Please call WM: 800-449-7587  See the video on our Website.

**At Your Door Recycle Program from Waste Management Comes to Hampshire.**

The purpose of a newsletter is to provide information to our residents.

**The Village Government** is operated under a Trustee-Village form of government.

The Village President is the chief executive officer of the village; the trustees are the legislative body. The Village Board meetings are held in the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. All meetings are open to the public.

**WATER AND SEWER:**
Water and sanitary sewer service is provided by the Village. Water meters are read and billed bi-monthly.

If you do not receive a bill please call the clerk’s office to report this. **Water Dept. 847-683-2181 x 22**

**WATER RATES:**
Water rate is $4.93 per 1,000 gallons.

**SEWER CHARGES:**
Sewer charge is $6.15 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Customers also pay a billing charge of $1.00 plus a $20.00 Capital Improvement fee each billing cycle.

**10% Penalty Charges:**
Payment must be RECEIVED, not postmarked, by the end of the business day of the due date - 4:30 p.m.

**SEWER BACK-UPS:**
Should you experience a sewer back-up, contact the Public Works Department at: **847-683-2064 - 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Please leave a message on the machine.

If it is found that the main lines are clear, you will be advised to call a plumber. All property owners are responsible for maintenance of sewer lines from the house to the Village’s main sewer lines.

**WATER MAIN BREAK:**
If the water is to be shut off for the repair of a water main break, you will be notified by the water dept. so that you may draw some water if needed for the duration of the repair work.

After 3:30 p.m. call the clerks office until 4:30 p.m. After hours call the Village Hall 847-683-2181

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**Additional Phone Numbers**
- Garbage: WM 800-796-9696
- Cable: Mediacom 800-874-2924
- Fox Valley Internet: 847-742-4623
- Hamp. Park Dist.: 847-683-2690
- NICOR:888-642-6748
- ComEd: 800-334-7661
- Hamp. Township:847-683-4480
- Hampshire Chamber:847-683-1122
- Ella Johnson Library:847-683-4490

NO CHARGE FOR NOTARY
LOCAL ORDINANCES

SUMMER WATER BAN:
EVEN AND ODD DAYS.

Effective from May 1 – September 30: Permitted hours of Water Use between 5:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and between 9:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight, each day.
(Pending may change year to year). For more information please check our website under Village Ordinances.

GARBAGE PICK-UP:

Pick-up is Thursday of each week except after certain holidays. Holiday schedule, which means everything is picked up one day later, is observed after: New year’s Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Garbage Containers are to be placed on the tree bank or parkway not more than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection. Collection hours are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Yard waste is collected April 1 - November 30. Waste must be placed in brown kraft paper bags or properly identified 32-gallon plastic or metal cans will be accepted. Cans must be 50 pounds or less. Branches must be bundled with natural twine and no longer than 4 feet in length and no heavier than 50 pounds. Bundles not exceed 2 ft. in dia. & individual branches not exceed 4 in. in dia. Call 800-796-9696 for a Recycle Container or to arrange a pickup for an appliance.

BURNING OF BRUSH:

(Tree limbs, Branches & Twigs are allowed only

Burning permitted on sunny days between 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. No burning on paved areas of public streets, sidewalks, or alleys. BURN only clean dry brush. Burning is NOT permitted when the wind is in excess of 10 mph or when it is determined that atmospheric inversion conditions exist.

NO OPEN BURNING OF:

Landscape waste, rubbish, refuse of any kind, wood, garbage, or any other material.

Homeowners may burn or permit to be burned such substances as are reasonably necessary for the purpose of cooking food for consumption by his family and guests.

SENIOR CITIZEN
The homeowners must be 65 or older for a senior discount on garbage.
Please come in and fill out a form to get the discount.

WEED CONTROL

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, or possessor of any parcel of real estate in the Village to allow or maintain any growth of 8 inches in height. Any weeds allowed to grow will be declared a nuisance, will be ordered to mow or the Village of Hampshire will mow it at the owner’s expense.

INOPERABLE VEHICLE OR JUNK CAR:

Storing of junk, trash or refuse on private property is prohibited and declared a nuisance. Unlawful to keep, store, maintain or otherwise retain, on either public or private property and in public view, inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicle or partially dismantled vehicle or junk cars. Cars will be towed at owner’s expense. Junk, Trash, and refuse are defined as any waste matter which is offensive to the public health, safety, or to the esthetics of the neighborhood.
SNOW REMOVAL & NO PARKING – WINTER BAN

SNOW REMOVAL
It is unlawful to park any vehicle on any street designated as a snow emergency route for a period of 24 hours following the accumulation of 2 inches or more of falling snow. Any vehicle in violation of this provision will be towed at the owner’s expense.

Any mailboxes knocked down during snow removal must be reported to the Village and will be reimbursed by the Village up to $25.00 along with a store receipt.

NO PARKING-WINTER SEASON:
On all streets in the Village, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. each day, notwithstanding any other provision of this Village Code: provided this prohibition shall apply only from and after November 1st of each year up to and including April 1st of the following year.

Parking over the sidewalk is now allowed from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. all year round.

SIREN TESTING: EVERY 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 10 A.M.

BUILDING PERMITS:
Permits are required for just about everything. Permit applications may be picked up at the Village Hall or on our website under How do I.

Any questions please call the Building Department at 847-683-2181 x 28.

The Village of Hampshire subcontracts for the issuance of all building permits and the inspection of the work.

Mailboxes:
Please contact Hampshire Post office for regulations of installing mailboxes.
847-683-2636

Vacation Time:
Going on a trip?
Contact the Police Department 847-683-2240 to have an officer check your residence while you are gone. The service is free.

Moving out:
The Village does not require vehicle stickers, or transfer stamps if moving out. If you are a homeowner and moving out the Village we must be notified a week before so we may do a final water bill.

All homeowners are responsible for property maintenance and utilities to be paid on time.

VOTING:
Register to vote at the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library
Residents in the Village may have 3 dogs/cats.

Townhouses are considered multiple housing building.

This does NOT apply to residents living in a subdivision with covenants. It is unlawful to harbor or keep any animal which provokes a breach of the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night. Owners are responsible for the removal of waste from animals from public streets, sidewalks, alleys, or any other public places.

No person shall permit or allow any dog in his custody to enter upon the premises of another without the consent of the owner of the property concerned.

DOGS MUST BE ON A LEASH

Festivals:

May:
Memorial Day – Seyller Park

August:
Coon Creek Country Days
Early Time Street Rods

October:
Trick or Treat hours:
4 to 7 p.m.

December:
Santa comes to Hampshire

Please check for updates on our Facebook page.

History of Hampshire

Originally known as Henpeck, the Village of Hampshire began when Zenas Allen of Vermont became its first settler in 1836. From 1837 to 1845 Henpeck existed along the Chicago – Galena Stagecoach Trial at Old State (Route 20), Big Timber, and Brier Hill Roads. Hampshire Township was organized in 1845, and the village’s name was changed to Hampshire. In 1876, the village relocated so that it could be along the Chicago-Pacific Railroad line. Hampshire was officially incorporated that same year with Samuel Rowell as its first village president. In 1893, the farming community grew to become the second largest milk–producing and shipping station in Illinois. Residents have served in the civil war, and during World War II, Hampshire was chosen for a prisoner of war camp for 250 German soldiers who worked at the Inderrieden Canning Company.

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