" high, trash, debris, and other items in the yard, unregistered and inoperable vehicles. Trailers and boats, etc. parked at your home or in the yard. Violation letter are beginning to go out.

Blight violations may result in \$500 fine

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

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 103

RUNNIN' WITH THE LAW

9.11 Mile Run - 5 Mile Run - 5K Run/Walk - Kids Run

SCAN FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION