

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



VETERANS' MEMORIAL

In the fall of 2006, a Mural was added to the front of the memorial facing Center Road. Local artist Robert Awrey was commissioned to design and paint this tribute.

Both sides of the Memorial are illuminated so that it can be enjoyed at night.

Special thanks to the Munch family for the beautiful flowers planted for Memorial Day.

NEW HOME REPORT

2 Single Family Homes

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Presbyterian Village Development (The Village of Hampton Meadows) has started construction of their two-story 50 unit Senior Living Community on Pine Road near Alterra. Construction is expected to be completed within 12 - 14 months.

Inquiries regarding residency may be made to Andrea Felice, Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Residence Coordinator for villages under construction at 248-281-2026.

NEW BUSINESSES:

MaMa Lupo's 2706 Center Ave

Keep Hampton strong! Please patronize our local businesses.

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.

Ella Jane Martini, one of our past Township Clerks' is doing well recovering from a life threatening illness. We continue to wish her a speedy recovery.

BLIGHT ORDINANCE

There is a Blight Ordinance in effect for the Township.

Blight can be defined as uncut grasses and/or weeds over 8 in tall, debris, unlicensed vehicles, building materials, to name a few.

Residents in violation will be contacted by letter and asked to comply. Non-compliance will result in tickets being issued to the owner, costs placed on the property taxes and legal action.

For more information, contact the Administrative Office for copies of the Ordinances (989) 893-7541.

Show Your Township Pride, help wipe out blight!

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Hampton Township Police has a new patrol car. A 2007 Ford Crown Victoria. The color scheme was changed to a more traditional look. The car is dark royal blue with white doors and roof. The overhead lights were changed to low profile LED to reduce power consumption.

The Police Department has received \$22,000 in Homeland Security grants in the last few months.

The grants provided the following equipment:

- ⇒ Three laptop computers
- ⇒ Two pair of binoculars
- ⇒ Three night vision goggles
- ⇒ Two 800 Mhz two-way radio's

Additionally the Department received four traffic radar units on a grant from the Meijer store on Pine Road. They are being put to use in areas we

have numerous complaints (on Powell Road; on Nebobish between Pine & Jones; on M-15 between Youngs ditch & Ridge and along the M-25 corridor)

The Township has also purchased an accident investigation station for \$5,900 and an officer has been trained in its use.

The purchase of this system is expected to reduce the time it takes to produce a report diagram and investigation from 9 to 10 months to one month or less.

The Police Department is asking residents to keep their bicycles locked up. Using a bicycle lock will deter many thefts, however more expensive bikes should be kept locked in a building when not being used.

Auto owners who leave their autos outside should keep the windows rolled up and the doors locked to prevent thefts of the vehicle or its contents.

HAMPTON TOWNSHIP'S BEST KEPT SECRET

Looking to get off the couch this summer? Looking for some fun and entertainment? The Hampton Senior Center may just be what you are looking for! The center offers a variety of activities designed to get those aged 60 and over out of the house.

The center is located at 801 W. Center Rd., behind Hampton Township Hall, and is open Monday - Friday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.

Lunch is served everyday at 12:00 noon and dinner is served everyday at 5:00 pm. We offer delicious meals at a fraction of the cost of going out to a restaurant.

Come see what we are all about!

We will even buy your meal on your first visit as our way of saying "welcome" (first time participants only). For more information call the Hampton Senior Center at 895-5968.

COUPON

**GOOD FOR ONE FREE
MEAL AT THE
HAMPTON
SENIOR CENTER**

**FIRST TIME PARTICIPANTS
ONLY**

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Community Fire Safety Education for School Children

May 1, 2007 concluded a year long Fire Education Class for four 5th grade classes at Hampton School and one 3rd grade class at Verellen School. The "Safe At Home" class is sponsored by our Hampton Meijer Store and the Hampton Fire Department.

Rob Short, the store manager at Meijer's, donated two bicycles for a bike raffle at each school.

The winner at Hampton School was Alfonso Martinez and the winner at Verellen School was Briana Cayton. Remember, Fire Prevention month is October.

Reminders

⇒ Property owners must obtain a recreational fire permit if having a bonfire.

A permit can be obtained in person at the fire department daily from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, bring your drivers license with you.

If you want a recreational fire permit for Hampton Township, you have to obtain it from the Hampton Fire Department, not the DNR.

For more information about open burning regulations in Michigan go to: www.michigan.gov/deq (click on "air" then "open burning").

⇒ 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.

⇒ Please do not park in the fire lanes when shopping at local businesses.

⇒ Fireworks that explode or leave the ground are illegal in Michigan.

⇒ Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries yearly. Also, test carbon monoxide detectors monthly. When installing CO detectors, install them according to manufacturers instructions.

⇒ We put in service a new Rescue 8.

⇒ It is a 2007 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 four door crew cab. It will replace a 1997 GMC Suburban.

2006 Department Call Volume

Fire Calls	25
Hazardous Conditions	40
EMS calls	675
Rescue	3
Vehicle Accidents	39
Extrication	4
Assist invalid	49
Unauthorized burns	17
Service calls	30
Good Intent calls	18
False Calls	33

DPW UPDATE



A barge and push boat built by the DPW will be used to keep the channel open to the Saginaw Bay at Finn Road Boat Launch. Maintaining the channel depth will be a continuing challenge. The receding waters will be here for awhile.

With the Township having our own equipment to maintain the channel this will cut down on the maintenance cost and **keep**

the channel open to a depth that will accommodate 16 ft or small 18 ft fishing boats.

The DPW is currently working on the Finn Road Campground expansion. The expansion includes 6 new campsites complete with cement pads and asphalt approaches, 30 and 50 amp breakers and 4 new tent sites. These new sites will be ready for use by the 4th of July.

NATURE TRAIL UPDATE



The second Phase of the Nature Trail is located on the west side of Knight Road continuing from Phase I trail - this 2nd Phase will begin in June and is scheduled to be complete by October.

We will be adding signage and memorials to the trails this year to give the public an understanding of the Nature Trail and its conception.

A parking lot is in place at the transfer station entrance for the nature trail walkers to park their vehicles.

2007

Scheduled Road Work

Nebobish - Pine to Scheurmann
Heavenridge - Center to Fillmore St
Fillmore St - Scheurmann to end
Hatch Rd - M-15 to end
Shook Court - Hatch Rd to end
Scheurmann - Center to Youngs-ditch
Pine Rd - Center to Nebobish
(curb & gutter)

**YOUR MILLAGE DOLLARS
ARE KEEPING OUR ROADS
IN GOOD SHAPE.**

Did you know?

You live in the Saginaw Bay Watershed! Most of us know, a watershed is the surrounding land area that drains into a stream or river. Watersheds cover the entire land surface of the earth. Watersheds contain homes, neighborhoods,

cities, forests, farmland, and more. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes and can even cross state lines.

Because we all live in a watershed, our actions directly impact the quality of the water in our streams, rivers and lakes. If there is pollution in

your watershed, then our waters are polluted from the runoff that drains into it.

The Saginaw River and Bay have seen the effects of watershed pollution over many decades. Our collective actions can either improve the Saginaw Bay or allow our most impor-

tant resource to remain in its current condition.

Be sure to check the Bay Area Storm Water Authority's website for ways to help reduce storm water pollution. www.co.bay.mi.us and click on the "be Stormwater Savvy" link.



Brush Chipping

is a service that is available to our residents.

The DPW's current schedule for chipping is Tuesdays (for addresses North of Center) & Thursdays (for addresses South of Center).

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

Chipping began March 1st and will continue until December 31st, weather permitting.

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.



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 3 - 5 years.

The Township mandates that all backflow preventer devices on sprinkler systems are to be inspected yearly by the Township & tested every 3 - 5 years by a certified plumber.



NO DISTRICT FUNDS ARE SUPPORTING

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

IF YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE
PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

CHALKBOARD TO COMPUTER

MAIL TO:

PAT ANKNEY

1831 CAROL DRIVE

ESSEXVILLE, MI 48732

YOUR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED

Please join us in a Commemoration Service

to honor

*Fifty Years of Education in the
Essexville-Hampton School District*

"Celebrating Success"

1957 - 2007

Saturday, July 7, 2007
at

*Garber High School
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm*

*Opening Ceremony
Tour of Garber
Reception*