

# Hamiltonban Township 2016 Newsletter



## Bridge and Road Projects:

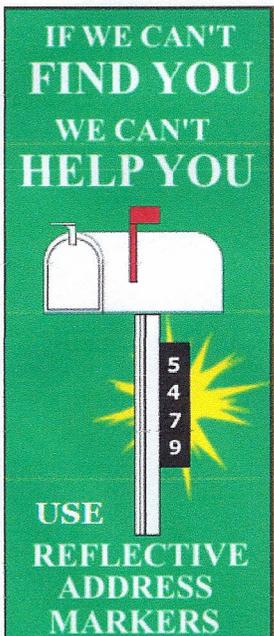


Like so many bridges in the Commonwealth, four bridges owned by the Township are being rehabilitated to comply with current PennDOT specifications. The bridge on Gum Springs Road was improved in 2014. In 2015, Reeds bridge spanning Tom's Creek on Mount Hope Road was replaced with a new box culvert; and the steel substructure (I beams) and guide rails were updated on the bridge connecting Moritz/Jack Roads. The bridge on Hickory Bridge Road is slated to be rehabilitated in 2016. Franklin and Hamiltonban Townships are jointly responsible for the bridges on Moritz/Jack and Hickory Bridge Roads and share the cost of those repairs. • In 2015 with the use of Dirt and Gravel Road Grant funds, Knox Road was graded, ditches were established, a pipe was replaced, and three pipes were added to convey water off the road and help with stormwater management. • Also in 2015, Cold

Springs Road from Dug Lane to the rail road tracks was paved. The dirt roads in the BB Section were upgraded to a CP-2 type road. CP-2 is an extremely cost effective long-term solution for low to medium volume roads. It is an extremely flexible draining base course that deters cracking. • In 2016, a Low Volume Paved Road Grant will be applied for, for work to be done on Hickory Bridge Road. A pipe will be replaced on Cold Springs Road, shoulders will be re-establish from where the paving stopped by Dug Lane in 2015 to Mt Carmel Road. Rye and Lightning Trails, Hickory Bridge, Baker and Bullfrog Roads will be rebuilt using the CP-2 road surface, and shoulder work will also be done. The section of Cold Springs Road from the railroad tracks to Dug Lane that was paved in 2015 will be seal coated. • For detailed information on any of these projects, please contact the Road Department at 642-8531 or at [hbtroads@embarqmail.com](mailto:hbtroads@embarqmail.com). These projects are subject to change.

## Important Ordinance Reminders:

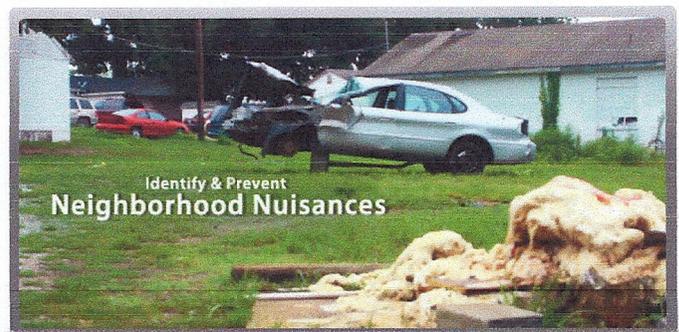
### **Township Ordinance No. 2013-05:**



Unfortunately emergencies can and do happen. Emergency Responders who depend on house numbers to find a location quickly are finding that many house numbers are hard to find or not present at all. They have asked the Board to remind residents that your house must be properly marked with its address. Ordinance No. 2013-05 requires all houses and business establishments to display the address numbers in plain sight. Please make sure that your house numbers are on the house itself, on your mailbox, and especially if your house is down a lane, at the foot of your driveway. Please help make it easier for responders to locate you in the event of an emergency by purchasing green address markers. The markers can be purchased through Fountaindale and Fairfield Volunteer Fire Departments.

### **Township Ordinance No. 2013-04:**

Most homeowners take great pride in the appearance of their homes. Nuisance Ordinance No. 2013-04 was adopted in an effort to keep the Township clean and our residents safe. The accumulation of many items including junk or rubbish, and unlicensed motor vehicles are considered nuisances. Depositing debris, which includes grass clippings and snow, onto public roads is also considered a nuisance and is illegal and prohibited. Grass clippings and/or snow put onto the road creates dangerous driving conditions for motorists. Another important reminder is that it is the homeowner's responsibility to keep water off the roadways, and to maintain your driveway pipe by removing leaves and debris. • These few ideas will help keep the roads clear and safe for drivers. Please help in keeping your community safe and maintained. Please report any possible nuisance violations to the Township Office.





## SNOW REMOVAL



*(Roadmaster Harbaugh pushing snow along Newman Road)*

As always the Road Department does it's best to remove snow from the roadways as quick and efficient as possible. Please give the Road Crew room to do their job by leaving room between your vehicle and the snow plow trucks. Slow down and be alert to the road conditions and your surroundings. One important section of the Nuisance Ordinance (2013-04) refers to depositing debris (i.e. snow and grass clippings) on the roadway, we ask for your assistance by refraining from shoveling or blowing snow onto the roadways as it creates a hazard for

motorists. Furthermore, snow pushed out onto the road will be pushed back onto your driveway when the snow plow passes your home. Clear the road shoulder before your driveway as pictured to the right.



### **Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan:**

Hamiltonban Township is in the process of adopting an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan. This Plan is required by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to ensure that on-lot systems are operating properly and to protect public health. The Act establishes a sewage management program by requiring property owners with on-lot sewage disposal systems to have their septic tank pumped and inspected every three years by a registered pumper/hauler. At this time, the Plan has been submitted to DEP for their approval. Once DEP has approved the Plan, homeowners will be notified with instructions on how to comply with this program. We expect to have this program implemented by the end of 2016.

### **Commissions:**

We continue to look for volunteers to fill vacancies on the Planning Commission (PC), Parks and Recreation Commission (PRC), and the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB). The PC assists the Board of Supervisors by reviewing subdivision and land development plans presented to the Township by Developers. The PRC, with grant funds, is working to create a three acre Township Park. The ZHB ensures the fair and equitable application and administration of the Township Zoning Ordinance. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Township Office.

All meetings are open to the public and are held at 7:00 PM at the Township Office. The Board of Supervisors meet the first Tuesday of each month, the PC meets the fourth Tuesday, the PRC meets the second Wednesday and the ZHB meets as needed. A detailed meeting schedule is posted on the Township website.

The 2016 Budget Message that supports the 2016 Budgets is also available for your review on the Township website or you may pick up a copy at the Township Office. For additional Township information including, minutes of meetings, ordinances and resolutions, various forms and applications, up to date road project information, and contact information for Township Supervisors, employees and consultants, please visit the Township website at [www.hamiltonban.com](http://www.hamiltonban.com). Should you have any questions or comments regarding this newsletter or have any need to contact your Board, Secretary/Treasurer, or Roadmaster please call the Township Office at 642-8509 or email [hamiltonban@embarqmail.com](mailto:hamiltonban@embarqmail.com).