

# 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 UPDATE

Hampton Township has met many times this year as a committee with Bay City, Essexville, the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer, and other township representatives discussing the future of how water will be filtered and supplied to Hampton Township customers. The goal is to provide long term system stability and quality water that exceeds current and future water quality standards at stable rates for the next 40 years and beyond.

It was agreed that the best two options to evaluate for providing filtered water to the community were the rehabilitation of the current Bay City Water Treatment Plant or the construction of a new membrane water filtration plant. Both options were analyzed and reports provided.

The evaluation clearly indicates that constructing a new membrane water filtration plant utilizing the SMMWSC raw water supply is the more economical approach for providing wholesale water service to the Bay County community.

Benefits of the new membrane filtration plant option include a lower net present value, lower long-term revenue requirements, competitive short-term revenue requirements, and less uncertainty than rehabilitating the existing plant.

In the last month, Hampton Township, along with Essexville, Bay City, the Road Commission, and the other townships have all adopted resolutions in support of concentrating all efforts on the parameters to con-

struct a new membrane water filtration plant utilizing SMMWSC raw water, finalizing a contract with the SMMWSC, identifying the water transmission system, and defining a governance structure that best serves all water customers in Bay County.

These resolutions show wide community support for the efforts of Hampton Township, Essexville, Bay City and the Bay County Department of Water and Sewer to partner in providing the best, most cost effective means of providing quality filtered water throughout the entire Bay County community.

### SEWER UPDATE

Ten months have passed since we began utilizing the new forced main sewer system to Bay County; the system is performing as it was designed to.

Pump tests will be run in mid November to make sure our pumps are capable of running 5,500 gallons per minute (Essexville Pumps run 3,500 gallons per minute). Tests were completed earlier in the year to work out the bugs. Our engineer, Gary Bartow, is on hand to keep these pumps working at peak capacity.

New water meters have been installed to all but 83 residents. Thank you for your patience. With the new transponders in place, we have the capability of doing automatic read. This will allow us to save time and manpower reading the meters.

### TREASURER'S CORNER

The current 2011 Winter Tax Bill is now due and payable by cash or check at the Township Administrative Office. **When paying at the office, remember to bring in your entire bill.** The top portion of the bill is the Treasurer's copy and the bottom portion is your receipt.

The office will be open on December 28, 2011 until 5:00 p.m. for end of the year tax collection. Remember we do have a drop box located on the door west of the office door. Wondering if your mortgage company paid your tax bill? You can check the Township website [www.hampton township.org](http://www.hampton township.org) which updates tax payments as soon as the payment is posted in the office.

### SEASONS GREETINGS!



Holiday Closings: Dec 23,26/Jan 2, 16/Feb 20/April 6/May 28/July 4

## POLICE REPORT



Hampton Township Police Department conducts Neighborhood watch programs **free of charge**. If you would like to host one or attend one please contact Lt. Mike Wedding at the Police Department. The number is 892-0571. If he is not in, you can leave a message and he will contact you when he returns.

As of Oct. 31st this year your Police Department has been dispatched to over 3302 call for assistance. They have issued 287 citations. Patrolmen made 150 arrests and have written over 2,900 complaints. Larceny crimes have decreased in number this year. Larcenies from unlocked cars remain the highest category of theft. Keep your vehicles locked and **do not leave** items (purses, wallets, MP3 Players, computers, & other valuables) in the passenger compartment (lock valuable items in the trunk).



Beware of Telephone, Mail and Internet scams. These scams try to convince you that you have won the lottery in some far away country or state that the victim probably has never been to. The scammers tell the victim that they have won the lottery but that the victim needs to send them (the criminals) the taxes or a fee on it before the prize can be awarded. Most of the time they ask the money be sent via Western Union. These are scams that are run by criminals who are preying on the unwary. These criminal enterprises receive millions of dollars from people who are trusting the enterprise is legitimate. They are not legitimate.

## OTHER REPORTS

### **Rail Trail News**

The Bay Area Community Foundation Riverwalk and Railtrail Committee, has committed \$19,197 for upgrades to the rail trail. This project is spearheaded by Sita Compton. These upgrades will take place from Center to Ridge Rd next spring. Pyramid Paving will be sealing the cracks and overlaying the asphalt. The Hampton DPW will be working on straightening two curves on the trail, removing dead trees, planting new trees, refurbishing the benches and adding gravel to the edge of the asphalt walkway. Total rail trail project will cost approximately \$35,000. These improvements will be appreciated by the many of residents who use these trails daily for walking, jogging and biking. A special "Thank you", to the Riverwalk/Railtrail Committee for their continued commitment to public recreation.

### **DPW**

Its been another busy year for our DPW crew. Their scheduled duties include: grass cutting, ditch cleaning, parks upkeep, sprucing up the DDA corridor, maintaining dikes, clearing the nature trail and rail trail for our residents to use, adding six new trailer pads to the Finn Road Park, chipping brush (and there was plenty of it after the recent rains and winds in October) and keeping our equipment in shape.

Within the next week or so, the crew will be getting the snow plows on the trucks to be ready for snow plowing snow and salting the intersections on all secondary roads Yes, it is that time of year again!

### **Finn Road Park**

had a fantastic season this year! We saw more campers than ever before and are excited for this to be a new trend. Our campers came from all over, including some right here in Hampton Township!

We offer the most reasonable rates around, along with a clean and relaxing atmosphere.

In addition to camping, many other patrons enjoyed the scenic nature trail, great for getting a little exercise. The boat launch, with direct access to the Saginaw Bay was open and running this year as well; many enjoyed the ease of launching right here in Hampton Township at a reasonable rate.

The campground will officially open May 1, 2012. Please come out to visit us here at Finn Road Park. From camping, nature trails, to the boat launch, Finn Road Park is truly a great place to get away with the family; whether it's for a few hours to enjoy the nature trails, for a weekend of camping, or for longer, we look forward to seeing you next year.

***Hampton Twp firefighters and police officers would like to thank all township residents for voting for the millage last August. Your support of the fire and police departments enable us to continue to provide the citizens of the township with the excellent service they are accustomed too.***

***Thank-you again.***

**Remember to test your smoke detectors at least once a month and replace the battery annually.**

**Practice your home escape drills and have a working CO detector in your home.**

**Reminder to businesses in the township, Hampton Fire Department offers fire extinguisher classes. Call the station for more information.**

**Keep in mind if in the winter months if snow buries the fire hydrant near your resident please try to remove the snow, if you are unable to remove the snow call the fire station at 895-8811**

**Reflective address signs are still available, they make great holiday gifts. The cost of the sign is \$15.00 or \$20.00 if the resident wants the sign installed at their resident in the township.**

**Orders may be dropped off at the Hampton Fire Department between the hours of 8am till 5pm. This is *not* a township requirement.**

Beginning December 1, 2011 the **2012 Transfer Station Permits** will be available to purchase for \$30.00. Be sure to stop by the office and get your new card.

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