Dear Neighbors,

Autumn. Some say it is their favorite season of the year. Sunny days, cool nights, cozy sweaters, the rustling of falling leaves and the leaves' beautiful colors. A beautiful season indeed. But before we know it, winter will sneak up behind it.

Autumn is the best time to prepare for winter. Planting bulbs in the fall rewards us with a great display of color come spring.

Check your snow shovels, snow blowers and plows. Stock up on ice melt. (If you have pets, get ice melting compound that is safe for their paws. More on this later in the newsletter.)

Before long, it'll be time to turn on the heat. Check your furnace, boiler, and any fireplaces and chimneys while you still have time to get repairs and tune-ups done.
I'd like to thank, in advance, all of our neighbors who diligently remove snow and ice from our sidewalks. If you have children walking past your house to get to the school bus stop, please be especially attentive to prevent our children, and the parents who walk with them, from slipping and falling.

Also, let me please remind you that blowing snow into the street is a violation of a village ordinance. If you hire a snowplow service to clear your driveway, please make sure the contractor follows this rule. The same rule applies to leaves. Leaves must not be blown or raked into the street or along the curb. Leaves must be bagged and put out for Waste Management to pickup.

The village will be taking delivery of two new snow plow trucks in October. That will enable our Public Works department to do the plowing of our Lakewood Crossing subdivision. We will not be contracting it out this year as we have in the past.

Remember: the burning of leaves is not allowed within village limits.

Let me close by speaking about a very important issue - Alzheimer's Disease. Alzheimer's disease is a progressive disorder that causes brain cells to waste away (degenerate) and die. Alzheimer's disease is the most common cause of dementia - a continuous decline in thinking, behavioral and social skills that disrupts a person's ability to function independently.

Here are are some statistics from Alzheimer's Association:

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE IS THE 6TH LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IN THE UNITED STATES.

MORE THAN 16 MILLION AMERICANS PROVIDE UNPAID CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH ALZHEIMER'S OR OTHER DEMENTIAS.

THESE CAREGIVERS PROVIDED AN ESTIMATED 18.5 BILLION HOURS OF CARE VALUED AT NEARLY $234 BILLION.
BETWEEN 2000 AND 2017 DEATHS FROM HEART DISEASE HAVE DECREASED 9% WHILE DEATHS FROM ALZHEIMER’S HAVE INCREASED 145%.

1 IN 3 SENIORS DIES WITH ALZHEIMER’S OR ANOTHER DEMENTIA. IT KILLS MORE THAN BREAST CANCER AND PROSTATE CANCER COMBINED.

ONLY 16% OF SENIORS RECEIVE REGULAR COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS DURING ROUTINE HEALTH CHECK-UPS.

IN 2019, ALZHEIMER’S AND OTHER DEMENTIAS WILL COST THE NATION $290 BILLION. BY 2050, THESE COSTS COULD RISE AS HIGH AS $1.1 TRILLION.

5.8 MILLION AMERICANS ARE LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER’S. BY 2050, THIS NUMBER IS PROJECTED TO RISE TO NEARLY 14 MILLION.

Every 65 SECONDS SOMEONE IN THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPS THE DISEASE.

Alzheimer’s is a terrible scourge both to those who are afflicted and to those who care for them. According to Alzheimer’s Association, Alzheimer’s takes a devastating toll on caregivers. Compared with caregivers of people without dementia, twice as many caregivers of those with dementia indicate substantial emotional, financial and physical difficulties.

Please read the news article from the Ella Johnson Memorial Library District later in this newsletter. The library is launching a support initiative for those in need.

After that somber note, let me extend my wishes to all of you for a very joyous holiday season. Let us all give thanks for our blessings, and ask that those in need find the strength and courage to deal with the adversity of Alzheimer’s and other debilitating diseases.

Sincerely,
The name "Illinois" comes from a Native American word meaning "tribe of superior men."

If there are ice cream trucks in the summer, why aren't there Starbucks trucks in the winter?

Roman Calendar History:

October, November and December were originally the 8th, 9th and 10th months of the year. The original Roman calendar had only 10 months. When January and February were added in 450 BC, these three months kept their original names. These months were named simply for their positions on the original Roman calendar. "Octo", "Novem" and "Decem" mean 8, 9 and 10 in Latin.

Illinois Trivia

Do you know the Illinois State Animal? (Answer later in the newsletter.)
The winter parking policy goes into effect on November 1st.

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Parking cars blocking the sidewalk is not allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. all year round.
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The village office and Public Works will be closed on the following days:

Thursday November 28th and Friday November 29th in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Tuesday December 24th and Wednesday December 25th in observance of the Christmas holiday.

Tuesday December 31st and Wednesday January 1st in observance of the New Year’s holiday.

Illinois Trivia
Illinois became a state on December 3, 1818. Illinois was the 21st state to enter the Union. It had a population of 34,620 people. Illinois is now the fifth most populous state in the country with almost 12.9 million people.

Village Board of Trustees Report

Public Works Report

As we near the fall and winter seasons, there are a couple of things the village could use your help with.

1. As leaves begin to fall they seem to block all the storm drains. With fall rains we always have standing water. So, if possible, we ask residents to keep curb drains clear in front of your homes. This will also help the street sweeper making the final runs prior to winter. After trees drop their leaves, it's a good time to trim branches hanging low over sidewalks for the safety of people using sidewalks. After the leaves fall off the branches, they are easier to shape and trim.

2. Reminder on street parking bans for winter: It's not too far away. It's a good idea to prep driveways while it's warm to get ready.

Halloween is just around the corner. Please check the times for trick or treating. Keep our kids safe!
One of the biggest threats to healthy paw pads is the salt used to melt ice on driveways, roads and sidewalks. Prolonged contact can lead to chemical burns on dogs' paws. If your dog is limping by the end of a walk, deicing products may be hurting his feet. Try to keep your dog off the salty sidewalk (think grass or snow) whenever possible.

Another threat from deicers is ingestion. Dogs may lick their paws or your boots and ingest deicing salts. To prevent your dog from ingesting deicing salts, keep a shallow bowl of warm water and a cloth near the entryway to your home so that you can wipe your boots and your dog's paws when coming back inside.

Another common cause of sore paws during the cold winter months are the ice balls which form between the pads and toes of hairy-footed dogs. To reduce the risk of ice balls, keep inter-pad hair trimmed neatly and short during the winter months. Not only can hairy feet contribute to the development of ice balls on the feet, paw hair can retain a lot of those nasty deicing salts. If your dog has hairy feet, trim them throughout the winter.

Dogs left in the cold for long periods of time are also at risk for

Onto another issue:
Waste Management has begun the process of notifying residents what is actually recyclable. Village trustee Aaron Kelly has a more detailed report. He's done a phenomenal job on village services and I look forward to his report.

Our small Public Works team has done a great job this year, and for that I thank them. It's nice to hear that from residents as well.

Before you know it, the holiday season will be upon us. Happy holidays!

Thank you,

Toby Koth
Trustee
Village of Hampshire
Public Works Chairman

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Village Services

Helping To Clean Up Hampshire Recycling

As many of you are aware, there have been many changes over the years on what is acceptable to recycle and what is not acceptable. For example, we used to say recycle any type of plastic which would have included plastic bags, and now we ask that plastic bags no longer be included in your curbside recycling. Due to changes in the way recycle plants are built as well as the recent reduction of recyclable exports China is accepting, it is more important than ever that we, as a community, do our part to ensure the right types of materials are sent to the right recycling partners.

The first step of this process was the institution of the "At Your Door" recycling program that the Village of Hampshire launched in July with Waste Management. This allows our residents to recycle those items which are not generally accepted in the curbside recycling program such as needles, motor oil, electronics, and various other hazardous items. Best of all, this program costs only $1.40 a month, and residents can use it an unlimited number of times. To find out more information, be sure to visit www.wmatyourdoor.com or call 1-800-449-7587.
frostbite on paws and hypothermia. It is not advised that dogs spend hours in the cold. In winter, frequent short walks are better for your dog than a single long walk.

Bag Balm, a product available at nearly every pharmacy, applied in a thin layer daily or every other day should help keep your dog’s paws from cracking and bleeding. Keeping a humidifier in the house should also prevent dry, itchy skin for both you and your pet.

**Products For Protecting Dog Paws**

There are many products designed to protect dog paw pads during the winter months, from pet safe deicing products to protective waxes and dog booties. Safe Paw is a common pet-friendly deicer, but sand, small stones, and kitty litter (non-clumping) are also options for deicing while protecting your dog’s pads from injury and chemical burns.

Musher’s Secret is one of the most popular paw waxes. Paw wax is applied to the pads of the feet before a walk, forming a protective barrier between the paw and the salty sidewalk or pavement. Paw wax will wear away after extended exercise, and should be reapplied before each walk.

The next step is an education program that the Village of Hampshire and Waste Management will launch in September. We decided to start this program as a result of the recent recycling audit that Waste Management completed at the direction of the Village Board. When looking at recycling programs, the national average is that 25% of the items sent for recycling are actually not recyclable items, and considered debris. The audit showed that in Hampshire, our percentage of debris was over 45% in both of the audits done during August. This means that almost half of what is sent for recycling is not actually recyclable.

Starting in September, and running throughout the next year, we will share a lot of information, tips, and guides on recycling best practices in an effort to get our community below the 25% national average. The first piece to go out recently was included in all water bills and shows what items are acceptable to recycle and which items are not acceptable. In the next month we are also going to start a "tagging" program where Waste Management will put a tag on recycle bins that contain debris that should not be recycled. This program will have two phases.

In the first phase the residents will receive the tag that identifies what should not have been included, and Waste Management will still take everything in the container. We have not yet determined how long this phase will last, although for most communities it lasts a couple of weeks up to a month or more. The second phase will result in a tag being placed on the bin, and the bin NOT being taken, giving the resident the opportunity to take out the non recyclable items before the next week.

In addition to this program we will have a lot of information go out over our Social Media channels and host town halls to talk through any concerns that the residents have. If you have any questions about the program, recycling, or any other village services please reach out to Trustee Aaron Kelly, Chairman of Village Services, at akelly@hampshireil.org.

Regards,

Aaron Kelly
Trustee
Village of Hampshire

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The best protection for your dog's paws and pads are dog booties. Just as wearing boots in the winter protects your feet, dog boots will protect your dog's feet. Dog boots can protect your dog's paws from salt, ice balls, and cutting his pads on sharp items that may be hidden under the snow or sharp ice.

Proper sizing of dog boots is especially important in ensuring that the boots are comfortable for your dog to wear and maximize paw protection.

Dog boots may look silly, but really are the ultimate protection for your dog. Human snowsuits look silly also, but are they not the best for keeping sledding kids warm? Just as your child may not want to wear a snowsuit, your dog may not initially like wearing dog boots. With a little time and patience, you can train your dog to love wearing his dog boots!

From Petfinder.com

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Happenings in October

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegram in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President Abraham Lincoln from the Chief Justice of California.

Business Development Commission

The work of the Business Development Commission continues thanks to the committed volunteer members dedicated efforts. Our village is fortunate to have such a quality group working toward improving its future. Over the past two years the group has made some significant strides. Some of the highlights include a full implementation of the Hampshire’s first ever façade program with a perennial funding mechanism that ensures its continuation into the future, an enrollment in the national Main Street Program which is starting to produce results, utilizing a consultant to bring deeper connection with the State’s economic development department, overhaul of the business section of the website, the Hampshire's Very Own articles featuring our local businesses, a creation of the Beautification committee along with 4 committed members, and an improved process by which we evaluate large scale projects that effect the village economically. Furthermore, we have taken on the task of creating a professional quality marketing brochure that we can use to begin attracting companies to invest in our village to help us grow in a quality way that reflects the character and beauty of our community.

We know as residents that progress can be slow and frustrating at times. Public work has the unique aspect of being governed by rules and processes that are geared to protect the taxpayer from being exploited and toward preserving your tax money. As a net result there is tremendous oversight and transparency that can sometimes work to slow us down and make us less efficient. It is a bit of irony when you think about it, however there is real effort in the groups of the village to bring to the residents of our great community the experience they desire albeit much slower than we would hope.

Up ahead, we are working on bringing the community leaders of other organizations in the village together in a meeting to share with them the work we are doing with the Main Street program because the spirit of that organization is inclusive to the whole community. We hope that builds a momentum and synergy that produces even better results. We aim to complete the marketing brochure. We look forward to the completion of the Speckled Fawn and Petersen’s Fuel façade projects as well solicitation of more applications. We plan on signing
President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day in 1863.

In 1871, The Great Fire of Chicago erupted. According to legend, it started when Mrs. O'Leary's cow kicked over a lantern in her barn on DeKoven Street. Over 300 persons were killed and 90,000 were left homeless as the fire leveled 3.5 square miles, destroying 17,450 buildings. Financial losses totaled over $200 million. (Over 4.2 billion in 2019 dollars).

In 1879, Thomas Edison successfully tested an electric incandescent lamp with a carbonized filament at his laboratory in Menlo Park, New Jersey, keeping it lit for over 13 hours.

The shoot-out at the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, occurred between the feuding Clanton and Earp families. Wyatt Earp, two of his brothers and "Doc" Holliday gunned down two Clantons and two others, in 1881.

Henry Ford's Model T went on sale in 1908.

The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph up for the state's property marketing program Location One and fully integrating it into our website. Finally, we will finish the development of a process of awareness of available property for letting interested companies who want to come to Hampshire know where they can locate.

Our mission has long been to improve the village internally such that we can attract the type of growth externally that aligns with the core virtue and excellence of our residents.

Thank you.

Ryan Krajecki
Trustee
Village of Hampshire
In 1919, Prohibition began in the U.S. with the passage of the National Prohibition (Volstead) Act by Congress. Sales of drinks containing more than one half of one percent of alcohol became illegal. Called a "nobel experiment" by Herbert Hoover, prohibition last nearly 14 years and became highly profitable for organized crime which manufactured and sold liquor in saloons called speakeasies.

In 1929, the first "talkie" opened in New York. The Jazz Singer starring Al Jolson was the first full-length feature film using spoken dialogue.

In 1939, Albert Einstein warned President Franklin D. Roosevelt that his theories could lead to Nazi Germany's development of an atomic bomb. Einstein suggested the U.S. develop its own bomb. This resulted in the top secret "Manhattan Project."

The United Nations was founded in 1945.

In 1957, the Space Age began as the Russians launched the first satellite into orbit. Sputnik I weighed just 184 lbs. and transmitted a beeping radio signal for 21 days. The remarkable accomplishment by

Library staffer, Kelly Sheehan, said the Memory Kits were developed to fill an unmet need in the community. The kits help to draw out the memories of patients through tactile stimulation, fun videos and books that will help them recall their youthful days.

The kits are themed for events that are meaningful to seniors. The kits include DVD's of memorable movies, a tactile fidget activity muff, and a launch pad, which is a portable tablet device that offers cognitive games for the patients to play. In addition, every kit also includes a book called Navigating Alzheimer's and a binder that contains tips for dealing with situations that caregivers may encounter when assisting Alzheimer's and dementia patients.

"Adding personal mementos to the Memory Kit experience will bring memories to the forefront and encourage conversation. Things like dad's favorite wrench, a scarf mom wore when riding in the car with the top down, or a spritz of a favorite perfume or cologne - these items will help pull out memories," said Sheehan.

Right now, the collection includes a kit based on the iconic cars of the 1950's and 1960's, a road trip-themed kit and one based on the memories of food and cooking. Adult & Teen Services Manager Angel Flores said there are three other kits being created at this time including Chicago, Fox River Valley and Route 66-themed memory kits.

In addition to providing a curated collection of Memory Kits, the library will present informational resources that are located within 20 minutes of the library district's service area. Support groups, classes, workshops, and more are available from groups such as, the Alzheimer's Association, Advocate and Presence Hospital Systems and many more.

"Three of the kits are available for inspection now, and three more will be available soon. We will be adding to the collection as we go along," Flores said.

Funding for the Memory Kits was donated by Ella's Friends fundraising events for the benefit of the library. The next Book Sale will take place at the Hampshire Township Building, 170 Mill Street, from Thursday, October 3rd through October 6th.
Soviet Russia sent a shockwave through the American political leadership resulting in U.S. efforts to be the first on the moon.

In 1962, President Kennedy decided to place a naval blockade, or a ring of ships, around Cuba. The aim of this "quarantine," as he called it, was to prevent the Soviets from bringing in more military supplies. He demanded the removal of the missiles already there and the destruction of the sites.

After 70 years of American control, the Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama in 1979.

If you want your grass to stay healthy through the winter, Autumn is the time to fertilize and reseed! Once the leaves have turned, pruning trees and bushes will set them up for success come next spring. While you're at it, this is a good time to service and then store your lawn mower and other gardening and landscaping equipment.

Answer to baseball trivia: Mickey Mantle

Illinois Trivia answer: The Ella Johnson Library District staff will be displaying the Memory Kits at the upcoming Alzheimer's information event, also held at the Hampshire Township building on Saturday, October 12th.

Classic Car Memory Kit, offered by the Ella Johnson Public Library District offers a variety of tools and media designed to help caregivers interact with their Alzheimer's patients.

Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days

On the heels of another successful year, the Coon Creek Country Days Committee is busy winding up the 2019 fest held August 1 to 4, and already making plans for the 2020 fest set for July 30 to August 2. Post-event, from August to October, is the time where committee meetings are especially interesting. Our discussions toggle between the recent fest-what went well, what we could potentially do better-and the next year's fest, including what we should bring back and what we should change up. Suggestions from attendees and residents are always welcome year-round. And for those interested in potentially serving on the committee, you're welcome to join us for an evening to see what it's like. We're looking for new committee members now! Call me.

We thank our sponsors for their continued support of our village and our fest. We simply can't do this fest year after year without their support, and it's important to the committee that Coon Creek Country Days gives as much to them as they give to us. We remain steadfastly committed to this reciprocal relationship with our sponsors.
To everyone who attended this year's fest, thank you! You're the folks that bring life to the fest and make us want to do it again year after year. We hope you especially enjoyed your fireworks show, your entertainment, your carnival, your pony rides, petting zoo and parade—just to name a few activities.

Last but certainly not least, the entire committee thanks Toby Koth for his many years on the committee, most recently as committee secretary, beer garden coordinator, parade coordinator and BBQ cook-off coordinator. While Toby may be leaving the committee, he will continue to serve Hampshire in other capacities—as a trustee (since 2015) and as an employee of the Hampshire Township Park District where he stays faithful in his goal to "make our village and the parks simply the best there is." He will also carry on as the fest's BBQ cook-off coordinator. (He may no longer be on the committee, but we didn't let him stray too far.) Thank you, Toby!

Thank you all for another great Coon Creek Country Days!

Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days Committee
Carl Palmisano, president