

# Hampshire Hot Topics

**Spring 2017**

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## Calendar of Events

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## **A Message From Village President Jeff Magnussen**



Dear Neighbors,

Spring is a time for new beginnings and fresh starts. It has always been a special season for me, and this Spring is filled with promise and optimism.

I am pleased to announce that we have a group of talented individuals who stepped forward to inaugurate the Hampshire Business Commission.

The Village of Hampshire Board of trustees has appointed Eileen Fleury, Michael Gazzola, Raoul Johnston, David Pizzolato and Arthur Zwemke. These people bring with them a wealth of knowledge and experience.

They are business owners, business managers and land owners. They each have expressed a desire to make Hampshire a better community by attracting and recruiting businesses to invest in Hampshire.

They bring to the table experience in real estate development, real estate management, marketing, business development, civic development, civil engineering, entrepreneurship and accounting.

Many thanks to Trustee Michael Armato for recruiting this team of talented individuals.



April 4 Election Day

April 9 Palm Sunday

April 10 Cubs home opener

April 11 Passover

April 13 Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

April 14 Good Friday



April 16 Easter Sunday



May 14 Mother's Day



May 29 Memorial Day



June 14 Flag Day



June 18 Father's Day

## Village Clerk



Wishing you a Happy Spring!

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Spring is in the air in Hampshire, which means that we can all get out of our homes and explore the village after a seemingly less snowy (but long just the same) winter. There is a lot planned this summer for our town, and it seems, based on some of the things I have been reading on social media, that this summer is going to be a blast! To keep up with the latest news in town, please be sure you are signed up for not only our newsletter, but the ones from the township, the library, the park district, and the chamber of commerce.

We have utilized social media as a method of communication since 2013, and within the last year we have even created a twitter account as well. All of the organizations in town, as well as some of the local businesses, also have a social media presence. Please like or follow their pages to keep up with what is going on. A list of websites, twitter pages and facebook pages for all of the organizations in town can be found on the community links page at our website.

Mike Reid, Jr.  
Trustee

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### VILLAGE SERVICES

Unfortunately, the Village of Hampshire has discontinued the Oil Recycling Program.

We would like to thank everyone for the many years of cooperation in recycling oil. There have been signs posted on the fence that there is no dumping there and people still dump oil, antifreeze and etc. in front of the fence. Due to liability issues we can no longer continue the program. We now have cameras on the premises and anyone caught on camera dumping will be fined.

You can go to the website for Kane County to find out where you can now take your oil.

[www.countyofkane.org/recycling](http://www.countyofkane.org/recycling)



July 4 Independence Day

Aug 3 - 6 Coon Creek Days



Sept 4 Labor Day

**Reminder:**

April 1st - overnight parking allowed

Yard waste pickup begins.

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**Village Officials**

**Village President**  
Jeffrey Magnussen

**Village Clerk**  
Linda Vasquez

**Trustees**  
Michael Armato  
George Brust  
Martin Ebert  
Toby Koth  
Jan Kraus  
Mike Reid, Jr.

**Village Phone Numbers**  
847-683-2181

Village Clerk, Ext. 0

Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22

Building Department, Ext. 28

Once again, we are very sorry for the inconvenience. It was a pleasure serving those who have cooperated legally with our program.

Jan Kraus  
Trustee

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**FIELDS & TRAILS**

As Chairman, I've attempted to get the village to budget burning around our ponds to help beautify the look of the village. The committee also is keeping track of the necessary repairs to the path along Jake where roots have busted through the asphalt.

A reminder to all residents: please pick up your animal waste while walking the paths and parks. There is an alarming amount of waste left on the ground. There are regular dog walkers everyday that do clean up, and on behalf of the residents THANK YOU for being responsible.

Toby Koth  
Trustee

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

With the forthcoming April 4th election, this could be my last report to those of you interested in what goes on behind the scenes with interaction between the Village and business in our town.

We have experienced increased interest in the "Highway Commercial" area at Route 20 and the toll way in the last couple of years that would be adding new faces and new updated designs to that location. I started working with the management of the CITGO franchise over a year ago to join this movement and upgrade for a better fit into this group of businesses appearance.

I contacted the Illinois Small Business Administration office at Elgin Community College to assist with this project and arranged a meeting between their representative, Sybil Egge, and CITGO management. I was requested to attend meetings with various franchise representatives as well as an architectural firm who all shared their vision for that property in the near future. Part of that project started just at the end of 2016 with new gas and diesel pumps being installed as well as updated canopy and LED lighting at the front of the property.

Street Department  
847-683-9489

Water/Sewer Department  
847-683-2064

Police and Fire Emergency  
911

Non-emergency  
Police Department  
847-683-2240

Fire Department  
847-683-2629

Building Inspector, B&F  
Services 847-428-7010

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 us at:  
newsletter@hampshireil.org



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Before "**Spring**" was called "**Spring**", it was called "**Lent**" in Old English. Starting in the 14th century, that time of year was called "**springing time**" - a reference to plants "**springing**" from the ground.

On March 8, 2017, CITGO management closed on the required financing that was arranged through Ms. Egge and the bank, and now the rest of the upgrades can proceed. The plan is to start with the building to accommodate a drive thru Dunkin Donuts, and a revamped restaurant and lounge. Dunkin Donuts has approved the plans. Exterior lighting to the rear will also be upgraded thru a contract with ComEd for all new LED lighting in the parking area. This will also enhance security for the premises. On the drawing board are a multi-story Motel 6 with retail stores on the lower level and a truck wash. All of these improvements will bring additional income into the Village.

On a slightly different note some of you are aware that I also connect with many different avenues that in some way touch on our Village life. The following is information for Veterans and active military and business that will offer discounts to same. The website is: [www.illinois.gov/veterans](http://www.illinois.gov/veterans). Under Special Features click on "Veteran and Active Duty Military Discount" for details.

George Brust  
Trustee

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## UTILITY DEPARTMENT

If you receive an ESTIMATED water bill, that means your water meter is malfunctioning and you need to call the Village Hall to setup an appointment. 847-683-2181 x22.

The due date on your Utility Bills has been changed to the first Friday of the even months.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please keep an eye out for children playing Pokemon.

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## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

With February temperatures reaching 70°, many began thinking about spring and planning for this summer's home projects, including swimming pools. Did you know that any pool that is over 24" in height or depth, measured from ground level requires a building permit? This includes swimming pools, above ground pools, on-ground swimming pools and fixed-in-place wading pools. Any pool that meets or exceeds this definition requires a

In the 15th century this got shortened to "**spring-time**", and then further shortened in the 16th century to just "**Spring**".

Source: *Mentalfloss.com*

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### Hampshire Trivia

There are 388 light poles in Hampshire.

There are 801 fire hydrants in Hampshire.

permit.

Visit the Village website and select Apply for a Permit under the "How Do I?" heading.

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## DO I NEED A PERMIT FOR THAT?

The examples below include only some of the projects requiring permits (not all projects have been included!). Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by this code, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit. Contact Village Hall or consult our website for additional information. Permits are required for:

- Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Commercial finish-out or remodel
- Electrical systems and repairs
- New electrical panels or circuits
- Gas or electric water heater replacement
- Excavation
- Fences/Decks
- Basement finish-out
- Sprinkler system installation
- New building
- Commercial buildings/residences
- Plumbing systems and repairs
- Gas line addition, replacement or repair
- Shower pans
- Repairs of water or sewer line
- Pools deeper than 24"
- Retaining walls over 4 ft. in height (including the footings)
- Signs
- Residential work (new windows and doors, patio covers, garages, fireplaces, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, basement furnishings, kitchen expansions, re-roofing, etc.)
- HVAC (heating, ventilating and air-conditioning) systems
- All accessory buildings (sheds)
- Roofing
- Patio covers, carports and arbors
- Replacing or adding a drive approach
- Concrete patios require a permit; paver patios do not require permit

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## The History Of Flag Day



The idea of an annual day specifically celebrating the Flag is believed to have first originated in 1885 by BJ Cigrand, a school teacher, in Fredonia, Wisconsin.

June 14, 1889: George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the State Board of Education of New York.

June 14, 1891: the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held a Flag Day celebration.

June 14, 1892: the New York Society of the Sons of the Revolution celebrated Flag Day.

April 25, 1893: the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames of America adopted a resolution requesting the mayor of Philadelphia and all others in authority and all private citizens to display the Flag on June 14th.

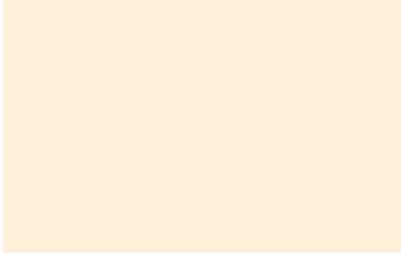
In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With BJ Cigrand and Leroy Van Horn as the moving forces, the Illinois organization, known as the American Flag Day Association, was organized for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag Day exercises.

June 14, 1894: the first public school children's celebration of Flag Day in Chicago was held in Douglas, Garfield, Humboldt, Lincoln, and Washington Parks, with more than 300,000 children participating.

May 30, 1916: Flag Day officially established by proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson.

August 3, 1949: President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14th of each year as National Flag Day.

The American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner", has changed designs over the centuries. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red



(top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 states in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.

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