

Department of Public Works News

Snow Plowing

With snow coming, and it becomes difficult for the snow plow drivers to see where the road ends and your yard begins. You may want to put up snow stakes (aka driveway markers) along the edge of your yard to help guide the plow truck drivers.

Please remember that Hampton Township does not replace mailboxes that are knocked down from the weight and force of snow and ice being plowed. Therefore, everyone should inspect their mailbox before the snow falls. Posts that move or have wood damage need to be replaced to prevent issues during the winter plowing season.

Some plastic mailboxes can shatter easily when it is extremely cold and when the heavy snow hits them, so if you decide to replace your mailbox, consider getting one that is able to stand up to Michigan winter snow storms.



**MORE SALT.....**

**not always the cure for slippery roads!**

Road salt works just fine when temperatures are above 25°. If it gets colder than that, salting the road becomes nearly ineffective. However, if temperatures are in the 15° - 25° range and it's daylight, road salt can still work pretty well. Once you see the temperatures fall below 15°, the Bay County Road Commission and the Hampton DPW may not salt the roads.

Brush Chipping for 2021 is Completed

The DPW completed the last brush chipping in October. If you have any brush, twigs or branches out by the road, please remove it as soon as possible so it doesn't impede the snow plows.



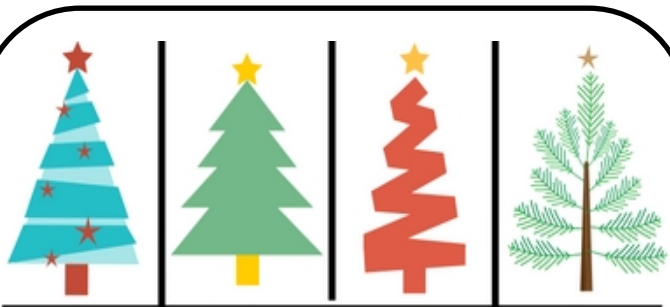
**REPUBLIC  
SERVICES**

2022 Recycling & Waste Collection Calendar

Republic Services will be providing Hampton Township with 2022 Recycling and Waste Collection calendars. Once we received them, we will have them available in our lobby for pick up. Please note that they will not be mailed out to you.

The new calendar will be posted on the "Hampton Township Administration" Facebook page as well as on the Hampton Township website at [www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org) on the home page. Scroll down to **Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste**.

The calendar will also be emailed to the subscribers of "What's New in the Hamptons News & Updates" email newsletter. If you haven't subscribed to this newsletter yet, please go to our website and scroll down to **Get Our Newsletter** then [Click Here to Subscribe](#).



**Christmas trees will be collected  
the first 3 weeks in January  
by Republic Services.**

**Happy Holidays!**

**Holiday Light Recycling Drive**  
**NOV. 29, 2021 TO JAN. 7, 2022**

**TAKE PRIDE AT CURBSIDE!**

**Don't throw out your old holiday lights!**  
**Recycle them in one of our collection carts**  
**located at the following drop-off sites:**

- Hampton Township Hall: 801 W. Center Rd., Essexville

**QUESTIONS? Call Bay City Recycles at 989-894-8312**  
This program is provided in partnership with Resourceful Recycling and all of our drop-off sites. Resourceful Recycling will process the lights for proper recycling.

**RESOURCEFUL RECYCLING**



# Hampton Times

Winter 2021

**Hampton Township Supervisor  
Terri Close**

As I enter into my 5<sup>th</sup> year as your Hampton Township Supervisor, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I encourage everyone to attend our Board of Trustee meetings on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 P.M. This is when the Board discusses and votes on Township business and issues and gives the residents an opportunity to be heard. Our agendas are posted on our Facebook page "Hampton Township Administration" typically the Friday before the meeting as well as on our website or you can call our office Friday afternoon, or the day of the meeting, and ask what is on the agenda.

Earlier this year, Consumers Energy announced that they have moved up the closure of the Karn 3 & 4 natural gas plant from 2031 to 2023. Although this wasn't good news, the Board of Trustees has been working diligently over the years to make changes to reduce expenditures in preparation for this closure. Consumers Energy has been working with Hampton Township on a structured annual reduction in property tax revenue each year which has enabled the Board of Trustees to identify, discuss and implement cost saving changes while keeping our mission at the core of these decisions.

**The mission of Hampton Charter Township is to protect, preserve and enhance the quality of life for our residents and property owners while providing reliable services that improve and encourage the economic and environmental character of our community.**

When discussing the closure of Consumers Energy, some property owners have expressed a concern that Hampton Township will raise its property taxes. Please know that Hampton Township **cannot raise your Township Operating millage rate** as we are a Charter Township and we are at the maximum of 5 mills. The Public Safety and Road millage are a voted millage and the Drain millage is set by the Bay County Drain Commissioner. For more information about the Hampton Township tax revenue that funds the Township's day-to-day operations, please read the Treasurer's note on page 2.

As we begin 2022, we have a few large grant projects that we'll be moving forward on:

**DWAM**—Drinking Water Asset Management Grant to identify unknown lead service lines.

**DWSRF**—Drinking Water State Revolving Fund to replace lead lines and for a partial water main replacement project.

**USDA**—Sewer Lift Station Upgrade project to repair aging lift stations in our system and build a new pump station to replace and aged station.

**ARPA**—American Rescue Plan Act projects.

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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.

**Zoning 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](http://www.hamptontownship.org)  
Facebook page  
Hampton Township Administration

Assessing

Personal Property Tax Forms

Business Owners that file the Personal Property Forms need to give the assessment notices/tax bills to their tax preparers/accountants to prepare. Please **DO NOT** call the Assessing Office for totals.

If your business has already filed a form 5076, "Exemption from Personal Property Tax", **DO NOT** file the form 5076 every year. Doing so creates extra work for your accountant and they are charging you for an unnecessary mailing. The exemption stays in place until the business owner removes it.

Assessment Change Notices showing the 2022 tentative values will come out in the month of February. These values can be appealed at the March Board of Review with an appointment.

Contact Information:

Ronda Mrock-Parks, Assessor  
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2022 Closed for Holidays  
Hampton Township Offices & DPW

December 30	Thursday, New Year's Eve*
December 31	Friday, New Year's Day*
January 17	Monday, MLK Day
February 21	Monday, Presidents' Day
April 15	Friday, Good Friday
May 30	Monday, Memorial Day
July 4	Monday, Independence Day
September 5	Monday, Labor Day
October 10	Monday, Columbus Day
November 11	Friday, Veterans Day
November 24	Thursday, Thanksgiving
November 25	Friday, Thanksgiving
December 23	Friday, Christmas Eve*
December 26	Monday, Christmas Day*
December 30	Friday, New Year's Eve

\*Observed

Donna K. Samyn, Treasurer

Tax Collection Hours: Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Please Continue to Use the Drop Box.

Please review your tax bill for any corrections that need to be made. The **last day to pay Winter Tax Bill is Monday, February 14, 2022** without any additional penalty or interest. Additional information available on the back of the tax bill.

Hampton Township receives funding for 2022 thru the winter tax bill. Township Operating 5 mills is for the operation of Hampton Township. Public Safety 1.5 mills is the voted millage rate of 1 mill and an additional .5 millage rate, and helps support the funding of the Public Safety Department. Road Fund receives money from the .65 millage rate, maintenance of all township roads. Drain assessment of 1 mill is from the Bay County Drain Commissioner, which \$200,000 is not kept at the township but is sent to the County. Residents think the amount paid from Summer and Winter Taxes the township keeps, which is not a true statement. The Winter Tax is the only time Hampton Township receives tax dollars for funding of the Township Operation Fund, Public Safety Fund, Road Fund, and a very small portion of the Drain Assessment. The other money collected for winter tax goes to the County. Summer tax is for the operation of Schools and County operations.

Partial payments are accepted. Last accepted postmark date is February 7, 2022.

CLOSED: December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>.  
OPEN: Monday December 27<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
CLOSED: January 17<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**LAST DAY TO PAY TAXES AT HAMPTON TOWNSHIP IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2022. OFFICE WILL BE OPEN 9 AM – 5 PM.**

Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> the Bay County Treasurer will collect delinquent taxes. For the correct amount, please call (989)895-4285.

Happy Holidays. Stay Safe, and Healthy.

Fran DeWyse, Clerk

In 2022 we will be mailing out new voter ID cards. Every 10 years after the Census, each state looks at their population and tries to get as close as possible so each state Senator and Representative are representing about the same amount of people. Hampton Township may be in a new district with a new Senator and/or Representative. If you find any errors on your new card, please contact our office.

Hampton School and Verellen School will no longer be polling places for Hampton Township. We plan on relocating them to the Senior Center right by our Office and to the Hampton Township Fire Barn. We have been encouraged to remove polls from public schools.

There will be a primary election in August and the general election in November of 2022. We will be electing our governor and most state offices. Our office will be mailing out absentee applications to everyone who has signed up to be on our permanent absentee voter list. If you have not done so and would like to be placed on the list, please call our office.

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Other News

Hampton Township  
PUBLIC SAFETY



FROM THE DESK OF BRYAN BENCHLEY  
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY



Earlier in the year, one of our Public Safety Officers (PSO) left to pursue employment with the City of Mt. Pleasant. We are happy to introduce Shawn Bacon as your new PSO to fill that vacancy. Officer Bacon comes to Hampton Township with two (2) years of experience from the Saginaw County Sheriff Department. Officer Bacon has completed his Medical First Responder (MFR) training and will start fire fighter I and II training in January.

The Public Safety Department has responded to two (2) structure fires in Hampton Township. No injuries or fatalities resulted from the fires.

The Hampton Township Public Safety Department is working hard to keep crime levels down but we are asking for community involvements as well. Please be watchful of your neighborhoods and if you see anything unusual or people out of the ordinary, please call 911 immediately.

Fran DeWyse, Clerk

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There is always a need for election workers. If you are interested, please contact our office for an application. You will have to attend a training class prior to the election for approximately an hour. This is a good way to view firsthand the election process and get paid.

We try to encourage everyone if they have an e-mail address to provide it to us as we periodically send out information that is time sensitive to our residents. Also, we encourage everyone to attend our Board meetings to find out what is happening and to be involved in your local government. Our Board meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month unless it falls on a holiday, then it usually is held the next day. Our goal is to be transparent as possible and want everyone involved in our government. We hear all the time, "well I didn't know that was happening." If we can communicate by e-mail and people attend our meetings, it is a good way to stay current. We also encourage you to use our website, [www.hamptontownship.org](http://www.hamptontownship.org).

UNLICENSED MOTOR VEHICLES

All unlicensed and inoperable motor vehicles need to be removed from property. This is a violation of our Zoning Ordinance and violators will be cited.



Building, Plumbing, Mechanical &  
Electrical Permits

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.