

Hot Topics

The official newsletter
of the Village of
Hampshire

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM
YOUR
VILLAGE BOARD,
COMMISSION AND
COMMITTEE MEMBERS
& STAFF!**

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



A Message from Mayor Jeff Magnussen

The Village of Hampshire, along with our partner, the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, will be focusing on economic development in the Interstate 90/Route 47 and I-90/Route 20 areas. We will work to retain the companies currently located in the village and continue to seek businesses to open new locations in the village. We expect continued development along Route 72.

I join the Village Clerk and the Trustees in wishing you a happy, prosperous and safe New Year. In the spirit of the holidays, let me offer this thought from educator Dr. Mark W. Henderson: "The gentle spirit of Christmas brings a sense of fresh promise and renewal every year. Indeed, this annual event reminds us that children are the hope of the world. They represent pure goodness – a clean slate, free of the learned baggage of mistrust and unkindness. They give us a glimpse of what life can be without strife or animosity. They testify to the ideal of peace on earth."



Village Committees

What's Happening

A brief look behind the scenes of what the committees are working on. Let's check it out  :

Public Safety Trustee Reid:

What an exciting time to be a Hampshire resident! As I write this it is 18 degrees outside and the ground is covered in snow, with the change again in seasons here are a few tips to help you and the community.

Thank you to all of the residents that joined the Hampshire Fire Protection District's Fire Hydrant Adoption Program! Did you know that the Firemen have to clear the snow away from each hydrant when they are not out on a call? If they are not cleared around after a snow, there is a chance the snow can start to melt and cause the fire hydrant to be either be incased in snow and ice, or the caps may become frozen and thus be unusable if it was needed. Can you imagine going out into the cold to shovel around every hydrant in the village? I encourage every resident to please take 5 more minutes out of their day and clear the snow around their closest hydrant and do your part to make sure they fireman are well rested on calls, not tired and sweaty from clearing snow around hydrants. For more information on this program please contact the Hampshire Fire Protection District at [847-683-2629](tel:847-683-2629).

Try to be a good neighbor this winter and shovel the sidewalks so that children do not have to walk through the snow and have wet shoes and socks all day when they sit in class or have to walk in the street. Be sure not to put the snow onto the roadway as that is illegal in our village. Try to be cognizant of any neighbor that may be physically unable to shovel heavy snow and lend a hand if you can. Also as the temperatures drop to the single digits or lower try to check in with any elderly neighbors that may not want to go

out in the snow and ice.

Snowmobiling is only allowed on village streets going to and from the marked trail. Do not ride on the grass or sidewalks trying to get to the trail. Trespassing on park district and other private property will not be tolerated. If the property is not marked as a "trail" you need permission to be there.

If any parent has a student interested in law enforcement, they can call Officer Brox at the HHS or stop by the PD for more information. The Hampshire Police Explorer Post provides positive interaction with law enforcement, and exposure to careers in this area. Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the PD. Ages 14 - 21 are welcome.

Hampshire was built on compassion and kindness. While the freezing temperatures have brought us all down, let's try to use the warmth of our hearts to get us all through the winter together.



Economic Development Trustee Brust:

As another year comes to a close, Hampshire again experienced positive growth both in population as well as investment from the business community. On the population side Lakewood Crossing has completed its build out and their developer, Cal-Atlantic, is nearing completion of the Tuscany Woods project. William Ryan Homes is also getting close to finishing the build-out in Hampshire Highlands.

The Highway Commercial area at Route 20 and the tollway exit has experienced a lot of activity throughout the year.

Speedway has built and opened a new fuel mart facility, a speculative commercial building

is being built, and an automotive repair facility has expanded.

Loves Travel center has presented plans for a travel-oriented facility as well as expansion plans for industrial buildings.

The CITGO will be installing new pumps, new LED lighting, doing pavement resurfacing and has plans for a hotel and several national franchise fast food establishments.

As a committee we are currently attempting to get some funding through the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant program to continue drawing new business in to grow with Hampshire.

Thanks for the hard work from Village Trustees Jan Kraus, Mike Reid, Jr. and Village Finance Manager, Lori Lyons.

Business participants: Art Zwemkie, Principle of Robert Arthur Land Co., Debbie Donahue, Vice President First American Bank, Loree Hendry, Director Hampshire Chamber of Commerce, Christine Klein, Commercial Specialist Century 21 New Heritage Realty, Keith Berkhout, Kane County Development and Community Services Division and Lynn Acker, Faithway Baptist Church.

Happy New Year,
George E. Brust
Chairman, Hampshire Economic Development Committee

ON THE SIDE

The cold, cold weather has arrived in Hampshire, and the Village has received reports of frozen pipes. While these reported freezes were inside residents' homes and not

in the water service lines located underground outside the home, we would like to remind you to take preventative action:

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. This is especially important when the plumbing is located on an exterior wall.
- Keep garage doors closed. Plumbing in rooms adjacent to the entry/exit door into an unheated garage are susceptible to freezing.
- Let the cold water flow constantly from the lowest point in your home, usually a laundry room sink or tub. The stream of water should be approximately the width of a pencil.
- If you are going out of town, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees and have a trusted neighbor check your house to see that the furnace is still running while you are away.

Most often frozen lines occur in areas such as crawl spaces or outside walls, where unprotected plumbing is more vulnerable to the elements. When water freezes it expands and can cause a water pipe to burst. Burst water pipes can cause a lot of damage, lead to big inconvenience and possibly costly repairs. Take action to prevent frozen water pipes now!





Hampshire’s designated Snow Emergency Routes:

- State Street from Allen Road to its terminus.
- West Jefferson Avenue from State Street west to Klick Street.
- East Washington Avenue from State Street east to Grace Street.
- Terwilliger Street from State Street west to the Village limits.
- Edgewood Avenue from State Street west to Prairie Street.
- Warner Street from Washington Avenue to Route 72.
- Panama Avenue from State Street east to the end of Panama.
- Prairieview Parkway from Terwilliger Street to Route 72.
- East Jefferson Avenue from State Street east to Grace Place.
- Prairie Street from Edgewood Avenue north to Jefferson Street.
- Keyes Avenue from State Street east to its eastern terminus.
- Rowell Road from Industrial Drive to Allen Road.

- Mill Street from State Street west to the Village Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Grove Avenue from State Street east to the Seyller Park.
- Elm Street from Washington Avenue to Old Mill Lane, and Old Mill Lane to Warner Street.
- Centennial Drive from Panama Street to Route 72

Remember there is no parking for a period of 24 hours on the above routes following the accumulation of 2 or more inches of falling snow.

Snow Operations

The Village of Hampshire is proud to have dedicated and experienced snowplow operators who, with great care, traverse nearly 80 lane miles of streets and roads plowing and applying salt and liquid calcium carbonate during the snowy, icy winter months. The Village is also responsible for snow removal on downtown sidewalks, in the alleyways and from Village owned parking lots. Exactly when the crew is dispatched depends on the particular event: the amount of precipitation that has fallen, what is predicted to fall, the temperature, the duration of the storm and the moisture content.

Driving a snowplow is a tough job, and one that is taken seriously. Maneuvering a 50,000 pound truck through the Village’s sometimes winding and narrow streets while dealing with foggy windows, white-out conditions and quirky air seats in combination with slippery roads and icy intersections is the ultimate in

multi-tasking.

While our snowplow operators are extremely safety-conscious they need your help making the Village snow operations successful. Remember there is no parking on Village streets from November 1 to April 1 between the hours of 1:00am and 6:00am, and parking on designated snow emergency routes is prohibited for a period of 24 hours following the accumulation of 2 or more inches of falling snow (vehicles can be ticketed or towed at the owner's expense). Plow drivers are not able to see directly behind their trucks so please leave a safe and significant distance between your vehicle and a snowplow. If you're getting showered with salt, you are driving way, way too close! Please don't pass a snowplow unless your visibility is perfectly clear and it is completely safe for you to do so. Also, be aware that plow trucks frequently creates a swirl of snow that can adversely affect the visibility of oncoming drivers as well as those drivers following the trucks.

Living in the Midwest during the winter months can test your patience on many levels. Regrettably snow at the end of your driveway is an unfortunate result of plowing the streets. Our operators get plenty of dirty looks, one finger salutes and shout-outs (not necessarily in positive light) and while they understand this is a part of the job, it is unfair. Please consider that after many (sometimes many, many) hours of sitting in a truck plowing, they too go home to that pile at the end of their driveways. Instead of being angry, please accept a couple of tips. Don't wait too long after the snowplow passes before shoveling that driveway pile. The longer it sits there, the harder it will be to shovel away. Also you can minimize the accumulation of snow by clearing an area to the left of your driveway (to the left as you stand in the driveway with your house at your back) to give the snow on the blade of the

plow time to empty before it gets to your driveway. It is also helpful to pile the snow from your drive on the right side of the driveway. We also want to remind you that it is a violation of Village Code to clear snow from your driveway or sidewalk into the Village streets. Not only does this practice create a hazardous roadway but it hampers the Village's snow removal efforts.

On occasion, residents may experience problems with their mailboxes due to the impact of snow pushed by our plows or direct contact with the equipment. The Village cannot be responsible for the repair and/or replacement of any mailbox or post unless the damage was a direct result of the Village's snow removal equipment. Notification of a broken mailbox and/or post should be made to the Public Works Department within 10 days of damage. The Village can provide you with a temporary mail box until weather conditions permit your repair or replacement.

Residents and many business owners are responsible for the removal of snow and ice on the sidewalks on their property. Your assistance with this is imperative in making the sidewalks safe. Clear sidewalks make it safer and easier for students traveling to and from school. Please do the neighborly thing and shovel your sidewalks and apply an ice melt product as needed.

If you are the owner or occupant of property that has a fire hydrant located on it, you are requested to clear a three foot area in all directions around the hydrant. The Hampshire Fire Protection District counts on hydrants being cleared of snow to help protect your safety. You can read about the HFPD's Adopt a Fire Hydrant on page 7.

Have a safe and fun winter season and thank you for your assistance in making the Village snow operations successful.



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Hampshire participates in the Nixle program, which keeps residents connected to important news about safety and emergencies. Residents who register for the program receive texts and emails directly from the Hampshire Police Department in the event of an emergency. Messages alert citizens and provide directions about what they can do to stay safe and offer assistance to others.



Peanut Butter Collection

Recognizing the need for food that offers good nutrition to area families, the Village is collecting jars of peanut butter for the Burlington – Hampshire Area Food Pantry. Village residents are encouraged to drop off as much peanut butter as they can carry at Village Hall and Hampshire bank branches. If we are successful in collecting 250 jars or more not only will this make a huge impact on the Pantry but Village President Jeff Magnussen has promised to wear a Cubs shirt to pay off a World Series bet he had with Village Clerk Linda Vasquez. A hardcore White Sox fan Mr. Magnussen made the friendly wager on the World Series with equally as committed Cub's fan Ms. Vasquez. If you can, help us make a difference to the food pantry and get Mr. Magnussen into a Cub's shirt.

The Village of Hampshire has enacted an ordinance establishing a Business Development Commission. The commission's focus is on business retention, business expansion and attraction of new businesses.

For more information about the Business Development Commission, go to the Village of Hampshire's website <http://www.hampshireil.org>.



Calendar of Events

January 16	Martin Luther King Day (observed)
January 18	Martin Luther King Birthday
January 20	President Trump's Inauguration
February 1	National Freedom Day
February 2	Groundhog Day
February 12	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 20	Presidents' Day George Washington's Birthday
February 28	Mardis Gras Fat Tuesday
March 1	Ash Wednesday
March 12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 19 th	St. Joseph's Day
March 20	1 st Day of Spring
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 11	Passover
April 13	Thomas Jefferson's Birthday
April 14	Good Friday
April 16	Easter Sunday

Illinois Trivia

The World's Largest Catsup Bottle® stands proudly next to Route 159, just south of downtown Collinsville, Illinois. This unique 170 ft. tall water tower was built in 1949 by the W.E. Caldwell Company for the G.S. Suppiger catsup bottling plant - bottlers of Brooks old original rich & tangy catsup.

In 1995, due to the efforts of the Catsup Bottle Preservation Group, this landmark roadside attraction was saved from demolition and beautifully restored to its original appearance.

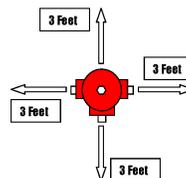
Recognized the world over as an excellent example of 20th century roadside Americana, the World's Largest Catsup Bottle regularly garners national attention and attracts visitors and tourists every day.

Adopt-A-Hydrant Program



The Hampshire Fire Protection District invites families to "Adopt a Hydrant"! In a new program, families can choose to take care of a hydrant near their home and keep it clear of snow and debris also making sure it has no leaks or missing parts.

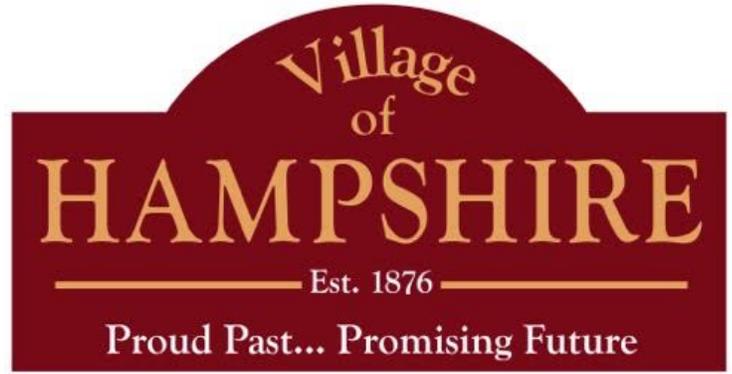
Families will go through an official program of adoption and have their hydrant recognized on the master list at the Fire Department.



For more information about the program, please call (847) 683-2629 or visit the Hampshire Fire Protection District Website at www.hampshirefire.org.

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Finance Director	847 683-2181, ext. 25
Utility Billing Clerk	847 683-2181, ext. 22
Building Department	847 683-2181, ext. 28
Street Department	847 683-9489
Water/Sewer Department	847 683-2064
Police and Fire Emergency	911
Police Department	847 683-2240 (non-emergency)
Fire Department	847 683-2629 (non-emergency)
Village Board Meetings	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays

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