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Finn Road Campground also received numerous updates during the 2006 camping season to enhance the facility. More updates are being planned for 2007.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

NEW BUSINESSES

Intouch Communications
3200 Center Ave

Big Daddy's Sports Bar
884 N Pine Road

Do-All
Material Assistance Center
1465 W. Center Road

North Woods Driving School
1415 W. Center Road

Delta Psychological &
Neurobehavioral Services
114 N Tuscola Rd.



NEW HOME REPORT 8 Single Family Homes

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Presbyterian Village Development (Village of Hampton Meadows) will begin construction of a two-story 50 unit Senior Complex on Pine Road Near Alterra sometime in November or December.



BUILDING PERMITS

Don't forget that Building Permits are required for:

- Pools

- Fences
- Fence replacements
- Decks
- Accessory Buildings
- Not Permitted:
- Tarp structures

Please call the Township Offices if you have questions. (989) 893-7541. Thanks!



FINN ROAD NATURE TRAIL

Work on this trail, which extends from Finn Road to Knight Road, has been completed and the trail is open for all to enjoy. Maps of the trail are available at the Township Office.

Blight

Notice to all Residents

The Township worked hard this year to keep blighted areas under control.

We will remain very diligent in pursuing offending properties and will continue to be effective in the enforcement of the Blight Ordinance in the future.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS

If you are interested in becoming an election inspector or worker - please stop in to the office and fill out an application or call the Clerk at 893-7541 for more information.

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CENTER AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

The Center Avenue beautification project has officially started. Groundwork has begun for the relocation of the overhead cables. The scheduled completion date of this project will be in 2007 and will include:

Fall of 2006:

- Removal and burying of overhead utilities (electric/telephone/cable)
- Placement of decorative street lighting

Spring of 2007:

- Construction of new 6' wide concrete sidewalks to offer improved pedestrian and non-motorized access

- Establishment of greenbelts featuring lawn areas and decorative street trees.
- Pocket park areas including benches, trash receptacles, and decorative walks.

Please note that this project will use existing DDA tax capture funds and will not increase taxes!!!

Treasurer's Corner



Winter Taxes are due and payable to Hampton Twp. without interest Dec. 1, 2006 to Feb. 14, 2007.

Penalty of 1% will be added Feb. 15, 2007. Delinquent Taxes are payable to the Bay County Treasurer beginning March 1, 2006.

Water & Sewer Rate Updates

Sewer talks have been very rewarding. There will be some relief for sewer customers in the up and coming months.

The Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer appreciate the cooperation received from City Manager, Robert Belleman and also for the hard work by Ken Miller and Jim Marter of the Bay County Wastewater Department for the way that these talks were handled and progressed.

Water Talks are still ongoing. We are aligning a partnership with Bay City trying to form a partnership or authority with Bay City, Bay County, Essexville, and Hampton Township.

There is hope that the outcome of these talks will be as fruitful as the sewer talks. Looking for 2007 to be the year in which continued progress is made.

BAY AREA STORMWATER AUTHORITY

Hampton Township is proud to be a part of the Bay Area Stormwater Authority and is working diligently to accomplish the many tasks needed to manage water runoff.

We are working in partnership with other townships to educate residents on the ways to keep our water clean.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

On September 10th Hampton Fire Department held an open house. U.S. Coast Guard, DNR fire control division, BRMC ambulance department, Life Net air ambulance, Bay County 911, Michigan Blood Bank, and Field Neurosciences Institute participated in the open house.

We had 350 people visit the open house. Hampton Fire Department would like to thank all the participants and the residents who helped make the open house a big

success.

Reminders

- It is illegal to have any type of outdoor fire without a valid permit and the property owner may be subject to a citation without a permit.
- When shopping at local businesses:

**PLEASE
DO NOT PARK
IN THE FIRE LANES**

- With snow just around the corner, remove snow from around the fire hydrants.
- Please practice fire safety around the holidays. Don't over load extension cord with holiday lights.
- Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries yearly.

We'd like to thank all of you who donated to our blood drive. We were able to collect 15 pints for the Michigan Community Blood Center.

Retirees

- ◆ Matthew Dezelsky
Reserve Fire Fighter
15 years of service
- ◆ Mat Koch
Reserve Fire Fighter pursuing a Full time Firefighter/Paramedic position with Alpena City FD

New Reserves:

Zach Oswald
Dave Schultz

DPW UPDATE

The DPW has completed installing a pedestrian foot bridge at the Finn Road Nature Trail to allow easy access to the foot paths. Additional work on the trail will be done in 2007.



This trail was made possible through a matching funds grant that was

awarded from the DEQ and the DPW's hard work. Thanks to both agencies for making this project a reality.

- Working with the Drain Commission, the DPW installed new tubing at two Township Drains.
- Improvements were made to the Finn Road Campground and Boat Launch.
- Harding Road shoulder was widened on the west side of the road.

Road Report

The Bay County Road Commission is tentatively planning to resurface Scherumann from Center Ave to Youngsditch Road in 2007.

Also, curb & gutter is being planned for Pine Road from Center to Nebobish Road.

Storm Water Tips for Winter

Excess salt and other deicing chemicals can harm aquatic life in our river and impact drinking water supplies. This winter, you can help by following these environmentally-friendly snow removal practices:

- ⇒ Shovel snow before it turns to ice to limit the need for deicing chemicals like rock salt.
- ⇒ Shovel snow onto gently sloping and level landscaping and grassy areas. As the snow melts it will soak into the ground rather than flow directly into a nearby storm drain or drainage ditch.

If you must use deicing chemicals, follow these suggestions....

- ⇒ Control application of chemical deicers and avoid over application (Always apply deicing products according to the manufacturer's instructions.)
 - ⇒ Some deicers are significant sources of phosphorus pollution. Look for products that contain 50 parts per million or less of phosphorous.
 - ⇒ Sand, sawdust and even cracked corn can be used as an environmentally-friendly alternatives, but it is important to sweep up residues after snowmelt to prevent it from washing into storm drains and drainage ditches.
- You can be storm water savvy!!!***

SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

The Hampton Senior Center, located directly behind Hampton Township Hall, offers both a delicious lunch, served at 12:00 noon, and a dinner, served at 5:00 p.m.

There is a suggested donation of \$2.00 for each meal served and you get your choice of the hot entrée, the salad of the week or the sandwich of the week.

Please note: Meal reservations must be made at least one day in advance.

Area senior citizens are invited

to stop in and join in the fun, fellowship and activities.

The Center is open Monday—Friday, 10:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m.

Activities are scheduled daily and exciting trips will be taken throughout the year.

For more information, call the Hampton Senior Center at 989-895-5968.

Recently the Senior Center received new flooring. This was made possible through matching contributions from Bay County and

Hampton Township. It was much needed and appreciated. We hope to continue the relationship with the County to make senior programs better.

NEED A NEW RECIPE?

The Golden Year's Club is now taking orders for cookbooks filled with flavorful recipes.



The cost is \$10.00 and books can be reserved by calling Sandi at the Senior Center at 989-895-5968 after 2:00 p.m.

Hampton Charter Township

Office Hours:

Monday–Friday
7:30 a.m.–12:00 noon
Closed for lunch
1:00 p.m.–4:00 P.m.

Street Address:

801 W. Center Road
Essexville, MI 48732
Or
P.O. Box 187
Bay City, MI 48707-0187

Phone: 989-893-7541

Fax: 989-893-6152

Holiday Closings

The Administrative Office,
Dept. of Public Works and
Transfer Station will be
closed:

December
25, 26

January
1, 2, 15

February
19

April
6

May
28

July
4

Brush Chipping

is a service that is available
to our residents.

The DPW's current sched-
ule for chipping is Tuesdays
(for addresses North of Cen-
ter) & Thursdays (for ad-
dresses South of Center).

Residents are requested to
put the brush out by the road
with the cut ends facing the
road and contact the Admin-
istrative Office at 893-7541
to be put on the chipping
schedule.

Chipping began March 1st
and will continue until De-
cember 31st, weather per-
mitting.

Our landfill (transfer station) is open 5 days a week :

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wed
12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Numerous updates are scheduled for 2007 which will make the landfill smoother and more aesthetically appealing.

Residents must have a dump permit which is checked every time you use the transfer station. Although this may be an inconvenience for you, it helps to keep the cost of operating the station lower.



Recycling dumpsters have been an ongoing success since they were first implemented.

Please do not put Styrofoam in the

recycling bins. Due to past problems, we are no longer accepting this material for recycling. Please place this material in the dumpster.



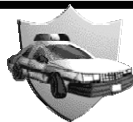
Thinking about installing
a sprinkler system for
your lawn?

Please note requirements:

1. Purchase a plumbing permit & water meter.
2. Backflow preventer device must be installed & tested by a plumber certified to test backflow preventers.
3. A copy of this initial test must be submitted to Hampton Township Office at the time of installation and again every 5 years.



The Township mandates that all backflow preventer devices on sprinkler systems are to be inspected yearly by the Township & tested every 5 years by a certified plumber.



POLICE DEPT. UPDATE



Lieutenant Benchley was awarded a Merit Award for his investigation of a string of larcenies from automobiles that took place in eastern Bay County. Thank you Lt. Benchley for your dedication to this community.



belonging to someone will be disposed of in accordance to law.

We would like to encourage all residents to record the make, model, and serial numbers of all items you own. Keep the list in a safe place so it can be retrieved if items are lost or stolen.

The police department recovered a number of stolen tools earlier this year.

If you were a victim of larceny of tools, and you made a report, please arrange a time to come to the police department to attempt to identify yours.

If you have already identified items that belonged to you, please contact the Hampton Police Department Property officers and arrange a time to pick up your tools.

At the end of this year any tools that have not been identified as

Every police department has hundreds if not thousands of items that are recovered each year.

Those items are not returned to the owners as they cannot be identified as belonging to certain individuals.. Please make a thorough list.....

If you wish or need to report a crime, call 911. If you need to talk to an officer regarding an incident you have already reported, call the police department that is investigating your report.

Precious minutes are often

missed due to calling the police station to report a crime and then the secretary having to record the information and then relay it to 911. Officers are only in the station at the beginning and end of the shift and when they are writing reports...

Please remember that the 25 mile per hour speed zone is in effect in front of Verellen School on Borton between 7:20 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

We would like to remind drivers that snow and ice will be arriving shortly. Install new tires where tires are past the wear bars to provide better traction while stopping and turning.

Drivers should leave early and slow down for safer travel when roads are snow covered or slippery...