A Message From
Village President
Jeff Magnussen

"There are only two seasons - Winter and Baseball."

Bill Veeck

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Dear Neighbors,

It's Spring! It's great to see the red winged blackbirds return. And it's great to hear the two surest sounds of Spring: the song of the red winged blackbird, and the call of the umpire yelling "Play Ball". Sure signs that Winter is gone.

What a winter it was! And historic! The coldest temperature ever recorded in Illinois' history was recorded at Mt. Carroll at -38 degrees on January 31st. Only 80 miles from Hampshire.

It isn't often we see single digit temperatures and
Pollinator Garden
History of the Tomato

Calendar of Holidays/Events

Apr 1
April Fool's Day

Apr 4
White Sox Home Opener
vs. Seattle Mariners

Apr 5
National Deep Dish Pizza Day

Apr 7
National Beer Day

Apr 8
Cubs Home Opener
vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

Apr 10
Hug Your Dog Day

Wind chill factors of -25 degrees in March. Truly, it was a difficult and memorable winter, and we have our Public Works team to thank for helping us get through it.

Winter presents many challenges for our Public Works Department employees. Plowing, salting and maintaining their equipment leaves little time for their other responsibilities. Extreme cold makes equipment maintenance much more demanding, and places great stress on that equipment and on the bodies of the people who must work in frigid conditions.

If you think you know cold, try to imagine jumping into a hole filled with water, in subzero temperatures, to repair a broken water main. That is the type of job a Public Works employee must do. And no one is standing by his side cheering him on. No one praises him for a job well done.

Our Public Works Department employees, and the work they do, always make me proud. In May, during National Public Works Week, we celebrate the efforts of Public Works employees nationwide. We get the chance to express our pride in the work they do.

We call to attention the impact public works makes upon community life. National Public Works Week seeks to enhance the prestige of these unsung heroes in our society, the professionals who serve the public good every day with quiet dedication.

We often take for granted the work of our Public Works team that enhances the quality of our lives here in Hampshire. I would like to thank all our Public Works employees for their hard work and their dedication to the Village of Hampshire. Join me in honoring these hard working employees. When you see them around the village, give them a wave to let them know you appreciate the work they are doing.

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Now that Winter is over, we will all be caring for our lawns. Grass clippings blocking storm sewer drains have been a problem year after year. Below are a couple of pictures to demonstrate.
Each of us can do our fair share to correct this problem by not directing grass clippings into the street. If you employ a landscaping service, ensure that they are not blowing grass clippings into the public walkways or streets.

We can all be vigilant in observing the storm sewer drains near our homes. If you see a drain blocked by grass clippings and/or leaves, please sweep up around the drain to clear it.

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Our Public Works Department will also begin the task of trimming parkway trees. Below you will see a message from Superintendent Dave Starrett explaining the trimming process.

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The Illinois Department of Transportation has made funds available for Safe Routes To School (SRTS).

The village applied for Safe Routes to School funding to add sidewalks in the areas designated on
National Husband Appreciation Day

Apr 21
Easter Sunday

Apr 22
Earth Day

Apr 26
Arbor Day

May 1
May Day

May the fourth be with you!

May 4
Star Wars Day

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The White Sox home opener is April 4th, and the Cubs home opener is April 8th. Let’s hope 2019 will be a great year for Chicago baseball.

Go Sox! Go Cubs!

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too.”

Yogi Berra

Sincerely,

Jeff Magnussen
President
Village of Hampshire

The map where sidewalks do not currently exist. Children will now have a safer route to the middle school. The total cost of the project will be about $100,000.

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ORIGINS OF THE MONTH OF APRIL

April is the fourth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and its predecessor, the Julian calendar. Its name is derived from the Latin word "aperit", which means to open. It is considered that April is the month of the
May 5
Cinco de Mayo

May 7
National Teacher's Day

May 12
Mother's Day

May 15
Peace Officers Memorial Day

May 18
National Armed Forces Day

May 27
Memorial Day

"Little League baseball is a very good thing because it keeps the parents off the streets."

Yogi Berra

A Message From
Village Clerk
Linda Vasquez

Winter Parking Ban Ends April 1st.

Overnight Parking permitted April 1st through October 31st.

Yard waste pickup begins April 4th.

Now is the time for anyone interested to make an application to work on the 2020 Census.

The Village office will be closed on May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.
"...spring is the best time of the year because it announces the start of the baseball season..."

Steve Mueller

From the Village Board of Trustees

Business Development Commission

The Business Development Commission continues to make significant progress in our mission. We were able to get the downtown façade program passed through both our committee as well as the Village Board of Trustees. Additionally, we have already received 4 applications for participation. We have already begun the evaluation of these applications. We are certainly hoping that this will begin to transform the aesthetics of the downtown toward something the residents of Hampshire can be proud. Finally, I have spoken to many more companies that have expressed interest in the program, and we will be working with them over the next several months to hopefully get them to the point of submitting applications.

In another exciting development, we have rediscovered thanks to the help of Bill Swalwell and Brad Sanderson the original design and engineering work done for the original downtown renovation project from 2004. Susie Kopacz has begun the research of seeing what value there might be in joining the Main Street Program. There is both a state and a national program. The state program was defunded, but there is hope it might be brought back under the new administration. The group is evaluating the national program to see how it might help us in our cause. We hope to use these new designs and possible help at the national level through the Main Street program to leverage resources to help us do non-façade items in the downtown area.

Finally, thanks to Mike Armato, we are looking to join into the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) program which would allow us to attend a convention where retail companies are looking to find places to start new locations.

We hope to have more to report on that front soon!

Ryan Krajewski
Trustee
Village of Hampshire
Business Development

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Public Works Report

We've come through an unusual winter with a lot more ice and freezing rain than normal. The Public Works Department has done a great job of keeping the roads as clear as possible. Supervisor Dave Starrett has had to juggle things around with all the truck breakdowns, but they have held it together and Spring is finally here.

Public Works will be having a meeting with Enterprise Truck Leasing to go over their leasing program of trucks to see if it is a good fit for Hampshire. The toll our trucks take during snow events, given their age, is tremendous. This same program is utilized by District 300. It may be the way to go for Hampshire. Stay tuned.

Thank you to all those residents who remembered to clear a path to the mailboxes and fire hydrants.

Spring is here and the winter debris cleanup will begin. If residents help with small branches and debris it will help free up staff for bigger things. Please assist the village in keeping the sewers drains clear.

Thank you,

Toby Koth
Trustee
Village of Hampshire
Public Works Chairman

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Village Services

The time has finally arrived. Verizon Wireless will be erecting their tower in the Lakewood Crossing Subdivision. They told me it should be up and running by the end of May (weather permitting).

Future Link IT is now located on the Tuscany Woods tower. You can go to FutureLinkIT.com for any information regarding their internet services.

IMPORTANT: Waste Management has new guidelines for their recycling program. You can go to WasteManagement.com to review the new recycling rules. We have the website posted on our Village Website and on our Facebook account.

Jan Kraus
Trustee
Village of Hampshire
Generally water meters are read every 60 days or so, and the Water Department works hard to obtain an accurate reading from your water meter each and every billing period. On occasion, however, there may be an issue with the MXU (for remote reading) or the meter and we are not able to obtain an actual reading.

When that happens we will estimate usage. If a customer's water consumption is estimated, "ESTIMATE" will appear on the right-hand side of the bill as shown above. If you received an estimated bill, we are asking you to contact Village Hall at 847-683-2181, extension 22 to arrange for an appointment to have your meter checked.

Village code requires that all premises using water service from the Village water system be equipped with an accurate water meter. If we are required to estimate your bill on a regular basis and we don't hear from you first, we will let you know by door hanger that your water meter equipment is malfunctioning and in violation of village ordinance. Please call us if your current bill shows an estimated read!

''Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.''  
Babe Ruth

### Village Officials

**Village President**  
Jeffrey Magnussen

**Village Clerk**  
Linda Vasquez

**Trustees**  
Christine Klein  
Toby Koth  
Ryan Krajecki  
Jan Kraus

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**Economic Development**

The excitement continues in the Village of Hampshire. We have a lot good news and fun activities on the horizon. With the warmer months coming we are gearing up for Summer on State, the Farmers Markets, Music Under the Oaks, the splash pad opening, and Coon Creek Days!

There has been a lot of action up at the Truck stop and are of the understanding that Love's will be opening soon with other business's to follow in the coming months.

Please get out and support some of our local businesses and have some fun at some of Hampshire's events over the next few months.

Mike Reid  
Trustee  
Village of Hampshire  
Economic Development

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**National Public Works Week**  
May 19th to May 25th

Have you ever stopped to think about the people who work to keep our water safe to drink and our roads fit to drive on? Public works employees are the people who clear our roads throughout our harsh winters. They are the people who jump into holes filled with frigid water in below freezing temperatures to repair broken water mains keeping water flowing to our homes. And they do more than keep our water flowing and our streets clean. They work in severe weather to serve our neighborhoods. They work in dangerous conditions to keep us safe.
In observance of National Public Works Week, the Village of Hampshire administration and Board of Trustees commends and gives thanks to the people who make up our Village's Department of Public Works, and their commitment to providing reliable service to Hampshire's households and businesses.

If you would like to show your appreciation for the excellent job that our Public Works Department does, please drop a line or an email to express your appreciation. You'll find all the appropriate addresses on the village website.

"Baseball is a good thing. Always was, always will be.“

Stephen King

Public Works Message
Parkway Tree Trimming

Public safety is the Village's first priority when trimming trees, followed by tree health and then aesthetics. Street trees have different maintenance requirements.

Why are parkway trees trimmed?

- To eliminate low limb interference with pedestrians, buses and trucks
- To clear roadway signs and streetlights of obstructions
- To remove hazardous deadwood
- To reduce the effects of wind and ice on branch stability
- To maintain the natural shape of the tree
- To repair storm damage
- To improve the overall health of the tree by reducing the opportunity for insects and disease infestation

Why are the trees trimmed so high?

Since parkway trees are in close proximity to streets and sidewalks, trees limbs are "raised" up to 14 feet to minimize damage to the tree and improve public safety.

WHAT WE REMOVE:
- Dead branches
- Low limbs up to 14'
- Broken limbs
- Sucker & water sprouts
- Intersecting limbs
- Rubbing branches
- Diseased limbs
- Decayed & structurally weak limbs
Damage to the trees from trucks and buses passing beneath them. Large snow plows, school buses and dump trucks can be over 12 feet tall.

Below are two pictures depicting examples of what damage occurs to trucks striking tree limbs.

Why should young trees be pruned?

A young tree whose branches do not yet extend over the street or sidewalk, must have the lower branches removed now to prevent a future hazard. It is best to remove the branches while the tree is young so that the wound created is smaller and heals quicker. Pruning helps to provide a strong branch structure for future growth.

After trimming, a tree's appearance is changed quite dramatically causing residents concern. You will be pleased to know that trees generally experience substantial growth the year after trimming and the change quickly becomes less apparent. In addition, tree wounds are not painted with a dressing, as this is a cosmetic practice that does not help the tree. In fact, it has been proven that pruning paint slows the healing process.

Dave Starrett
Superintendent
Public Works

"Never allow the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game!"
Babe Ruth

Arbor Day - April 26th
Celebrate trees, they're great!
The celebration of Arbor Day gives you an opportunity to learn about trees and take positive action to make the world a better place. Here is a quick list of reasons trees are so important to us all:

- Trees provide shade to keep us and our homes cool on hot summer days.
- Trees give off vital oxygen through photosynthesis which you and I and animals need to breathe.
- Trees absorb harmful pollutants and small particles from the air which could damage our lungs.
- Trees provide protection from the wind.
- Trees reduce noise pollution.
- Trees give us products such as: chewing gum, crayons,
Memorial Day
May 27th

In honor of all our fallen military, on Memorial Day flags are to be lowered half-staff from 8am to 12pm. Then raised to full staff.

If you have a flag that can't be moved (on a pole like those on homes) and you're suppose to fly the flag at half-staff then you should attach a black ribbon to the top of the flag. Preferably, the black ribbon (or streamer) should be the same width as the stripes are.

Flag Disposal

Flags do wear out. When they do, they should never be tossed in the garbage. Instead, they should be destroyed in a dignified manner. This is usually done with a burning ceremony. You should contact your local VFW or American Legion Hall to see if they offer services for old flags.

"Baseball is ninety percent mental and the other half is physical."
Yogi Berra

Thomas Edison never admitted to failure. He just said that he discovered a thousand different ways not to make a light bulb.

Respect your elders.....they graduated school without the Internet.
anonymous

If you don't have one of these........

You'll probably be using one of these.....

Is Your Blade Sharp?

Is your lawn mower ready to go into service? Before you know it, the need will arise. As your lawn wakes up for the season, it's important to consider a part of lawn care that is easy to forget: lawn equipment care and maintenance.

Lawn mowers are the most necessary of pieces of equipment. Is your blade ready to go?

Most people fire up the old lawn mower and get to work cutting their lawn down to size without giving a thought to the blade. They take the blade for granted.

Dull blades make the mower work harder and less effectively. Dull blades shred the blades of grass,
"If I didn’t make it in baseball, I would’ve had to make it workin’. I didn’t like to work.”

Yogi Berra

Most Popular Garden Vegetables

Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Sweet Peppers
Onions
Beans
Hot Peppers
Carrots
Lettuce
Peas
Squash
Sweet Corn

Google.com

Plant a garden that butterflies, hummingbirds, and bees will love as much as you!

Checkout the Bee Smart Pollinator app for your smart phone.

"The Bee Smart Pollinator Gardener app has been the easiest and most useful tool that I have used this year in helping to plan an array of public pollinator gardens around my region."

Sarah Red-Laird
Bee Girl
Executive Director

"When the flower blossoms, the bee will come.”

Srikumar Rao

leaving them ragged and unattractive. Dull blades also make the blades of grass more susceptible to disease.

All motorized equipment benefits from proper care and maintenance. In the case of the lawn mower, that includes draining the gas tank before winter storage to protect the carburetor from gumming up with the old gas. Changing the spark plug, the engine oil and the air filter is a good idea too. Doing so keeps the engine running more efficiently and reduces gas costs and decreases emissions.

Sharpening the blade often gets overlooked. Just as important as sharpening, is balancing. A blade that is out of balance puts undo strain on the shaft bearing, shortening the lawn mower’s life.

You can sharpen your blade yourself, or take it to a local hardware store. It is quick and easy to sharpen and balance your lawn mower blade yourself with the assistance of a blade sharpening kit which is available at Amazon and other places.

When mowing your lawn, don’t forget lawn mower safety issues......

Note "Missle Injuries" below. It is imperative to keep children and pets at a safe distance from the lawn mower (and to wear proper footwear) should an object become a "missle" propelled by the spinning blade.

In 2010, more than 235,000 adults and 17,000 children in the U.S. were injured by lawnmowers according to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Lawnmower injuries can range from minor burns and cuts to broken bones and amputations. Protect your hands while using your lawnmower this season by following our tips.

TYPES OF LAWNMOWER INJURIES

• Cuts: Cuts can occur anywhere on the body but most often occur on the hands and feet from the sharp blades.
• Burns: The hot engine or exhaust of a lawnmower can cause burns.
Fruit or Vegetable?

An interesting aspect of tomato history is the classic debate: Is the Tomato a Fruit or Vegetable? I guess that depends on whom you are asking. By definition, a fruit is the edible plant structure of a mature ovary of a flowering plant, usually eaten raw; some are sweet like apples, but the ones that are not sweet such as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, etc. are commonly called vegetables. Botanists claim that a fruit is any fleshy material that covers a seed or seeds where as a horticulturists point of view would pose that the tomato is a vegetable plant. Until the late 1800's the tomato was classified as a fruit to avoid taxation, but this was changed after a Supreme Court ruling that the tomato is a vegetable and should be taxed accordingly.

When it is all said and done, the history of the tomato has classified as a poisonous beautiful plant, a tax-avoiding fruit, and a taxable vegetable. Nonetheless, the tomato is the most popular vegetable in America and enjoyed by millions all over the world.

In the 1800's, the mass immigration from Europe to America brought many Italians who brought tomatoes back to Italy. Perhaps equally as important, was the invention of pizza. There is no pizza without tomato sauce, and pizza was invented around Naples in the late 1880's. The story goes that it was created by one restaurateur in Naples to celebrate the visit of Queen Margarite, the first Italian monarch since Napoleon conquered Italy. The restaurateur made the pizza from three ingredients that represented the colors of the new Italian flag: red, white, and green. The red is the tomato sauce, the white was the mozzarella cheese, and the green was the basil topping. Hence, Pizza Margarite was born, and is still the standard for pizza. And what could have led

- Missile Injuries: A variety of injuries may be caused by items, such as wires or loose objects in the lawn, being thrown from the spinning blades.
- Fractures (Broken Bones): The rotating blades of a mower can cause broken bones if you come in contact with them.
- Amputations: The sharp blades of a mower can amputate part of an arm, leg, hand or foot. Burns, cuts and fractures can be so severe that the injured part of the body requires amputation to prevent infection and further complications.

HOW TO PREVENT LAWNMOWER INJURIES

- Keep your mower in good working order with sharp blades. Only use a mower that has protection over hot and sharp parts.
- Pick up potential flying objects, such as stones, toys and debris, before you start mowing.
- Make sure that sturdy shoes are worn while mowing. No bare feet, open-toed shoes or flip flops.
- Wear goggles, hearing protection, gloves and long pants. Always wear sturdy close-toed shoes while mowing the lawn.
- Do not drink alcohol or use other substances before or while using your lawnmower.
- Do not remove safety devices or guards on switches.
- Never insert hands or feet into the mower to remove grass or debris. Even with the motor turned off, the blade can still spin. Use a stick or broom handle instead.
- Never lift a mower by the bottom for transport; the blades can cut fingers even if they are not moving.
- Never cut grass when it is wet or damp.
- Never allow children under age 12 to operate a push mower or those under 16 to drive a riding mower. Keep children and pets out of the yard while mowing, and never have a passenger on your riding mower, especially a child.
- Do not pull a mower backward or ride it in reverse unless necessary.

Remember, safety first at all times!

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more to the popularity of the tomato than pizza?