



Hambden HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2023

Spring Trash Day

Spring Trash Day will take place on April 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Hambden Township Park.

Trash Day process remains the same: Please stay inside your vehicle, have ID ready (Hambden residents only), soft-sided furniture and mattresses must be wrapped (no exceptions!), no liquid paints or hazardous materials, no fluorescent bulbs. Tires are accepted at the Spring Trash Day only, up to 8 size LT of smaller tires without rims accepted. Please visit our website for full Trash Day Guidelines.

We will NOT have paper shredding services available this year. There will be a Community Shred Event hosted by Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District on April 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at 12685 Merritt Road, Chardon.



Road Department Update

This year Hambden Township will be working with the Geauga County Engineer's Office on resurfacing Williams Road and Taylor-Wells Road. The Road Department has spent time over the last year completing tree work, ditching and culvert work in preparation for these two projects.

If you are planning to enclose your roadside ditch on a township road, you must obtain a ditch enclosure permit through the township. Permit applications can be picked up at the town hall or printed off of the township webpage.

The road department has been having issues this year with leaves plugging up driveway pipes and culverts. Do your part to help and please do not blow leaves and debris into the roadside ditches.

-Steve Wolcott, Road Superintendent

NOPEC Funding

Hambden Town Hall has had an LED lighting upgrade thanks to NOPEC. The new lights will save the township money on the electric bill while providing better lighting inside the building. NOPEC has awarded Energized Community Grants for the past several years.



In the past, Hambden has used the funds for new windows in the old town hall, the new lighted sign in front of the town hall building, upgrading the fans and lights in the road garage, and upgrading the streetlights to LED fixtures.

We just received notification that Hambden Township has been awarded the Energized Community grant again for 2023 in the amount of \$9,350. The Board of Trustees will be discussing the best energy saving project for the use of this money.



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From the Desk of Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand



Hope everyone had a great holiday season. The Hambden Fire Department ended the year 2022 with a record number of calls (967) which is a 12.5% increase from the previous year. As you can see our Firefighter/EMT/Paramedics were very busy. We always enjoy our public education and fundraisers where we have the opportunity to welcome the public into the station and meet with many of you. We are blessed with the amount of dedicated professional members.

We did ramp up our fire prevention efforts in 2022, conducting 44 fire inspections and 33 re-inspections to help our local businesses. I am very happy that our residents have been great about keeping their Chimney's cleaned and inspected. Your Firefighters continue to attend training and schools to ensure we are current on the latest trends and ideas. We have always had great support from the community. We did order a replacement ambulance, but it will not be delivered until 2024. Due to the supply chain delays we had to order this ambulance now.

I would like to thank the residents and our Township Trustees for their continued support as we are proud to serve Hambden Township. We look forward to seeing you in 2023 and we will continue to be active at Township events.

I will add that if you are curious about what going on

when you hear sirens you can download an app called "PulsePoint." You can set up this app to monitor Hambden calls or calls all over the county. It is a free app and you can set it up to only alert to certain calls or all calls.

You can also sign up at the Sheriff's website to get emergency text messages should there be an emergency in any Township or just Hambden.

I Hope everyone has a great 2023.

Your Fire Department

We have always been very proactive passing out FREE smoke detectors, but in 2022 we started a new program for a safer tomorrow. We received smoke detectors from a Township grant with support of the Township Trustees, from Van Boxel Surplus and Chardon Home Depot. Throughout the year we will be traveling the Township and knocking on doors to ensure you have working smoke detectors - and if not, we will give you some. You should have, at a minimum, one on every floor. If you are not home we will leave a door hanger with instructions to call the station if you need a smoke detector. We will also help you install them if needed. Everyone needs to be protected.

In 2022 your Firefighters responded to 443 EMS calls, treated 462 Patients, and transported 339 people. We transported people to Geauga, Tri Point, Hillcrest, Lake West and Geneva. If you need a rescue squad, please do not hesitate to call us.

Of our 967 responses, 596 were EMS calls and 371 were fire related calls. Our busiest month was December in 2022. A complete 2022 Annual Report will be available soon. We do plan on another Citizen Fire Academy this year, watch for the notice. Follow us on our Facebook page and Website.





Cold Nose Companions Dog Training

By Rose Nemunaitis

As many as 1,000 dogs each year and their owners walk through the doors of Cold Nose Companions Dog Training. The Hambden Township business on GAR Highway has become a howling success and owner Christine Good could not be happier.

Her predecessor, Carol Peter, founded the business in 2009. "Peter lived in Chardon for a long time when she noticed the need for a dog training service that taught without the use of force or aversive tools," Good said. "She started with one-on-one sessions but noticed very quickly that more was needed." A couple years later she had grown the business and needed to expand even further and moved into the facility at its current location close to King Kone.

Peter hired another trainer and as the business and reputation grew, more and more trainers, including Good, joined the ranks. In 2021 Peter retired, and has since moved to Colorado, and Good took over the business that August.

"Yes, it certainly is a dream come true," Good said. "I was very intimidated by the idea of owning my own business, but it was either rising to the challenge or losing the job I love. I am so glad the opportunity presented itself and I was able to take it. I love being in a position to do what I love, reaching so many families, and giving back to the community."

Today, Cold Nose Companions employs 8 passionate and compassionate part-time trainers running 25 classes and countless private sessions throughout the week.

Good realizes how happy she is to have her business located in Hambden.

"It's a small community, but it's full of great people."



From the Zoning Office

MAKE THE ZONING OFFICE YOUR FIRST CALL

If you have plans to put up a new building, add onto an existing one or even put in a pool, make the zoning office part of your initial plan. I can provide you or your contractor with a list of requirements that will help with placement, sizing and any other requirements necessary to get a permit approved. Too often I get calls days (or even hours) before a project is set to begin. Too often these plans have issues that require substantial changes, or worse, a variance to move forward. I will work with residents from the conceptual to final planning stage. Confirming zoning requirements is an easy process that can save you time and money.

– Richard (RJ) Acquaviva, Zoning Inspector

Hambden Township Calendar of Events

April 9: Hambden Fire Department
Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Township Park

April 29: Spring Trash Day

May 29: Memorial Day Parade

Fiscal Officer's Report

Hambden Township receives a portion of the tax money collected from the Permissive Tax every time a resident renews their vehicle registration. There is a potential problem with the township not receiving the money due to Hambden having Chardon mailing addresses. To help insure that Hambden Township receives the tax dollars for which it is entitled, please ask during the renewal process if Hambden and not Chardon is receiving the revenue.

What is the Permissive Tax?

Vehicle registration permissive tax is an optional tax that can be levied by counties and/or taxing districts on vehicle registrations. It is used for planning, constructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing public roads, highways, and streets; maintaining and repairing bridges; paying the county's portion of the costs and expenses of cooperating with the department of transportation in the planning, improvement, and construction of state highways; paying the county's portion of the compensation, damages, cost, and expenses of planning, constructing, reconstructing, improving, maintaining, and repairing roads.

–Mike Romans, Fiscal Officer

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Meeting Dates at the Township Hall
Trustees:
First & Third Wednesday of the Month
6:30 p.m.

Zoning Commission:
First Monday of the Month
6:00 p.m.

Hambden Resident



The detention basin in the front of the park will have a fresh look this spring with the landscaping and plantings that were added last fall. Rocks and out-cropping materials were also added to the perimeter of the basin as a further safety measure. The Park and Recreation Board would like to add a pollinator garden and benches to the area and has applied for a grant through the Foundation for Geauga Parks.

The most used piece of play equipment in the park, the Wood Jungle Gym with attached slides, has been enjoyed by many park users for the last 37 years. The high sloping slides are a big attraction to children of all ages. Unfortunately, the footers that support the structure have deteriorated and other adjoining pieces need to be replaced. The Park and Recreation Board wanted to reuse the metal slides and has been looking for a company that could design a structure incorporating the slides. After contacting various playground equipment companies, a Chardon resident from

Playground Equipment Services answered the call and has been working with board members on the project. The current wood structure will be removed so that the site can be prepared for future installation.

Mark your calendars: The Township Community picnic will be held on Aug. 13 from 1-5 p.m. in the park. The picnic is a wonderful way for residents, family, and friends to come together while enjoying great food, music and fun. The auction that is held at the end of the day always draws a crowd. Donations from local business and residents help make the picnic a yearly success. The picnic committee welcomes residents' participation on planning events of the day. Further information can be obtained by contacting Trustee Pam Carson pcarson@hambdentownship.com.



Park pavilion reservations for this year begin on April 15th. Reservation forms are available on the township website hambden@hambdentownship.com or by calling 440-286-4346 Extension 7.

-Joyce Edelinsky, Park Board Chair