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"People ask me what I do in winter when there's no baseball. I'll tell you what I do. I stare out the window and wait for spring."

Rogers Hornsby

Ahhh! Glorious Spring. When a young man's fancy turns to thoughts ofBASEBALL! (my apologies to Alfred, Lord Tennyson)

Who can help but get a warm, fuzzy feeling when the sports casters on TV report that the Major League Baseball teams have reported for Spring Training? The realization sets in that Winter is drawing to a close.

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Calendar of Holidays/Events



Apr 1
Easter Sunday



April Fools Day

April 5
Chicago White Sox Home Opener



Apr 6
Orthodox Good Friday

Apr 7
Last Day of

And how can we possibly contain our excitement when we prepare for that other great pastime.....**SPRING CLEANING!**

"Flowers blooming, trees budding, birds chirping - this can mean only one thing it's time for spring-cleaning."

unknown

The Iranian, Jewish and Chinese cultures have spring cleaning rituals that date back centuries.

The concept of spring-cleaning began in America during the 19th century. March and April were considered the best months for dusting because it was getting warm enough to open the doors and windows, but not warm enough for insects to be a problem.

Because homes used to be lit with whale oil or kerosene, and heated with wood or coal, the winter months left a layer of soot and grime in every room. With the arrival of Spring, windows and doors would be opened, rugs and bedding would be taken outside and and the dust would be beaten out of them. Floors and windows would be scrubbed.

"To be able to see out (of the windows) after a long winter, you had to clean off the soot," says Pablo Solomon of the Texas Historic Commission.

"A clean ship is a happy ship." - old Navy saying

Keeping with our Spring Cleaning theme, I'd like to clear a couple of things off of my desk. The first is our

Passover

Orthodox Holy Saturday

Apr 8

Orthodox Easter

**April 9
Chicago
Cubs
Home
Opener**





Apr 17

Tax Day



**April 13
Thomas
Jefferson's Birthday**



April 26

Take our daughters

village's appearance. Let me please ask that after the inside of our homes are cleaned, we turn our attention to the outside of our homes. I would like to enlist all of you in the ongoing effort to keep our village clean and beautiful.

"I hope that while so many people are taking the time to smell the flowers, someone is taking the time to plant some." - Herbert Rapport

Let me thank, in advance, all our neighbors who will be filling Hampshire with color by planting flowers, trees and shrubs this coming season. Remember, April 27th is Arbor Day - a good time to plant a tree to celebrate.

The third item on my Spring Cleaning list is to remind you that there is no better way to dispose of all the items we no longer want or need than to donate them or have a garage sale. If the items are no longer serviceable, we can leave them at the curb on garbage pickup day. (Waste Management will take anything other than electronics.)

A few more items of interest off my desk:

"All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother."

Abraham Lincoln

As we take time to honor our mothers on May 13th, let's remember that Mothers's Day is not just a celebration to honor our the mother of the family. It was established also to honor motherhood and the influence of mothers on society.

& sons to work day



April 27
Arbor Day



May 5
Cinco de Mayo

May 6
National
Nurses
Day





May 11, 12 & 13
Cubs & White Sox
Crosstown Classic



May 13

Peace Officers Memorial Day is on May 15th (please see the article later in this newsletter).

Armed Forces Day is on May 19th. On August 31, 1949, Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace the separate Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Days. The single day celebration stemmed from the unification of the Armed Forces under the newly established Department of Defense.

Let us all honor the people who have served in the United State's armed forces on Memorial Day, May 28th. Please remember to lower your flags to half-staff from 8am to 12pm on that day to honor those who have given their lives for our freedom.

I wish you all a happy and safe Spring season. May all your gardens flourish and fill Hampshire with glorious color!

Play ball! Go Sox! Go Cubs!

A Message From
Village Clerk
Linda Vasquez

As of April 1st, cars may be parked in the street overnight. Yard waste pickup will also begin the first week of April.



The Farmers Market begins its season on June 16th. Come to support our local vendors on the third



Mother's Day



May 15 Peace Officers Memorial Day



May 16 Ramadan Begins



May 19 Armed Forces Day

Saturday of the month - June through October. Come and experience a sample of the Farmers Market on June 9th at the Chamber of Commerce Summer On State event.

From the Utility Desk:
The Village DOES NOT accept water bill payments over the phone.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

As spring approaches, a small request to help us: if you have a storm sewer drain in front of your house please clean off the winter debris so the Spring rains can flow into them without issue. We will be doing this task, but, with a handful of



workers, it will take a while to complete. Just throw any debris into Thursday's garbage.

Thank you so much for your help in this.

As for the Winter snow: hopefully there won't be any more but if so a reminder on street parking ban dates. It's been a trying Winter season hopefully most residents are happy with the removal of the snow, I'd like to thank the Public Works Department employees and Superintendent Dave Starrett for their commitment to keep our streets clear and safe.

Toby Koth
Village of Hampshire Trustee
Public Works Chairman
TKoth@HampshireIL.org



**May 28
Memorial Day**



**June 6
D-Day**

**June 9
Chamber of
Commerce
Summer On State**



**June 14
Army's Birthday**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Dear residents,

District 300 met with village officials late fall of 2017. Because of the traffic problem around the middle school, they posted a police officer with cones to try to fix the problem, and requested that the village put additional signage up for the safety of the kids.

As of this writing, District 300 has pulled the officer off the safety duty, leaving kids on their own with one crossing guard to cross kids and for safety.

Having said that: the village Public Safety Committee met to work out a solution to the problem that District 300 walked away from. There will be new signage installed and the committee wants to let the public and residents on Edgewood know that a **CHANGE IN TRAFFIC PATTERN** to and from Middle School is coming. The requested signs from District 300 have been ordered and when they come in the public works crew will install them and the Police will begin enforcement.



The Safety Committee had asked the school district to put another entrance/exit at the South end of the school property as this has been discussed for years, Unfortunately, at this time the school district has informed the Public Safety Committee that this is not in the budget.

Toby Koth
Village of Hampshire Trustee



**June 14
Flag Day**



**June 16
Farmers Market Begins**



**June 17
Father's Day**

Grass Clippings

Whether you love it or hate it,

Public Safety Chairman
TKoth@HampshireIL.org

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

In my last update I mentioned that we were moving forward to acquiring the critical information that businesses use to evaluate the prospect of doing business in our village. We have achieved that by partnering with ESRI, a supplier of data regarding our town. We have purchased from them 12 individual reports that give prospective businesses information regarding average household income, retail market potential, and much more that help them get a sense of our town. These reports will be part of the roll out of the new website that will be coming soon.



Additionally, we have completed defining the context process I described in the last newsletter for most of the 6 sub areas of town that we defined (downtown, Rt 72, the truck stop, the industrial park, Rt 47 and Rt 20). Furthermore, we have moved into the process of setting goals for the downtown area. That is our main focus in the commission at this time.

We have begun to brainstorm ways in which we can help to restore the downtown area back to a place where the residents of Hampshire can spend their time in fellowship with their community members. We have high hopes for this area in the coming couple of years, and we are working on allocating potential grant monies and utilizing tools that will

cutting the grass is a necessary summer chore here in Hampshire. We want to remind you that sweeping, blowing or discharging grass clippings into the street violates a Village of Hampshire ordinance. Grass in the roadway is dangerous as it can cause very slippery conditions for bicyclists and motorcyclists. Grass clippings also often make their way to the storm water drainage system which prevents them from working properly.

Mulching your grass clippings and leaving them in place is an easy way to reduce the fertilizer required by your lawn and will add valuable organic matter to the soil. Mulching also promotes the health and growth of your lawn by reducing evaporation of the moisture and keeps the soil temperature cooler.

Thank you for your cooperation and happy grass cutting!!

Estimated Water Bills Explained

VILLAGE OF HAMPSHIRE UTILITY BILL			
<small>Please check your utility bill. If you received an estimated read, that means there's an issue with your meter and you need to call the utility later at 847-683-2181 to schedule an appointment to have your meter checked. Never be late again! Sign up for Auto Pay, it's FREE. Appointments are at the Village Hall and on the Village website. Sign up to receive the quarterly Village newsletter at www.villageofhampshireil.org Trick or Treat will be Tuesday, October 31st, from 4 - 7 pm.</small>			
PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION			
BILL DATE: 06/06/2017	ACCOUNT NUMBER: 01010094305		
NAME: JOHN/JANE DOE			
SERVICE ADDRESS: 214 S STATE STREET			
METER INFORMATION		BILLING PERIOD	
Current Reading: 178	Service From: 06/27/2017	Previous Reading: 174	Service To: 06/30/2017
Consumption (1000 Gallons): 2	Type of Reading:		ESTIMATE

Generally water meters are read every 60 days or so, and the Water Department works hard to obtain an accurate reading from your water meter each and every billing period. On occasion, however, there may be an issue with the MXU (for remote reading) or the meter and we are not able to obtain an actual reading.

When that happens we will estimate usage. If a customer's water consumption is estimated, "ESTIMATE" will appear on the right-hand side of the bill as shown above. If you received an estimated bill, we are asking you to contact Village Hall at 847-683-2181, extension 22 to arrange for an appointment to have your meter checked.

encourage our businesses to join us in that effort.

In addition, the village has allocated TIF dollars to the new restaurant that is coming into the old Corkshire Pub building - Copper Barrell on State. We hope that is the beginning of a new wave of development and activity that will enable us to achieve our goals.

Please join us in supporting these new businesses that come to town by spending your hard earned dollars there, like the new Minnihan's bar next to the Marathon Station. That is the only way in which we can drive future businesses to make the commitment to investing in our town. If they succeed, we all succeed in having great places to share with our fellow residents.

The BDC meets on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Village Hall. We always welcome observers. Join us if you want to get more of a sense of the work we do.

Ryan Krajecki
 Village of Hampshire Trustee
rkrajecki@hampshireil.org
 630-430-4680 (cell)

PLANNING & ZONING

Spring is here! The Planning and Zoning Committee has begun the process of reviewing the village zoning map in the hopes of correctly zoning some of the properties in our community that are

Village code requires that all premises using water service from the Village water system be equipped with an accurate water meter. If we are required to estimate your bill on a regular basis and we don't hear from you first, we will let you know by door hanger that your water meter equipment is malfunctioning and in violation of village ordinance. Please call us if your current bill shows an estimated read!

"Spring: the music of open windows."

Terri Guillemets

Village Officials

Village President

Jeffrey Magnussen

Village Clerk

Linda Vasquez

Trustees

Christine Klein

Toby Koth

Ryan Krajecki

Jan Kraus

Mike Reid, Jr.

Erik Robinson

Village Phone Numbers

847-683-2181

Village Clerk, Ext. 0

Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22

Building Department, Ext. 28

recently zoned incorrectly. We have recently looked at the north side of Washington Avenue and will be presenting a recommendation to the Hampshire Village Board to change the zoning of some properties that are zoned incorrectly.

If you are interested in attending a future Planning and Zoning Committee



meeting, please be on the lookout for a date and agenda. All meetings and agendas can be located on our village website or in the front window of the Village Hall. We welcome all that would like to be in attendance.

Erik Robinson

Village of Hampshire Trustee

Planning and Zoning Chairman

ERobinson@HampshireIL.org

VILLAGE SERVICES

I have been working with Verizon Wireless to erect a Cell Tower in the Lakewood Crossings Subdivision.

The Cell Tower will be erected on Village Property located at the Lift Station. I'm just waiting to hear back from them



regarding some negotiations in the lease agreement. Once these items are agreed upon

we will bring the lease agreement before the Village Board for approval. I was hoping it would be ready for the March 15th meeting. This Tower is going to bring better cell service for that area.

Jan Kraus

Village of Hampshire Trustee

Village Services

Street Department
847-683-9489

Water / Sewer Department
847-683-2064

Police and Fire Emergency
911

Non-emergency
Police Department
847-683-2240

Non-emergency
Fire Department
847-683-2629

Building Inspector
B&F Services
847-428-7010

Waste Management
1-800-796-9696

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Board Meetings:
1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month

If you would like to see
something put on our
newsletter or if you would like
to be put on our emailing list.

[Please email.](#)

D-DAY

June 6, 1944

Congressional Medal of Honor Recipients:

Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett
*2nd Lt. John E. Butts
*Lt. Col. Robert G. Cole
*SSgt. Arthur F. Defranzo
*Pfc. Charles N. Deglopper
SSgt. Walter D. Ehlers
*TSgt. John D. Kelly
*1st Lt. Jimmie W. Monteith, Jr.
1st Lt. Carlos C. Ogden
*TSgt. Frank D. Peregory
*TSgt. John R. Pinder, Jr.
*Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
* Denotes a posthumous award

Famous people who served on D-Day:

Yogi Berra
Henry Fonda
Medgar Evers
Alec Guinness
James Doohan
David Niven
J.D. Salinger
John Ford

Peace Officers Memorial Day



The holiday was created on October 1, 1961, when Congress asked the president to designate May 15 to honor peace officers who have died, or who have been disabled, in the line of duty. John F. Kennedy signed the bill into law on October 1, 1962.

"Peace Officers Memorial Day.....pays tribute to the local, State, and Federal



law enforcement officers who serve and protect us with courage and dedication. These observances also remind us of the ongoing need to be vigilant against all forms of crime, especially to acts of extreme violence and terrorism."

President George W. Bush

"I hate housework. You make the beds, you wash the dishes and six months later you have to start all over again." - Joan Rivers

"If we had no Winter, the Spring would not be so pleasant: if we did not sometimes taste of adversity, prosperity would not be so welcome."

Anne Bradstreet

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

William Shakespeare

FUN FACT:

A hair strand's average life span is about 5 ½ years.

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."
Victor Kraft

Memorial Day Flags At Half-Staff

For 149 years, Americans have taken the last Monday in May to remember those who have died in our wars. On Memorial Day, the U.S. flag flies at half-staff from 8am to 12pm, then is raised to full height from noon to sundown. This unique custom honors the war dead for the morning and living veterans for the rest of the day.

Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The Village Public Works crews will be in your neighborhood this spring to flush the hydrants on your street. This involves flowing fire hydrants to create high water flows that will scour out fine sediments from the water main. This work is being done as a part of our ongoing effort to deliver the safest and highest quality water to you.

What do you need to do?

- Expect temporary discolored water.
- Avoid washing clothes.
- Clean faucet screens if low pressure or if low volume.

Schedule of neighborhoods

The Survey Said....

Since its inception last Spring, the Village of Hampshire Business Development Commission (BDC) has been busy at work laying the foundation to drive new business growth for our town.

Focusing on development opportunities, the BDC invites Hampshire residents to respond to a survey and share their opinions and preferences for future business development specific to our downtown district. The input from the survey will give the BDC direction

for fire hydrant flushing

Old Mill Manor Subdivision:

Hillcrest Ave, Highland Ave, and Panama St.: April 2, 3 & 4, 2018

White Oak Ponds and Highlands Subdivisions:

April 4, 5 & 6, 2018

Tuscany Woods Subdivision:

April 9, 10 & 11, 2018

Historic Part of Town – East of State St.:

April 11, 12 & 13, 2018

Historic Part of Town West of State St.:

April 16, 17 & 18, 2018

Hampshire Prairie Subdivision:

April 18, 19 & 20, 2018

Hampshire Meadows, Fields, and Hills Subdivisions:

April 23, 24, 25, 2018

Lakewood Subdivision:

Weeks of 4-30-2018 and 5-7-2018

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is hydrant flushing necessary?

Hydrant flushing enhances water quality by flushing sediment from the pipe mains, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintains firefighting capability.

What should I do when they are flushing hydrants in my area?

If you see a crew flushing hydrants on your street, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine or dish washer until the flushing is done.

What should I do after flushing?

If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that cause discoloration. Shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it is OK to

and a sense for what the residents of Hampshire envision for the future.

You will find the survey at the village website. Also, if you subscribe to this newsletter, you will receive the survey via email.

The BDC is seeking input regarding the types of businesses and services residents want and will support in Hampshire.

Take advantage of this opportunity to help shape the future of Hampshire.

Address any questions about this survey can be directed to the BDC at the following email address:
HampshireSurvey@hampshireil.org

Service Line Warranty Program

By now, homeowners should have received a letter from Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) regarding the company's exterior water service line warranty program. SLWA has been around about 10 years, offers an affordable utility line repair solution and currently has more than 13,000 Illinois residents enrolled in the program.

The Village vetted the organization and found SLWA has maintained a customer satisfaction rating of greater than 98% and is endorsed by the National League of Cities. The company has an A+ Better Business Bureau rating.

We are hearing that many residents contacted their insurance agents and were surprised to find they were not covered for repair or replacement of their water and sewer lines through their homeowner's policy. The program is completely optional but has the potential to save you a significant amount of money in case a covered water service line repair is needed. SLWA works

use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be a slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect water quality. There is no health hazards associated with discolored water. Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark cloths first. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.

Why does my water look funny after flushing?

When a hydrant is opened, there will be temporary incidences of discolored water while fine sediment particles are flushed out. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. Allow a few hours for discoloration to dissipate. To verify if water is clear, run your cold-water tap for a few minutes.

The Department of Defense is the largest employer in the world, with nearly 1.3 million active duty servicemen and women[as of 2016. Adding to its employees are over 826,000 National Guardsmen and Reservists from the four services, and over 742,000 civilians bringing the total to over 2.8 million employees.

Wikipedia

"My idea of superwoman is someone who scrubs her own floors" - Bette Midler

Can February March? No, but April May! - unknown

I'm not going to vacuum until Sears makes one you can ride on". - Roseanne Barr

Love is the thing that enables a

with a network of local, licensed and insured plumbers whose works is guaranteed against defects in materials and workmanship for one year.

Our apologies if your letter was addressed to a name other than your own. SLWA purchased a list of Village homeowners from Infogroup, an independent list vendor; the Village did not provide any information for the mailing. If you do not want to receive any solicitations from SLWA, please call 1-866-922-9006 and ask to have your name and address removed from the list. If you did not receive a letter or would like to get additional information, you are encouraged to call SLWA at the number above or visit their website at www.slwofa.com.

Recreational Fires

Recreational fires have grown in popularity and the Village receives questions each year about what is allowed.



Recreational fires cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material including homes, garages, sheds, fences, trees and bushes. If your lot is not large enough to provide the 25 foot distance, you will need to use an approved container such as a portable metal fire pit, outdoor fire place, incinerator, barbeque pit or chiminea. The approved container cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Recreational fire pile sizes cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter and 2 feet in height. The burning of garbage, building materials, landscape waste and leaves is not allowed within Village limits.

woman to sing while she mops up the floor after her husband has walked across it in his barn boots. - Hoosier Farmer

"Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing." - Phyllis Diller

Complaints regarding recreational fire should be directed to the police department while the fire is burning. Failure to comply with Village ordinance and the 2006 Fire Code can result in tickets and fines.



"Spring is nature's way of saying,
'Let's party!' "

Robin Williams

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