



37 YEARS IN A ROW: NO TAX INCREASE

With development continuing and new businesses bringing jobs to Hampden, Township revenue is projected to increase slightly in 2014, and Township Commissioners have, for the 37th straight year, adopted a budget that holds the line on the real estate tax. Other taxes also remain unchanged from 2013.

Township property owners continue to have one of the lowest real estate tax millage rates, 0.156, in the state.

Commissioners approved a 2014 General Fund operating budget of \$13,986,930, which ensures a balanced budget and provides funding for Capital Improvement projects and purchases.

The Capital Improvement budget will finance road resurfacing work, the purchase of new vehicles and equipment, building improvements and other infrastructure work.

Commissioners said the budget reflects necessary expenditures and realistic estimates for revenue. They said the budget will allow staff to meet the needs of residents

and property owners and maximize the variety of services available to them.

The major revenue source in 2014 will again be the earned income tax, which is expected to generate \$4,700,000. Other major revenue sources are the Local Services Tax, \$800,000; the Real Estate Transfer tax, \$750,000; and the Real Estate tax, \$530,000. The Local Services Tax is used to help offset the expense associated with essential emergency and municipal services.

Major expenditures include \$4,661,530 for police, fire and emergency services; \$2,878,655 for the Public Works Department; \$1,086,755 for Administration; \$464,920 for Recreation; and \$476,055 for Community Development.

The budgets for Armitage Golf Club and Hampden Pool are \$1,535,070 and \$558,435, respectively. Armitage and Hampden Pool are funded by user fees, not tax dollars.

Rates at Armitage and the pool will remain unchanged for 2014, with one exception: Golfers 50 years of age and over will pay a reduced weekday rate after 11 a.m. (See related article on page 3.)

Holiday Trash Collection

Trash and recyclables will be collected on the normal schedule on Dec. 23 and 24 and Dec. 30 and 31. Because Christmas and New Year's Day are on a Wednesday trash/recyclables will be collected a day late the rest of those weeks. They will be collected on the normal schedule on Jan. 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Residents are asked to place their trash and recyclables containers or totes on or behind the curb before 6:30 a.m. the day of their trash collection, but no earlier than 6 p.m. the night before, to ensure it will be picked up.

Place Wood Ashes Outside of Home

To prevent the possibility of fires in a garage or home, residents who have wood-burning stoves or fireplaces are asked to store ashes in a metal container that is placed outside and a safe distance from the home, until it is picked up.





FIRST CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATES – The Township Police Department’s first Citizens Police Academy ended in November, with the following graduates: Back row, left to right, Kathleen Smith, Jim Pinti, Brandon Fowler, Kevin Herman, Sean Carroll, Christiaan Merkel, Joe Sowa, Michael Thomas and John Gaspich. Center row: left to right, H. “Ted” Kelley, Sue Pinti, Terry McNemar, Laura Lee Lukunich, Neil Klinger and Marie Sowa. Front row: left to right, Lisa Barneycastle and Adam Williams. Police Commissioner Al Bienstock is at right.

Prepare Mailboxes for Winter

Mailboxes can be damaged by snow thrown from snow plows unless they are prepared for winter. If a mailbox is damaged by snow and ice thrown by the plow the repairs for the damage is the responsibility of the resident.

Here are some tips on how you can reduce mailbox damage:

- ♦ Place a 6-to-8-inch piece of reflective tape on the mailbox to help snow plow operators see it at night.
- ♦ Remove snow from around the mailbox but do not throw it back onto the road.
- ♦ Consider repositioning the mailbox slightly off the road Gail Stoner but still within reach of the postal carrier.
- ♦ Consider the installation of a cantilevered mailbox support that will swing a mailbox out of harm’s way (free plans are available on PennDOT’s website, www.dot.state.pa.us).

Contact the Post Office for more information on how to correctly position a mailbox.



Recycling News:
Did You Know...

You can recycle magazines, phone books, catalogs, envelopes and junk mail?

Keep Backboard Off Curblines

The Township is reminding residents who have portable basketball backboards to roll them back from the curb or edge of the street when they are not in use.

The backboards can interfere with street sweeping, leaf collection and snow plowing. Residents who may have questions can call the Township Building at 761-0119.

Find Your Name

The name of a Township resident, selected randomly from computer account records, is “hidden” out of context somewhere in this newsletter. Find your name and we will treat you to a gift certificate to the Caddy Shack Restaurant or, if you are a golfer, a free round of golf at the resident rate at Armitage (cart excluded; also, must have resident ID). If you find your name, claim the reward by calling the Township office at 761-0119 by Dec. 16.

Tax Collector Hours

Michael Langan, the Township’s Treasurer/Tax Collector, has announced the tax office in the Township Building will be open the following hours:

December

- ♦ Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- ♦ Closed Dec. 25 to Jan. 2

For additional information, call 737-4822.

South Central Task Force, Hampden Provide E-Mail Alerts

The South Central Task Force has a mass public notification system that allows emergency responders to notify the public about urgent situations.

Hampden has been providing its residents with emergency e-mail alert service for more than a year.

Township residents who sign up for emergency alert e-mail service are kept up to date on road closures, flooding conditions, water advisories, power outages and other emergency situations.

The voluntary notification system is available to any resident. Just go to the Township website, www.hampdentownship.us, and provide your e-mail address on the link provided. More than one address can be submitted. No other information is required.

The South Central system allows the public to list up to five locations they want to be notified about in times of need. The public can also list up to 10 different methods to be notified of alerts, such as cell phones, home phones, work phones, text messaging, e-mail, etc.

The public can sign up for the South Central Task Force emergency alert service at www.sctfpa.org/sc-alert.php.

The Hampden and South Central e-mail addresses are maintained in a confidential database that is used exclusively for emergency alert situations. Addresses are not disseminated to anyone, and residents have the option of removing their address at any time.

One Senior Golfer Rate Reduced at Armitage

Township Commissioners will retain the same rate structure at Armitage Golf Club in 2014, except for one senior rate.

Golfers 50 years of age and over will pay \$2 less to ride and \$1 less to walk after 11 a.m. on weekdays. The new after 11 rate is \$22 to ride and \$16 to walk (residents receive a \$2 discount).

Township residents still will receive a \$4 discount on regular-priced greens fees and \$1 off weekend/holiday cart fees from March 1 to Nov. 30 with a Township ID card.

Golf Pro Scott Houseal said despite some inclement weather approximately 42,000 rounds are projected for the 2013 golfing season. Armitage was again voted "Simply the Best" public course in 2013 by Harrisburg Magazine and is the busiest course in the Harrisburg region.

Commissioners said improvements to the course in 2013 included the addition of 15 new golf carts, a major drainage project between holes 1 and 2 and the purchase of other maintenance equipment.

'Operation Ho-Ho'

The Township's Volunteer Fire Company will again sponsor its annual "Operation Ho-Ho" in December, in a format similar to previous years.

Santa will appear at a series of stops in specific neighborhoods and areas of the Township. Additionally, some neighborhoods have chosen to schedule parties at a specific home where Santa can spend more time interacting with children.

Residents should consult the Fire Company's website, www.hampdenfire.com, or the Township website, www.hampdentownship.us for more information on times and stops.



Armitage Golf Club

Gift Certificates Available for the Holidays



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GOLF SHOP OPEN DAILY

WINTER RATES

DECEMBER/FEBRUARY

WEEKDAYS

18 Holes Walking - \$15 * Riding - \$20

9 Holes Walking - \$10 * Riding - \$14

Senior Walkers - \$13 * Riding - \$18

WEEKENDS/HOLIDAYS

18 Holes Walking - \$18 * Riding - \$23

9 Holes Walking - \$11 * Riding - \$15

BOOK YOUR GROUP OR BUSINESS OUTING NOW FOR 2014!

Call 737-5344 for Tee Times/Golf Outings or

Book online at www.armitagegolfclub.com

Youth/Teen Programs

Santa's Workshop with Mrs. Claus's Kitchen

It's that time of year again! During this one-day workshop students in grades K-5 will create homemade gifts for family and friends and will visit the kitchen to create (and eat) yummy seasonal treats. Students will be provided a pizza lunch and a drink. Santa will visit from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Register early because space is limited. The workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Good Hope Station Community Room. The cost is \$40. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11776)

Mommy & Me Yoga

This class is for youngsters 3 to 9 with a Mommy or other favorite grownup. Join us for these yoga classes emphasizing interactive poses for kids and adults to do together. No yoga experience is required. Registration for the series is by child. Yoga will be held from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Mondays in the Recreation Building Activity Room. Bring a mat or towel. The class will be held from Jan. 20 to Feb. 24 (Code 11860).

Tweens – Ages 8-12

This high-energy class will teach the basics of Tae Kwon Do, including blocks, kicks and strikes. Also, students will learn kata's or forms and practical self-defense techniques. This age group will be held to a higher level of discipline and control while integrating a quiet confidence. The Tween class will be held from 5:35 to 6:20 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, in the Recreation Building Community Room. The cost is \$75. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11857)

Zumbatonic

This is a high energy fitness party with kid friendly routines and music they will love, including hip hop, raggaeton, cumbia, merrenque, salsa and more. The class is for children 6 to 12 years of age and will be held from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 to Feb. 13, in the Sporting Hill Station Training Room. The cost is \$40. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11703)

Judo for Youth

This course is for children ages 9 to 16 of all levels of ability. It will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 15 to March 5, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$50. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11803)

Happy Pandas

Enjoy an interactive class with your two-year-old. You will learn socializing skills using martial arts, yoga, gymnastics, games and music. Animal cards will be used to encourage self-reflection and creativity. The program will be held from 5:30 to 6 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16 to Feb. 20, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$75. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11695)

Daring Dragons

This program for three and four year olds will teach them self-reliance, cooperation and responsibility. Classes will include martial arts, yoga, games and animal cards. They will be held from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 16 to Feb. 20, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$75. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11696)

The Powers Within

This program uses a higher level of martial arts techniques to sharpen the discipline, focus and control skills of youngsters 5 to 7 years old. The program will be held from 5 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays,

Jan. 14 to Feb. 18, in the Recreation Building Community Room. The cost is \$75. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11694)

Adults

NEW! Tween Through Adult Yoga

This yoga experience integrates traditional yoga poses, flowing sequences, breathing exercises, deep relaxation and meditation techniques, as well as self-reflection. Classes will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 22 to Feb. 26, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$45. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11864)

Zumba

Zumba, one of the fastest growing dance-based fitness crazes, uses easy-to-follow dance movements and incorporates salsa, merenque, cumbia, reggaeton, samba, hip hop and disco. No dance experience is necessary. Classes will be held from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, at Sporting Hill Station. The cost is \$45. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11772)

NEW!! Zumba Toning

Zumba Toning takes the original Zumba dance/fitness class to the next level. It uses innovative muscle training and the addition of light weight toning sticks for a safe yet effective toning workout. Classes will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, in the Recreation Building Community Room. The cost is \$45. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 12152)

Yoga for Beginners

This beginning yoga class is for everyone and every body. Yoga will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, Mondays and Fridays, Jan. 6 to March 14, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$100. Residents receive a \$5 discount. The instructor will be Julie Williams. (Code 11791)

Tai Chi

This popular course will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Thursdays, Jan. 9 to May 15 (no class Jan. 23, Feb. 20, March 27, April 17) in the Recreation Building Activity Room as one group for all levels. The cost is \$105. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11763)

Thigh & Booty Blast NEW!

This class will train the three major gluteal muscles to give you tight, toned thighs. Classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mondays, Jan. 6 to Feb. 24, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$95. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11798)

Pilates

This is a gentle but highly effective method to work your core and sculpt long, lean muscles. It is suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Classes will be held from 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 20, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$70. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11784)

NEW!! Tabata HIIT

High Intensity Interval Training is what it's all about in the fitness industry. Get in, get fit and get on your way. Each class will consist of various exercises. Please bring water and an exercise mat. Lower impact options will be offered for this intense 45-minute class for anyone 16 years of age or older. Classes will be held from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Saturdays, Jan. 11 to Feb. 22, in the Recreation Building Activity Room. The cost is \$85. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11761)

RECREATION

Fly Tying: Effective Modern Trout Flies

This four-week course will focus on standard tying techniques and will include instruction, demonstration and hands-on assistance. All equipment and materials are provided. The flies you tie are yours to keep. Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Mondays, Feb. 3 to 24, in the Recreation Building Conference Room. The cost is \$50. Residents receive a \$5 discount. (Code 11872)

Public Safety

BLS for the Healthcare Provider

This course will cover core material such as adult and pediatric CPR, foreign body airway obstruction and automated external defibrillation. It is for healthcare providers such as EMS personnel, physician assistants, doctors, dentists and nurses who must have a credential documenting successful completion of a CPR course. The class will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, in the Recreation Building Preschool Room. The cost is \$113. Residents receive a \$2 discount. (Code 11743)

Heartsaver CPR and AED Training

Participants will learn adult, infant and child CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) administration in this American Heart Association Course. The class will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 9 in the Recreation Building Preschool Room. The minimum age is 11. The cost is \$75. Residents receive a \$2 discount. Participants will receive a Heartsaver CPR book and a certification card. (Code 11735)

***(Please visit our website,
<http://rec.hampdentownship.us>
for a full list of our programs)***

SOCCER SHOTS

- Saturdays – Jan. 12 – March 2
- Tuesdays, Jan. 15 – March 5

KINDER TOTS

- Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10
- Wednesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12

KINDER GYM

- Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10

KINDER DANCE

- Mondays, Jan. 6-Feb. 10
- Wednesdays, Jan. 8-Feb. 12

8-Week Fitness Weight Loss Clinic
A New Year & A Healthy "Slimmer" You
Jan. 5 and Jan. 19

Healthy Meal Planning YOUR Way
Feb. 9

**Also, Bellyfit, Country Line Dancing,
Ballroom Dance Sampler
Intermediate Ballroom Sampler,
Belly Dancing**



SNOW POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, the Recreation Department will use the following guidelines: If the Cumberland Valley School District has a morning delay, all morning recreation programs will be canceled. Program participants may also call the Department's weather cancellation line at 761-4951 to hear a recorded message on the cancellation of programs.

Trips

If you need an accommodation, please notify the Recreation Department at the time of registration and no less than 60 days before departure so that every effort can be made to make the accommodation.

Philadelphia Flower Show – March 1

The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the Hampden Pool parking lot on Saturday, March 1 and will leave at 6 p.m. from Philadelphia. Once the bus arrives at the show, everyone is on their own to enjoy the stunning gardens. The cost is \$67 per person, and \$10 is non-refundable. (Code 12062)

New York City – Do Your Own Thing – March 15

This "Do Your Own Thing" trip is scheduled for March 15. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. from the Hampden Pool parking lot and depart New York City at 7 p.m. The cost is \$58 a person, with \$10 non-refundable. (Code 11875)

*****EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED*****

Black-Eyed Susan Murder Mystery Cruise/Inner Harbor – Oct. 18, 2014

Board the Black-Eyed Susan for a suspenseful murder mystery while enjoying a three-course meal. You will also have the opportunity to win a free cruise for two. The bus will leave the Hampden Pool parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to board the cruise at 11:45. After the cruise, we will depart to Inner Harbor for the remaining afternoon. The bus will leave at 7 p.m. for Hampden. The cost is \$115 per person, with a \$25 per person non-refundable deposit due at time of registration. The balance is due one month before the trip. (Code 12155)

CV Musical Scheduled

Cumberland Valley High School will present the Stephen Schwartz musical, "Children of Eden," from April 9 to 12, starting at 7:30 p.m., and on April 13, at 2 p.m., in the school's Performing Arts Center.

Tickets will be available beginning Jan. 27 by calling 506-3936. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and senior residents.

TOWNSHIP CALENDAR

■ DECEMBER

- 3 Board of Commissioners, if needed
- 4 Plan Review Board, 2 p.m.
- 4 Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company, Sporting Hill Station
- 11 Sewer Authority
- 12 Planning Commission
- 17 Industrial Development Authority, 8 a.m., if needed
- 18 Plan Review Board, 2 p.m.
- 18 Zoning Hearing Board
- 19 Veterans Recognition Committee, 7 p.m.

■ JANUARY

- 2 Plan Review Board, 2 p.m.
- 2 Hampden Twp. Volunteer Fire Company, Sporting Hill Station
- 6 Board of Commissioners
- 7 Industrial Development Authority, 8 a.m., if needed
- 8 Sewer Authority
- 9 Planning Commission
- 15 Plan Review Board, 2 p.m.
- 15 Zoning Hearing Board

- 16 Veterans Recognition Committee, 7 p.m.
- 29 Plan Review Board, 2 p.m.
- 30 Board of Commissioners Agenda Meeting

OFFICE CLOSED

Dec. 25 – Christmas
Jan. 1 – New Year's Day
Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

All meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, unless otherwise noted. The schedule is subject to change.

Note: A two-business day notice is requested for any person with a disability who needs an accommodation to participate in a Township-sponsored program, service or employment procedure. Please call the Township at 761-0119 if an accommodation is needed. To participate Gerald O'Sullivan in any Recreation Department-sponsored trips, please request an accommodation at the time of registration and no less than 30 days before departure. Call the Recreation Department at 761-4951 if an accommodation is needed. For the hearing impaired, the Township has installed a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). The TDD phone number is 214-1162.

Planning/Zoning Issues

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission took the following actions at its October and November meetings:

- Recommended approval of a preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan for TRAC office addition, two lots on two acres at 4910 Simpson Ferry Road, zoned Commercial-Limited.
- Recommended approval of a preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan for Brandywine Extension, six lots at northwest corner of Jerusalem Road and Rivendale Court, zoned Residential-Towne.
- Tabled a final subdivision and land development plan for Brandywine Extension Phase 2, 79 lots on 28 acres on the west side of Jerusalem Road at Rivendale Court, and a preliminary subdivision and land development plan for The Oaks, 19 lots on 23 acres on the west side of Lamb's Gap Road.
- Recommended approval of a preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan for a 20-acre parcel of land on Technology Parkway, zoned Office-Park and owned by Vision Acquisitions II, LP. The firm plans to build an office building.

ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Board did not meet in October and November.

Meals on Wheels

Persons who would like to have the services of Meals on Wheels should call 697-5011. Volunteers are also needed for kitchen help. Anyone interested in being a volunteer driver can call Tony Toter at 766-2623.

Commercial/Industrial Recycling

All commercial, industrial and institutional establishments are required, under state and Township regulations, to establish a collection system for recyclable materials.

The materials that must be collected are high-grade office paper, corrugated paper and aluminum. All haulers and recyclers operating in the Township are required to provide to the Cumberland County Recycling and Waste Authority a quarterly recycling report on the specific form provided by the County.

If additional information is needed, please contact the Township's Utility Department at 909-7145.



Trim Branches Now

Township residents are reminded that they must maintain a minimum height of eight feet between tree limbs and sidewalks on their property and 12.5 feet between limbs and a roadway. The trimming is required to ensure the safety of residents, emergency personnel and Township personnel conducting street sweeping and snow plowing.

Tree limbs and yard waste can be dropped off at the Township's Yard Waste Facility during operating hours.

A limited number of tree pruners are available for checkout at the Public Works Department. Call 761-0119 for more information.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Board of Commissioners took the following actions at its September and October meetings:

- ♦ Approved a preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan for a 20-acre tract of land in Cumberland Technology Park, owned by Vision Acquisitions II, L.P. The property development will result in 400 to 600 new jobs in the Technology Park. The name of the company has not been disclosed.
- ♦ Awarded a \$683,293 contract to National Water Main Cleaning Co. for a main line and lateral lining project. The project is expected to eliminate infiltration and in-flow water into the Township's sanitary sewer system.
- ♦ Reported that the Township received a \$69,109 recycling grant from the State Department of Environmental Protection. The grant was based on the Township recycling 5,411 tons of material in 2012.
- ♦ Approved a revised preliminary/final land development plan for Grandon Farms Phase VI, 35 lots on 18 acres, zoned Residential-Towne.
- ♦ Approved a preliminary/final land development plan for Landover, two lots on four acres at 4330 Valley Road, zoned Apartment-Office and Commercial-Park-Limited.
- ♦ Approved a preliminary/final subdivision and land development plan for Twin Ponds Fitness Center, 200 Lamb's Gap Road, two lots on eight acres.
- ♦ Approved two Zoning Ordinance text amendments, one requested by Pinnacle Health, regarding the size of signs, and the second restricting locations of wireless communications facilities.
- ♦ Rejected all bids submitted for the Armitage Golf Club bunker renovation project and for third party EMS billing services. It authorized staff to re-advertise for EMS billing services proposals.
- ♦ Approved the purchase of 15 golf carts from Golf Cart Services at a cost of \$68,925. The final cost was \$63,275, with the trade-in of 15 existing carts.
- ♦ Authorized an agreement with Gannett Fleming for study, design and engineering services for the HVAC system at Armitage Golf Club, not to exceed \$16,400.
- ♦ Approved a resolution recognizing Dawood Engineering for its acquisition and use of a compressed natural gas vehicle.
- ♦ Approved a three-year contract with Comcast for phone and internet services for all Township buildings.
- ♦ Approved the Verizon Wireless sub-lease agreement at 295 S. Sporting Hill Road.
- ♦ Approved a stop intersection on Patriot Drive.
- ♦ Nominated Daniel Flint and Scott Wyland to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.
- ♦ Adopted a resolution congratulating Sheetz on the opening of two new facilities in the Township.

New Business

The following businesses have been issued a Certificate of Use to open, relocate or expand (**number of new employees in parentheses**):

- ♦ Capital Area Intermediate Unit, 4746 Delbrook Road (14)
- ♦ Taybella Wellness Spa by Noona Paladino, 5241 Simpson Ferry Road (1)
- ♦ Leslie's Pool Supplies, 5517 Carlisle Pike (5)
- ♦ MHM Correctional Services, 5115 E. Trindle Road (15)
- ♦ Jake's Wayback Burgers, 25 Gateway Dr. (20)



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — From left, Ken Fetrow, President Al Bienstock, Donald R. McCallin, Vice President John V. Thomas and Nathan P. Silcox.

HAMPDEN TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

230 S. Sporting Hill Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050-3097

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Office Hours: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

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Municipal Building
761-0119

Police Department
Non-Emergency – 761-2609

Emergencies – Dial 911

Recreation Department
761-4951

Utilities Department
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2013-14 TOWNSHIP SNOW EMERGENCY POLICY

The Township has announced its 2013-14 Snow and Ice Emergency Policy. Residents are asked to review the following policy highlights.

- ❖ A “general” or “limited” snow emergency will be declared whenever street conditions are dangerous because of snow accumulation.
- ❖ A “limited” emergency normally will be called when eight or more inches of snow are forecast. The emergency will continue for 24 hours after the snowfall ends or until canceled by the Township Manager.
- ❖ A “general” emergency will be declared under dire blizzard conditions.
- ❖ Vehicles traveling the Township during a general emergency snowstorm (blizzard-like conditions) must have four-wheel drive capability or be equipped with chains or snow tires (all-season radial tires are not considered snow tires).
- ❖ **The parking of vehicles on any street, road or highway during a general or limited emergency is prohibited.**
- ❖ Residents who live on streets that have not been dedicated to the Township are advised that **those streets will not be plowed by the Township**. Snow removal is the responsibility of the developer.

FOLLOWING ARE SNOW REMOVAL PRIORITIES:

- ❖ Plowing will begin when the snow is three inches deep.
- ❖ Top priorities are the main roads, including Orr’s Bridge Road, Good Hope Road, Lamb’s Gap Road, Creekview Road, Central Boulevard, Erb’s Bridge Road and Skyport Road.
- ❖ After the main roads are clear and remain passable, road crews will attempt to open the principle access road to each development. However, if the main roads require additional attention, development plowing may have to be halted. After the snow has stopped falling, plows will return to the developments to make a pass on the roads in each direction. Once all development roads are open, plows will return to widen the road, if possible, to the curb.
- ❖ Residents can help in three ways: Don’t travel unless necessary; **don’t shovel or blow snow onto plowed or treated streets** (the Township has an ordinance that prohibits this, under penalty of law); **and move your car off the street so that plows have more room to operate**. This is especially critical in cul-de-sacs.
- ❖ Residents can also help by removing snow from fire hydrants near their property.