



Hambden HIGHLIGHTS

Summer 2022



Above: Thank you to the Swingin' Hams 4-H Club for the flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day



Memorial Day in Hambden Township
Top right: Parade Marshall - former Trustee Scott Yamamoto
Bottom right: featured speaker - Denise Kaminski



Find us on 

As another channel of communicating with Hambden Township residents, we have created a Facebook page: Hambden Township, Geauga County. @hambdentownshipgeauga

We will feature Hambden Township news, community events, feature stories about interesting happenings around town, some throwback history, local business features and more! If you'd like us to consider content for posting, please contact pcarson@hambdentownship.com !

From the Desk of Fire Chief Scott Hildenbrand



The July Citizen Fire Academy session included important fire extinguishing techniques and practice using a fire extinguisher.

We were forced to cancel our annual Mother's Day Rib Dinner due to cost increases. The cost of the ribs and supplies more than doubled from last year. Although we enjoy seeing our neighbors and cooking ribs for your dinner, we did not feel we could or should double the price of each dinner. Hopefully, we can get back to normal next year. We were happy that we could participate in the Memorial Day remembrance. The full parade with Scott Yamamoto as our parade marshal and Denise Kaminski as our speaker topped of this year's event. Many of you came to the Fire Station for pancakes, French toast and sausage and fellowship. We thank you all and hope you had a great day.

I hope everyone has a great summer. If you leave for vacation let your neighbors know so they can keep an eye on your home. Unplug anything that doesn't need to be plugged in while you are gone. This will reduce the chance that something could go wrong if there happens to be a power surge or thunder storm. These things won't be affected and you can save money on your electric bill. Remember to lock your house, garage and cars. I hope everyone has a safe summer.

Your Fire Department

We resumed our Citizens Fire Academy this year. We have a small class, but the attendees are learning a lot about a Fire Fighters job and all involved. We welcomed our newest Township Trustee Pam Carson to the class that helps her understand all the Fire Department does.

We responded on a record number of calls in May, responding to 95 calls. This is the highest number of calls

responded to in one month in our department's history. Each year our total calls have continued to increase. We also want to congratulate your own Captain David Baird who earned his associate degree in Fire Science. We congratulate Firefighter/EMT John Bitonti on his retirement after 12+ years of dedicated service to Hambden Fire Department. You may still see him at fundraisers as he has elected to stay on as an honorary member.

We made some improvements to our equipment recently. We added a small lift, winch, and light to our Jeep used for grass fires. We were also able to replace the computers in the vehicles. The new computers are faster and have a larger screen. We use these computers for call information, record our times, mapping to emergency locations and premise information, and much more. As a reminder we have lock boxes available for seniors free of charge for your home. A key to your home is locked in the box on the outside of your home that only the Fire Department can gain entry to - should you not be able to get to the door to let us in. Just call the station for details. We also will give you smoke detectors for your home. There should be no home in Hambden without working smoke detectors. Follow us on Facebook and see what your fire department is doing every day.

Township Fiscal Officer's Report

Every year each township in Geauga County meets with the Geauga County Budget Commission in mid-August. The purpose is to discuss and approve the following year's budget. Each township is allocated a 15-minute time slot.

Hambden Township's 2023 Bud-

get will be available for public viewing prior to the August meeting and a legal notice will be published in the Geauga County Maple Leaf.

The Township budget planning process involves receiving input from all department heads and must be reviewed and approved by

the Board of Trustee prior to being submitted to the County Auditor's office.

By submitting the Budget prior to the listed due date, the Auditor's office has time to review it and ask for revisions if needed.

—Mike Romans, Fiscal Officer



Hambden Park News

Mark your calendar for July 30th Movie Night in the park. Bring your lawn chair or blanket, join family and friends, for the movie "Raya and the Last Dragon." The movie screen set up is at 8:30, and the movie starts around 9:00.

"Raya and the Last Dragon" depicts a warrior princess who seeks out the fabled last dragon, with hopes of restoring the dragon gem that would bring back her father and banish the evil spirits known as the Druun from the land of Kumandra. We hope to see you and your family on movie night.



The Hambden Community Picnic will be held on August 14th. Join Hambden residents for a fun filled day of music, kids' entertainment, good food, and last but not least, the "Chinese Auction." Picnic Day events are from 1-5. We welcome residents who would like to help with picnic day to contact the township office for further information.

Park Board welcomes recently appointed members Jim Petkosek, John Janor and Steven Marks. Jim resides on GAR Highway with his wife Linda who has been a park board member since 2010. Jim can be seen, almost

on a daily basis, in the park walking his dogs and says that the park has become a social event for him since he retired. He says whether he is walking the dogs, watching baseball, or playing on the playground with his grandchildren, he always meets someone new or run into an old friend. Jim commented that Hambden Park is a beautiful park, enjoyed by many, and he wants to be a part of making that happen by becoming a member of the board and giving a little back to the community.

John and his family reside on Holi Dale Drive. John said he was excited about the opportunity to be on the Hambden Township Park Board. His family has always enjoyed the park and its amenities and he was looking forward to help maintain and enhance the park for current and future residents.



Steven and his wife reside on Bates Creek Dr. Steven said his grandkids are frequent users of the park and he has seen first-hand how our park brings the community together. He is excited to serve on the Park Board, to

help promote this flagship resource of Hambden Township, and find new and exciting ways that the park can serve the community in the future.

Residents who would like to reserve a pavilion in the park can do so by calling 440-286-4364 Ext. 7 - or download a reservation form on the township website: twww.hambdentownship.com

-Joyce Edelinski, Park Board chair

Summertime Hot Topics with Zoning

Residential pools, whether they're in-ground or above, require a zoning permit and an electrical permit from the County Building Department. Small, inflatable pools meant for kids, are temporary and do not require a permit. Pools are almost always located off the rear of the home and as a result the required setbacks are seldomly an issue. For safety reasons, in-ground pools do require a four-foot tall perimeter fence with a latching gate.

Garage sales which are infrequent and of a short duration do not require permits. Signs advertising the sales should never be placed on telephone/utility poles. If a small sign is placed at an intersection, please ensure it is secure, outside of the road right-of-way, and promptly removed when the sale is over. Feel free to contact the zoning office with any questions.

- Richard (RJ) Acquaviva, Zoning Inspector



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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



Road Work Update

This spring the Hambden Township Road Department was able to complete a considerable amount of crack sealing throughout the township. Crack sealing is a good preventative measure/practice to keep moisture from entering the road base – which adds to the longevity of our roads.

Later this summer, the Road Department crew is planning on closing Williams Road for a short period as to replace three needed cross-over culverts in preparation for resurfacing of Williams Road in 2023. Taylor-Wells Road will also be resurfaced in 2023 in partnership and coordination with Claridon Township.

Hambden Township Trustees have dedicated the American Rescue Protection Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the Township to supplement the Road Department budget for the maintenance of Township roads. The

funds have allowed the township to cover the rapidly increasing costs of road projects due to increased gas prices and inflation.

If anyone that lives on a township road has a drive culvert in need of replacement (either no longer functioning or in poor condition), the Township will replace the culvert if you purchase the correctly sized pipe. Please reach out to Steve Wolcott, Road Superintendent, to discuss and to fill out the appropriate paperwork.

You may also recognize a few new faces on our Road Crew. Steve Wolcott was promoted to Road Superintendent upon the retirement of David Heald. In addition, two new full time road employees were hired - Bob Hall and Tim Bowling. We would like to congratulate both David Heald and Dan Brazis on their retirements and many years of dedicated service to Hambden Township!