

# Hampshire Hot Topics

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## A Message From Village President Jeff Magnussen



**"Don't buy the house, buy the neighborhood."**

Old Russian Proverb

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is upon us and there is no better time than now to get to those long-overdue home maintenance projects like painting the exterior of your house, cutting down a dead tree, trimming shrubbery, mending fences, replacing damaged aluminum siding and torn window screens or simply painting your mailbox.

As everyone knows, a well-maintained home not only increases its resale value, it also helps to create a shared sense of community pride.

Hampshire has a reputation as a community of well-kept homes with nicely manicured yards; or as they say in the real estate industry, homes with "curb appeal."

Let's all be good neighbors and work together to keep Hampshire a community that we can all be proud to call home.

Please join me in welcoming our new members of the Board of Trustees. Christine Klein, Ryan Krajecki and Erik Robinson were sworn in at the May 4th Village of Hampshire Board meeting. They, along with veteran trustees Toby Koth, Jan Kraus and Mike Reid, Jr., will be working together to make Hampshire the best it can be.



July 4 Independence Day



July 15 Farmers Market



July 23 Parents' Day



July 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

We welcome the Hampshire Farmers Market at the Hampshire Commons Shopping Center on Rt 72. Please come to the Farmers Market every third Saturday from June through October. Come and welcome our local vendors and help support the Village of Hampshire.

I hope you all have a happy and safe Fourth of July celebration on the 241st anniversary of America's independence. Likewise, have a happy and safe Labor Day which honors the American labor movement and the contributions that workers have made to the strength, prosperity, laws and well-being of this wonderful country.

As we do every year, we look forward with great anticipation to the 35th Annual Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days Festival from Aug 3rd through 6th. This year it will be at its new location at Allen Road and State St. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Have a safe and happy Summer.

"Keep your face to the sun and you will never see the shadows."

Helen Keller

Summer afternoon--summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.

Edith Wharton

## Village Clerk



The Coon Creek Days fireworks display will be on Saturday, August 5th.

Wishing you a Safe and Happy

Aug 3 - 6 Coon Creek Days

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

It's getting warmer and there is a lot more foot traffic around our town, and with the foot traffic we tend to see more mischievous activity.

I would just like to take an opportunity to remind everyone to be sure that they lock their vehicles when they are parked.

We have had some issues in the past when residents had their belongings taken from their vehicles that were unlocked. If you see any suspicious activity please do not hesitate to call 911.

Another reminder that door-to-door sales is prohibited by our village ordinances, unless it is for political or religious causes. Many times companies go around telling residents that they are working with the village. Please remember that the village will never send any company to your door, especially for any type of energy program.

I would like to recognize Sergeant Ryan Edwardson on his recent promotion to Sergeant. He has been with the Hampshire Police Department since 2009 and is well deserving of this promotion.

Coon Creek Days will be held the first weekend in August at its new home at the corner of Allen Road and State Street. We will be working with the Coon Creek Days Committee to ensure that this event is fun and safe for everyone.

Have a great summer!

Mike Reid  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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## FIELDS & TRAILS

My final Field and Trails report:

The public works director has received bids for the Jake Lane path repair. The budget includes pond-burning which is an important tool for maintaining and enhancing grasslands. Eliminating dead vegetation encourages the growth of new, healthy native grasses, keeping the entryways into Hampshire appealing and attractive.

Thank you to all those responsible pet owners who are considerate of others and pickup after their pets. However, we still have a dog waste problem created by some



Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday



Aug 7 Purple Heart Day

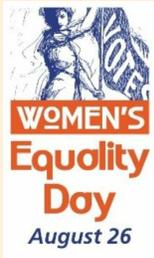


Aug 19 National Aviation Day

Farmers Market



Aug 21 Senior Citizens Day



Aug 26 Womens Equality Day



Aug 27 Lyndon Baines Johnson Day

Sep 4 Labor Day



Sep 10 National Grandparents Day

residents who fail to do so. We urge those responsible to consider the annoyance, and the health hazard, of failing to pickup their pet's waste.

Beginning with the next newsletter, the field and trails report will be under new trustee and new chairman Ryan Krajecki.

Toby Koth  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Development Commission:

During the campaign many of the candidates you elected made promises whether in debates, in speeches, or standing in your doorway. Many of those promises revolved around moving Hampshire forward in respect to creating more opportunities for our residents to spend their hard earned money at home. Well, I want to report those were not empty promises or hollow words. The Business Development Commission is a brand new committee that was launched thanks in large part to the efforts of former Trustee Mike Armato.

The commission consists of many outstanding people passionately invested into our community's development. These volunteer appointees to this committee are actively working towards recommending changes to existing structures, and policies that will help to attract and retain business into our wonderful town. The members include the following people David Pizzolato, Eileen Fleury, Raoul Johnston, Arthur Zwemke, Mike Gazzola, and Ryan Krajecki. Everyone in this group has business and/or development experience. We are meeting monthly on every third Wednesday at the Village Hall. If you want to come and observe us work then please feel welcome.

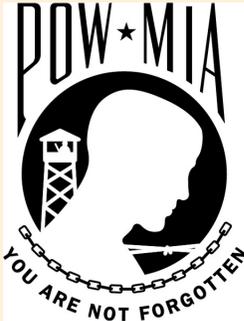
Currently, we are working on identifying key components of what our residents want for the future of Hampshire. Additionally, we are identifying important assets that Hampshire has to offer both industrial and retail companies to attract them to the village. Ultimately, we want to create an atmosphere where it is easy for someone to do business in the Village.

Our group has high hopes and aspirations and is willing to combine them with hard work and a dose of Can Do attitude! So please, if you see any of these people in the village, ask them how progress is going or better yet come and observe a meeting.

Ryan Krajecki



Sep 11 Patriot Day



Sep 15 National POW/MIA Recognition Day



Sep 16 Farmers Market



Sep 18 Air Force Birthday

Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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## Planning & Zoning

My name is Erik Robinson. I have recently been elected to serve a two-year term on the Hampshire Village Board of Trustees. I have recently been selected by our Village President, Mr. Jeff Magnussen, to chair the Planning and Zoning Committee. No items are on the agenda for the Planning and Zoning committee as of the writing of this update.

I am really looking forward to serving on the Planning and Zoning committee alongside Trustee Krajecki and Trustee Reid. My goal as a member of this committee is to serve you, the residents of Hampshire. If you have any questions or concerns regarding planning and/or zoning, please feel free to reach out to me.

Erik Robinson  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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## FINANCE

The Finance Committee has been very busy the past few months working on the budget for the 2017/2018 fiscal year. The newly elected trustees were fortunate enough to participate in the various talks and meetings to design a budget that could best work to function the Village with the available resources. The budget was passed at the April 20th meeting by the former Village Board.

Here are a few of the financial highlights of this fiscal year:

1. Purchase of 2 new replacement squad cars
2. Painting of the Elm Street water tower (inside and out)
3. Road improvements of Widmayer Rd, Romke Rd, Panama Ave and an alley on Madison St.
4. Purchase of 2 new lawn tractors to help the Village keep up with the ongoing grass maintenance

As the Finance Committee Chairperson, I plan to formally review the budget regularly to make sure that we are on track and there are no improvements that can be made as we progress through the fiscal year.

Christine Klein  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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# LABOR DAY



Sept 4 Labor Day



Sept 22 First Day of Autumn

## 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

Street Department

## Five Water Conservation Tips:

Everyone wants to help conserve valuable resources, and water is one of the most valuable resources there is. The following five simple suggestions will make you water wise.

1. Check every faucet in your home for leaks. Just a slow drip can waste 15 to 20 gallons a day. Fix it and you save almost 6,000 gallons a year.
2. Put several drops of food coloring in each toilet tank. Without flushing, watch for a few minutes to see if the color shows up in the bowl. It's not uncommon to lose up to 100 gallons a day from one of these otherwise invisible toilet leaks. And that's more than 30,000 gallons a year!
3. Don't shower too long or fill the tub too full. Five minutes for showering and about five inches in the tub is plenty.
4. Try to use automatic dish and clothes washing machines with full loads only.
5. Even if the machine features short cycles you're being more efficient with your water when there are enough dirty things for a full load.
6. Most important, water your lawn and garden with good sense. Do it early or late, not in mid-day heat (which is prohibited by Village Ordinance), and avoid windy days. See that water goes where it should, not on sidewalks or driveways. Stick a spade in the ground now and then to see that water is getting down deep. A good soaking encourages good root systems.

Factoid: A single lawn sprinkler spraying five gallons per minute uses 50% more water in just one hour than a combination of ten toilet flushes, two five minute showers, two dishwasher loads and a full load of clothes.

While these are just suggestions, they are the basic elements of an effective water conservation program for our community. Don't let water go to waste, and do your part to use water wisely.

## What happens if I can't pay my Village utility bill?

Everyone depends on electricity, natural gas, telephone and water, sewer and garbage services to keep their homes running. If you've run into financial difficulties that will not permit you to pay your village utility bill on the due date, we recommend you contact Village Hall immediately. As a courtesy to customers, the Village may grant one installment payment plan per qualifying account during any rolling 12-month period.

Qualifications for an installment payment plan:

- Your service must not be disconnected. If your account has already been disconnected due to non-payment, full payment must be received before utility services can be reinstated.
- No other payment plans during the past 12-month period.

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

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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A perfect summer day is when the  
sun is shining, the breeze is  
blowing, the birds are singing, and  
the lawn mower is broken.

James Dent

· A partial payment equal to 25% of the total past due  
balance (balance plus late fee) must be paid upon  
execution of a payment plan agreement.

· You must request an installment payment plan in person at  
Village Hall.

· In addition to keeping the payment plan installments  
current, all new and future charges must be paid on time,  
including late fees.

· Payments can be made over a period of up to 6 months.

A payment plan is not considered in place until a written  
agreement is signed and the deposit paid.

A copy of the Village's Utility Billing and Payment Plan  
Procedures can be found on the Village website under  
Public Works within the Services dropdown menu.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

School is out. Keep an extra watchful eye out for our  
children this summer.

Congratulations to Ryan Edwardson's promotion to Sergeant  
of the Hampshire Police Department.

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## Stormwater Pollution and Yard Waste: Only Rain Down that Drain

Proper yard waste disposal isn't just a great idea, it's the  
law. Hampshire Municipal Code (§9-1-3) prohibits dumping  
or discharge into the stormwater system and makes it illegal  
for anyone to place debris into the streets or onto the  
sidewalks.

Yard debris like grass clippings, leaves and shrubbery  
trimmings are a significant source of stormwater pollution.  
Unlike debris which is flushed down a drain within your  
home or business that is conveyed through the sanitary  
sewer system for treatment at the wastewater treatment  
plant, water from the stormwater system is discharged  
directly into Hampshire and Coon Creeks.

The stormwater system is designed to carry storm water!  
Other debris can cause clogs in the culverts, storm drains  
and piping which causes flooding, and debris that reaches  
the creeks negatively affects the fish in the creek as well as  
the plants on the banks.

What you can do:

Aim your mower away from paved areas. Use a leaf blower  
or broom to move clippings into the yard, NOT into the street.

Recycle grass clippings as a natural fertilizer. Leave them



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"In early June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explodes, and every sunset is different."

John Steinbeck, *The Winter of Our Discontent*

"Bees do have a smell, you know, and if they don't they should, for their feet are dusted with spices from a million flowers."

Ray Bradbury, *Dandelion Wine*

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

Sam Keen

Summer is here. I'm in the process of moving all my bad habits outdoors."

Unknown



### Living With The Fox

There have been many comments about sightings of red fox within the Village. Foxes are common and abundant in Kane County and throughout Illinois. While many Kane

on your lawn to biodegrade or compost them for a rich natural fertilizer for your plants and garden.

Use a mulching lawnmower to cut up grass clippings and to recycle your fall leaves into the lawn.

Place your yard waste in a brown paper lawn and leaf bag or 32-gallon plastic or metal can and place it curbside on garbage day for pickup from April 1 through November 30. Be sure to mark any plastic or metal cans with a large "X" so that it is easily identifiable as containing yard waste.

Mulch and compost your yard waste. Backyard compost added to the soil in your flower beds or garden retains moisture so you can water your plants less frequently, attracts earthworms to aerate the soil and reduces the amount of fertilizers required.

What you can't do:

Don't blow grass or pile leaves on the sidewalk or in the street as they can blow or wash into the storm drains.

Don't hose sand or soil into the gutter.

Don't dump grass clippings or other yard waste into a swale, ditch or creek.

If you see your neighbor or someone in your neighborhood blowing grass clippings into the street or storm drain, tell them that it causes storm water pollution and could lead to flooding in the village.

Discharging into the stormwater system is a violation of Village Ordinance and can result in fines...Please, **only rain down that drain.**

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### A Short Labor Day History

The Pullman Strike was a nationwide railroad strike in the United States on May 11, 1894. The strike and boycott shut down much of the nation's freight and passenger traffic west of Detroit, Michigan. The conflict began in Pullman, Chicago, on May 11 when nearly 4,000 factory employees of the Pullman Company began a wildcat strike in response to recent reductions in wages.

Most factory workers who built Pullman cars lived in the "company town" of Pullman on the South Side of Chicago, Illinois. The industrialist George Pullman had designed the model community.

During the severe depression of 1893 Pullman Company cut wages as demand for new passenger cars plummeted and the company's revenue dropped. A delegation of

County residents live on the Fox (River), residents of Hampshire live with the Fox!

Many have expressed concern about seeing a fox sunbathing in the backyard or walking down the street during the day time, but that alone should not be a problem. Fox activity is variable; they can be active at either day or night. They do not hibernate and remain active year around.

Baby foxes are called kits and are born in the spring most commonly in litters of four. The kits leave the dens for the first time around a month of age. They learn to hunt and are gradually weaned by the mother around 3 months of age. The family unit sticks together until the fall when they break up and each animal becomes independent.

You may hear them as fox are quite vocal and have a large range of barks, whines, growls and howls. They even make a sound similar to a hiccup. Foxes are territorial and the males will often give a yelling bark to warn other males not to intrude on their territory.

Foxes are usually shy and wary but curious. The Illinois Department of Natural Recourses urges everyone to enjoy wildlife by observing, but not interfering. Keep yourself, your children and your pets safe, and as with any other wild animal, should you observe a fox with erratic or aggressive behavior, please call the Hampshire Police Department.

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We have gotten a few calls about the mosquitos in the village.

This is a brief overview of what the

workers complained that wages had been cut, but not rents at their company housing or other costs in the company town. The company owner, George Pullman, refused to lower rents or go to arbitration.

Citing the absence of democracy within the town of Pullman and its politics, the rigid paternalistic control of the workers by the company, excessive water and gas rates, and a refusal by the company to allow workers to buy and own houses, workers called for a strike. They had not yet formed a union.

Founded in 1893, the American Railway Union (ARU) was an organization of unskilled railroad workers. ARU organizers were sent to Pullman. They signed up many of the disgruntled factory workers. When the Pullman Company refused recognition of the ARU or any negotiations, ARU called a strike against the factory, but it showed no sign of success. To win the strike, ARU decided to stop the movement of Pullman cars on railroads.

The ARU called a massive boycott against all trains that carried a Pullman car. The plan was to force the railroads to bring Pullman to compromise.

The boycott began on June 26, 1894. Within four days, 125,000 workers on twenty-nine railroads had "walked off" the job rather than handle Pullman cars. At its peak it involved some 250,000 workers in 27 states.

Violence erupted on July 7, 1894. Hundreds of boxcars and coal cars were looted and burned. State and federal troops were used to quell the mob.

Under direction from President Grover Cleveland, the US Attorney General obtained an injunction ordering the strikers to stop interfering with trains that carried mail cars, and barring union leaders from supporting the strike and demanding that the strikers cease their activities or face being fired. The ARU ignored the injunction, and federal troops were called up to enforce the injunction.

City by city the federal forces broke the ARU efforts to shut down the national transportation system. Thousands of United States Marshals and some 12,000 United States Army troops took action.

President Cleveland wanted the trains moving again, based on his legal, constitutional responsibility for the mail. He argued that the boycott violated the Sherman Antitrust Act and represented a threat to public safety.

The arrival of the military and the subsequent deaths of workers in violence led to further outbreaks of violence. During the course of the strike, 30 strikers were killed and 57 were wounded. Property damage exceeded \$80 million (\$2.2 billion in 2017 dollars).

village does for mosquito control.

Clarke Mosquito sprayed on June 27th. They will again be spraying/fogging every street within the Village limits next Wednesday night, July 5th, (Thursday if it rains). This will be the first of our 4 total treatments this summer. Clarke also treats the ponds and catch basins.

We also have a "New Jersey light catcher" mosquito trap on the side of the park district building that they check on a weekly basis to see if any of the mosquitos have west Nile virus.

There is only so much we can do to work with Mother Nature, but we try to evenly space the treatments throughout the summer as well as treat the Thursday/Friday of Coon Creek days (depending on the weather).

In 1894, in an effort to appease organized labor after the strike, President Grover Cleveland and Congress designated Labor Day as a federal holiday. Legislation for the holiday was pushed through Congress six days after the strike ended.

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