

# TOWNSHIP TIMES

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**Hampton Township Board of Trustees** meets the second & fourth Monday of each month at 4:00 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 Board room at 801 W. Center Rd.

## WATER & SEWER UPDATE

**SEWER**

Bay City has negotiated to hold sewer costs to the same rate as 2006 with a 12 cent increase for billing per quarter.

Bay City has 2 1/2 years left on the 5 year notice given to them in 2005 by Hampton. Negotiations with Bay City have been progressing for the last 2 years. At present, Bay City is putting together a contract that will

hopefully be fair and equitable for the Hampton Sewer Customers.

Discussion on this contract will begin in the next two months.

The Hampton Township Board will keep sewer customers up to date as contract negotiations move forward.

**WATER**

Water talks have been

fairly successful avoiding costly arbitration between the City and Out City Customers. There will be an increase in water rates because of the necessary upgrades Bay City has had to put in place for their water treatment plant.

Talks will continue to insure upgrade projects will benefit the Out City Customers as well as Bay City.

## NEW CONSUMERS ENERGY CLEAN COAL PLANT PROPOSED FOR HAMPTON TOWNSHIP

Consumers Energy announced plans to build a new, 800 megawatt high-efficiency clean coal power plant at the Karn/Weadock site in Hampton Township.

This is good news, in that it's an investment of more than \$2 billion in our Township and would utilize state-of-the-art environmental controls. The new plant would take about six years to build and employ up to 1,800 construction workers.

When completed in about 2015, the new plant would add about 80 permanent operating jobs at Karn/Weadock.

Consumers has applied for an air permit for the new plant with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. It has also applied for a 12-year, 50% property tax abatement on 2,400 acres of Consumers-owned land in Hampton.

In October the Township Board established an Industrial Development District on Consumers' site as the first step toward a property tax abatement and was expected to consider approval of the property tax abatement in late November.

The Bay County Board of Commissioners has passed a resolution of support for construction of the new clean coal unit and also passed a resolution supporting repeal or significant amendment of Michigan's electric deregulation law, Public Act 141, which Consumers needs changed before the new plant can be built.

Elected officials representing Hampton Township locally and at the State and Federal levels have expressed support for Consumers' exciting new plans in Hampton Township.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

### COMMERCIAL UPDATES

**The Village of Hampton Meadows** (A mission of Lutheran Homes of Michigan & Presbyterian Villages of Michigan) is moving along in the construction of the two-story 50 unit Senior Living Community on Pine Road near Alterra.

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



**Bay Animal Hospital**

637 W. Center Road is under going a major expansion & remodeling of their existing clinic; construction to be completed in Spring of 2008.

**Walgreens - received**

approval on site plans for a store on the NE corner of Center & Scheurmann Rds.



**Dr. Todd Rathke, DDS**

Site Plans to remodel 2272 21st St. were approved.

**Bay Regional Med Center Sleep Center**

1454 W Center Rd

**The Scrapping Studio**

1585 W Center Rd



**Dr. Judi Ecker Bay City Foot Clinic**

3590 W. Center Road.



**2007 NEW HOMES**  
7 Single Family Homes

Thanks to Steve Munch of O'Donnells Earthworks, Norma Stagra of the Plant Farm, and the TOPS ladies for their donations of flowers for the Veteran's Memorial and the Township offices.



## POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Occasionally signs are placed in the road to block it during road construction. These signs will include placards that read,

"Local Traffic Only".

This means you may cautiously enter if you live in that section of road or are employed at or conducting business in that section of road.

There are two School speed zones in Hampton Township.

These speed restrictions are in effect during the posted times on all school days.

One zone is on Borton Road between Knight & Wagner. The reduced speed is 25 mph from 7:30 am to 8:00 am and 2:15 pm to 2:45 pm.

The second zone is on Pine Road south of Ridge. Here the reduced speed of 25 mph is from 8:14 am to 8:45 am,

12:00 pm to 12:45 pm and 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Please observe these posted speed restrictions during the hours they are in effect.

We continue to have periodic incidents of larceny from autos. Most of these would be avoided if the owner or driver of the vehicles locked them when the vehicle is left unattended... Even vehicles parked in your own driveway

should be locked...Most larceny from autos occurs in the owner's driveway. Valuables should not be left in view in any vehicle.. Valuables should be locked in the trunk or removed from the vehicle.

Winter months are approaching rapidly. Replacing worn tires with new tires will aid in traction.....

## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY CENTER AVENUE BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT UPDATE

Our DDA Center Ave Beautification project is right on schedule. The sidewalks and pocket parks will be finished by Thanksgiving. That will leave some landscaping and patch work to be completed on the south side of M-25 between Scheurmann and Bay Cast.

This project has been a huge undertaking and from all of the miscellaneous comments received from our residents, it can be deemed a success.

The DDA Board has worked long and hard on this project.

A special "Thanks" to the DDA Board Members:

Chairman Alan Tacey	Mel Beyett	Jack Stehle
Randy Kienbaum	Tim Boutell	Jim Luth
Erica Cederberg-Kaznowski	Dawn Clifford	Terry Spegel

Also, a thank you to Dave Swinson and Ellen Kasper of the Hampton Township Assessing Department for their assistance on this project.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Captain Dan Eigner retired after 30 years of service to Hampton Fire Department Good luck Dan with retirement.

Chris Pityer was hired to replace Dan. Chris has been a reserve Fire Fighter for the last eight years.

Jeremy Wright and Scott Goss Jr. have been hired as new reserve Fire Fighters.

Property owners must obtain a recreational fire permit if they are having a bon fire.

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.

Test smoke detectors monthly and replace batteries yearly.

Check extension cords that are being used for Christmas lights for broken or frayed wires.

Also test carbon monoxide detectors monthly, remember, with the heating season starting to have your furnace serviced and check for leaks.

Hampton Fire Department still has address signs for sale. They make great Christmas gifts.

Reminder, with the winter

season approaching, please help us by keeping the snow removed from around the hydrant that is near your home.

The week of Oct 15 Hampton Fire Department was at schools located in the township with Bangor Twp. FD fire safety trailer.



120 second grade students from Verellen School and 174 second and fifth grade students from Hampton School went through the safety trailer.

## DPW UPDATE

The DPW has been busy cutting the grass in the parks, campground, road ways, repairing water line breaks, inspecting water & sewer taps, and chipping .

Other projects included:

### Nature Trail

A parking lot has been put in place at the transfer station on Knight Road. It is available for those who want to enjoy the nature trail from Knight Road to the Finn Park, or the newly completed section from Knight Road west 1/2 mile towards

Jones Road.

### Finn Road Boat Launch

Our soil dredge and push boat, built by the DPW, has been a real success in deepening and widening the channel for our small boaters to get out for fishing. We will continue to dredge in the spring to keep our channel open.

### Finn Road Campground

Utilities for 12 new campsites have been put in place, with 6 new campsites available after

the 4th of July - more people will be able to enjoy Finn Road Park and all it has to offer with the nature trail in place and our channel open to small boats.

### Walk Path

A walk path has been put in place on the north side of Nebobish Road from Orchard 3/4 of the way to Boutell - hopefully we can get asphalt over this in the spring.

### Completed Road Work

- ◆ **Nebobish -**  
Pine to Scheurmann
- ◆ **Heavenridge -**  
Center to Filmore
- ◆ **Filmore -** Scheurmann to end
- ◆ **Hatch Rd -** M-15 to end
- ◆ **Shook Ct -** Hatch Rd to end
- ◆ **Scheurmann -**  
Center to Youngsditch

### Treasurer's Corner

Winter Taxes are due and payable to Hampton Twp. without interest Dec 1, 2007 to Feb. 14, 2008.

Penalty of 1% will be added Feb. 15, 2008. Delinquent Taxes are payable to the Bay County Treasurer beginning March 1, 2008.

If you plan to pay your taxes or water bill using a bill payment service, please include the tax parcel # or water acct. # to identify where your payment is to be applied.

### New Policy regarding NSF Checks implemented

The issuer or payer of any non-sufficient funds check or draft shall be responsible to pay to or reimburse the Township for any direct expense incurred by the Township by way of fee charged to the Township by its banking institution together with a penalty which is equivalent to \$25.00 or 5% of the amount of the check or draft, whichever is greater, tendered to the Township.

**BUILDING PERMITS**

Don't forget that Building Permits are required for:

- Pools (above & inground)
- Fences
- Fence replacements
- Decks
- Accessory Buildings

Not Permitted:

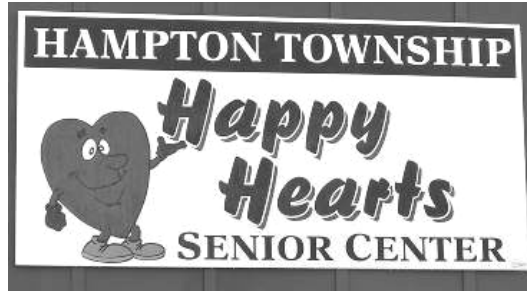
- Tarp structures

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

**MECHANICAL PERMITS**

Homeowners need to be aware that mechanical permits must be pulled for the installation/replacement of water heaters, furnaces and A/C units.

The work can be done by the homeowner, but a permit must be taken out to ensure that it is done correctly, per Michigan Mechanical Code.



**The Hampton Township Senior Citizen Center is getting a new look.**

**The Township DPW has been busy over the past few weeks painting the exterior of the building and removing the old shrubs.**

**New landscaping was added and a new outdoor building sign was installed to complete the fresh new look.**

**Now that the outside work has been completed, work will begin in the spring to update the interior of the building starting with a fresh coat of paint.**

**Come for lunch or dinner and check it out!**



**New for 2007**

The 2007 Summer and Winter tax information is now available on our website.

Our Web address is:

[www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org)

From the index on the left, click on Tax Assessing Information, scroll down the page to the Notice and Disclaimer, read and agree to the terms.

Click on Tax Information Search.

Enter by Street Address (exact spelling required), parcel number (include 070 and "--"s) or by Owners name (last name first).

Payments will be updated on a quarterly basis.

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- ★ Holiday Closings ★
- ★ The Administrative Office, DPW and Transfer Station will be closed: ★
- ★ **December 24, 25, 31** ★
- ★ **January 1 & 21** ★
- ★ **February 18** ★
- ★ **March 21** ★
- ★ **May 26** ★
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**Brush Chipping** 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. You will need to contact the Administrative Office at 893-7541 to be put on the chipping schedule each time.

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 requires 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.**