



Hambden HIGHLIGHTS

FALL 2021

Fall Trash Day

Fall Trash Day is being 75% funded by a grant received from the Ohio EPA. OEPA has granted Hambden Township \$8,000 to use towards the fall 2021 and spring 2022 Trash Days. This grant was a matching grant with Hambden Township paying at least \$1,000 towards expenses for each Trash Day. Trash Day typically costs the township between \$5,000 and \$6,000 not including labor costs of the road department. With the cost of everything going up this grant will help us offset our costs.



Please see our website for full Trash Day Guidelines. The format will remain the same: Please stay in your vehicle, have ID ready, soft-sided furniture and mattresses should be wrapped, no liquid paints or hazardous materials, no fluorescent bulbs.

Tires are SPRING Trash Day ONLY. We cannot accept tires at Fall Trash Day.

For Shredding

The Geauga Public Library is hosting a shred event on September 28 at the Library Administration Building from 9AM to 1 PM at 12701 Ravenwood Dr.

Road Superintendent Retiring

After over 38 years of service Dave Heald will be retiring in November. Dave has gone above and beyond for our residents for many years and has helped grow and evolve the road department to the efficient capable machine that it is today. Dave's loyalty and knowledge will be greatly missed. We wish Dave many years of happy and relaxing retirement. We promise not to knock his mailbox over when we plow.



Steve Wolcott will be promoted to Road Superintendent in November and continue the legacy of providing first class service to our residents with his many years of experience.

Winter Season is Coming!

Please remember to secure your mailboxes to the post and make sure your post is sturdy for snowplow season. Remember, we are not responsible for mailboxes knocked down by the snow coming off the plow. Remember property owners AND contractors - please do NOT plow across the roads and do not pile snow in the cul-de-sacs.



Township Fiscal Officer's Report

The Geauga County Auditor's office conducts the budget hearings in mid-August for the entire county. The Geauga County Budget Committee is a group of three persons; The Geauga County Treasurer, Auditor and Prosecutor. This year Hambden Township was represented by Trustee Keith McClintock and me. I am happy to report that the township's 2022 budget was unanimously approved.



No one does more to lower your utility bills."

With costs constantly increasing we are always looking for ways to reduce the expenses incurred by the township. Recently the NOPEC Relationship Manager was able to review our electricity costs and found a lower cost supplier. The new energy supplier is able to reduce our current kwh cost by approximately 23%. At the August 4th Trustee's Meeting the board approved a new 3-year contract with Nextera Energy and the savings should begin in October.

Another savings is again with the assistance of NOPEC. The Township Trustees have approved the purchase of a new electronic LED sign for in front of the town hall. The majority of the cost for the sign will be reimbursed by funds from a NOPEC Energy grant.

– Mike Romans (Fiscal Officer)

From the Desk of Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand



As we started the new year some things are back to "normal." We are back to in person training and most of the training facilities have opened back up. There were several conferences and schools that we have again been able to attend. We still continue to clean and disinfect our equipment and the Fire Station.

We were able to participate in an abbreviated Memorial Day ceremony, but were disappointed we couldn't serve our pancake breakfast. We were able to provide rib dinners on Mother's Day as this has always been a takeout fundraiser.

We are planning our two Clam/Steak bakes this year after canceling them last year for the first time in over 50 years. Hope to see you there September 18 and October 16. Call the fire station for tickets.

It does not appear we will be selling Christmas Trees this year as we are unable to get the trees.

You will see on the ballot this year the Renewal with an increase of a 1 mill Fire and EMS levy that was a 2011 levy. We are asking that the levy be renewed as a 1.5 mill levy due to increased costs of operation over the last 10 years. This increase will cost the property owner \$17.50 per \$100K in assessed value. The additional money will enable us to

continue serving the community and deal with the increased cost of fuel and other equipment. We are waiting to hear about two other smaller equipment grants that we have applied for.

And on a closing note, don't forget to clean your chimney before the cold weather comes.

Your Fire Department

We are very excited to report that the Hambden Fire Department was awarded a Safer Grant from the Federal government for radios. We applied for the grant last year with 5 other fire departments from Geauga, Lake and Cuyahoga counties. This grant will replace all radios in the vehicles and all portable radios.

The total grant award was almost \$1 million dollars with Hambden's share just over \$100,000. We were able to replace all of our radios, some that were 20 years old, at a cost to the Township of just over \$10,000. This will improve our communications capabilities dramatically.

We have three new probationary members that recently graduated from the Firefighter course at Auburn Career Center. Probationary Firefighter Corsaro and Probationary Firefighter Schneider were both awarded valedictorian in their respective academies. Probationary Firefighter Knack also graduated from the academy class. They are all three already Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT's). Please welcome them to Hambden Fire Department if you see them.

We continue to have a very active explorer group of kids age 14 to 18. Many of these kids go on to become Firefighters.

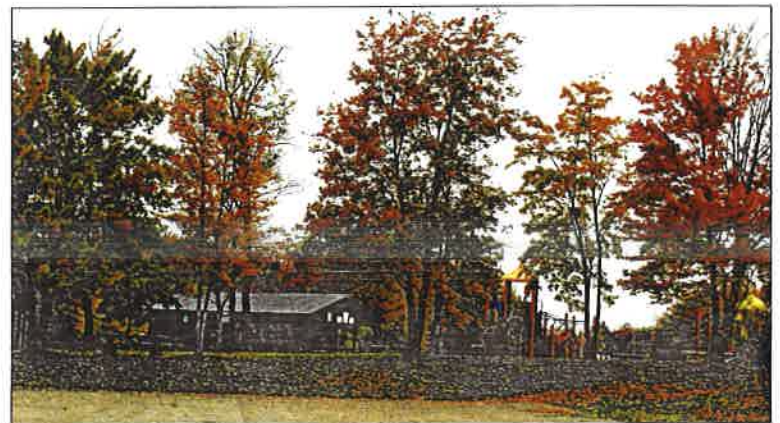
We have a very active Facebook page that you can follow for news.

Hambden Park News

The first phase of the newly constructed water detention basin in the park has been completed. In the past, after a heavy rain, the lower parking lot flooded and had standing water. The basin is now handling the run-off from current rains handily. When completed the basin will be the key focal point when entering the park. The Park and Recreation Board is working with a landscape designer to create a low maintenance landscape which will incorporate native plants, decorative grasses, trees and shrubs. There will also be a barrier between the basin and parking lot to keep vehicles from accidentally entering the basin.

If you drove by the park during the baseball season it was evident there was a lot of activity.

Hambden baseball is part of the Chardon Baseball League and Hambden fields are used for practice and league games. The Chardon Baseball League maintains the fields. A traveling baseball team coached by Hambden's Joe Gigliotti also uses a field for practice and league games. This is the 5th year for the traveling team and Joe said he enjoys keeping baseball in the community.



Park and Recreation Board is still seeking resident volunteers to serve on the Board. Board meets once a month April-November. Residents who are interested in enhancing the future growth of Hambden Park are asked to send a letter of intent to the township office.

Pavilion Reservation forms are available on the township website or by calling 440-286-4364, ext. 7. Visit the new and improved Hambden Township website for more information on Hambden Park amenities.

Contact us at hambden@hambdentownship.com.

SMALL BUSINESS Spotlight

By Rose Nemunaitis



When you live in beautiful Hambden Township, Redigo Food Mart and neighboring Hambden Corners - in the heart of Hambden - are no doubt familiar, favorite and welcoming convenient stops. In addition, so are their popular and friendly owners Mike and his wife, Yesha Patel.

Mike began working at age 14 in the convenient store business. He continued to work hard, fulfilling his dreams and at age 32, he has become a successful business owner and community member. He opened his first business - the Redigo Food Mart location in Hambden seven years ago.

After a successful business with Redigo, Mike purchased Hambden Corners last February 2020 right before the onset of the pandemic. "Hambden Township has given me a lot of love and support," Mike said. "I must say this is the best town to live and own a business because of all the love and support that we have received from our customers, the Hambden Township members and our great Hambden Fire Department members. This community has made us feel like family."



The current and former owners of Hambden Corners

Patel said both stations are designed to be a little different, as Hambden Corners is more designed for a quick in and out for customers that need something basic, while Redigo is more designed as a mini grocery store - which he has tried to get everything that Hambden residents would need with a wide variety of beer, wine and basic grocery needs, which would save shoppers a trip to Chardon.

"I have heard that from a lot of our customers, and if we don't have it we try our best to get it for them," Mike said. "Thanks to our town and the people that live here and support of our little stores, we have been really able to survive the pandemic and were able to keep ourselves and our employees working, while millions of others were left without a job, we have been able to safely continue business throughout the whole pandemic."

He added, "I would really like to say thank you to all the residents of Hambden and the surrounding towns that have helped us to grow to where we are now, and for the continuous support that we have received from everyone, and hope we can still continue the same level of services that we provide and continue to improve."

From the Zoning Office

One of the most common questions I receive is about the process required to obtain a zoning permit. For common projects, a pole barn for example, two permits are required.

The first stop you'll make is to the zoning office where your application is reviewed to ensure the structure is permitted and of appropriate size and location. This process generally takes 7-10 days depending on the time of year and complexity of the situation.

The next step would be to visit the county building

department. First, they'll confirm that your structure has been approved at the township level. Then the specifics of the actual building will be reviewed to ensure everything meets their requirements.

If a new home is being built, the zoning office is still a good place to start but several other county-level office permits will be needed. The health department, soil & water and engineers office will review and provide approvals that will be required to finalize the zoning permit. Please feel free to contact the office with any questions.

- Richard "RJ" Acquaviva

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Meeting Dates at the Township Hall

Trustees:

First & Third Wednesday of the Month
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission:

First Tuesday of the Month
6:30 p.m.

JOB POSTING

If you have a CDL Class B or A (A is preferred) and you're interested in applying for a full-time job as a Road Department Employee, please stop by the town hall and get an application (on the door).

This job requires a high school diploma or equivalent, must have the ability to operate equipment such as a backhoe, mini-excavator, roller, tractors, mowers etc. This position involves manual labor, lifting, bending, walking on uneven surfaces, and in all types of weather. You must be willing to work odd or extended hours based on need.

Tasks include but not limited to; mowing, ditching, cemetery work, road patching, crack sealing, tree work, snow plowing, equipment repair, welding, and building/grounds maintenance. Experience plowing snow commercially a plus.

Must be able to pass a background test, pre-employment drug/alcohol screen, and random alcohol/drug screens.

Pay Range \$18-20/hour (depending on experience) plus benefits.

