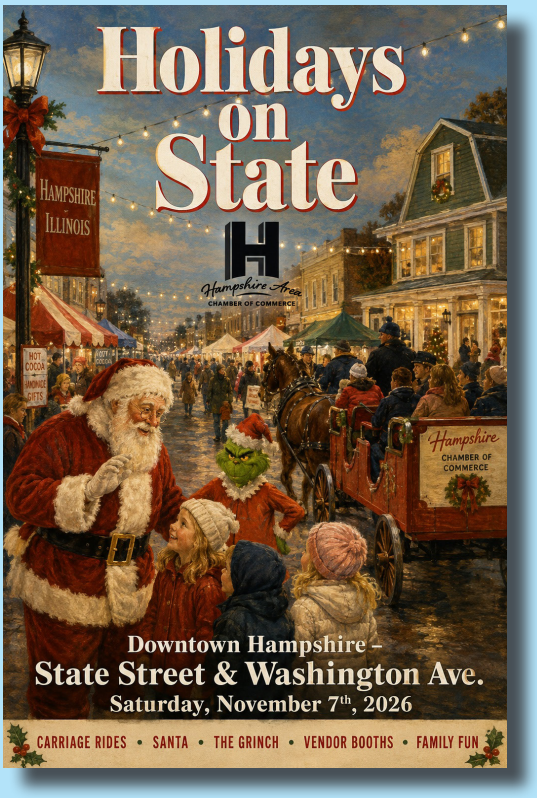
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HOLIDAYS ON STATE



Join the Hampshire Area Chamber for the 6th annual Holidays on State festival on Saturday, November 7th, 10am to 4pm on State Street and Washington Avenue.

Enjoy shopping and dining at your favorite restaurants, stores and vendors. Visit Santa, Mrs. Claus and an Elf at Santa's workshop inside the GABR building. Check out the Grinch at Ella Johnson Library. Take a horse-drawn carriage ride, and take part in some new attractions this year including a photo booth commemorating Hampshire's 150th anniversary. Vendor apps, sponsor info and more can be found on the chamber website: www.HampshireChamber.org

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

As we all take time to shop for gifts for our loved ones, champion small businesses in Hampshire and #ShopSmall on Saturday, November 28, 2026.

Small businesses make large contributions to a community and its local economy. According to American Express, for every dollar spent at a small business, 68 cents stays in the local community. Additionally, approximately $22 billion was spent at small businesses throughout the United States in 2024.

Continue supporting our Hampshire small businesses, many of which are conveniently located along State Street in Downtown Hampshire.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President,
Village of Hampshire

THE COUNTRY WE BECAME

As I write this note, I am wondering what happened to summer, and when I will need to break down and turn on the furnace. Fall is officially here. We had such a fun, event-packed summer here in the Village of Hampshire, and it was great to see many of you out and about enjoying the events hosted in our community. We still have some time before the snow and really frigid temperatures, and there are still some chances to get out and explore the outdoors before we are all pushed inside.

Other than raking leaves, Hampshire has a lot to offer as the weather starts to turn cooler. As I have shared, I am 100% a fall weather guy, so it's nice to get outside, not sweat as much, enjoy the outdoors, and maybe have a nice bonfire with friends and family.

As we look into the not-so-distant future, the end of 2026 is coming, which inevitably means that 4-letter word that makes most of us wonder why we live in a place where the air hurts our face. Yes, I'm talking about SNOW. We have been working hard not only to celebrate our successes here in the village of all that we accomplished this past year, but also to prepare for the weather to shift and be ready for the dance we share each winter with Mother Nature.

This past month, we gathered as a community at the Hampshire Fire Protection District Station 1 to honor the 25th anniversary of the September 11th attacks. Thank you to all who attended, and thank you to the Hampshire Fire Protection District for allowing me to be a small part of the ceremony.

What struck me most about reflecting on that day was the country we became on September 12th and in the days, weeks, and months ahead. Below is a brief section of the speech I gave on 9-11 reflecting on the morning of 9-12-01:

"And tomorrow, when you wake up, remember September 12. Remember the way we looked out for one another. Remember how we put aside what divided us and focused on what united us. Remember that we didn't need to agree on everything to care about each other or work together. Because September 11 changed America. It changed Hampshire. It changed the world. But September 12 showed us something else. It showed us who we could be. And maybe that is the part of September 11 we should carry with us—not just the memory of what happened, but the memory of how we responded."

I felt it was important to share those words again in this newsletter this month, because it seems now more than ever we need a little encouragement from our leaders to put our differences aside and try to remember that we are all one community and should be there to try to help each other, not to tear each other apart because we don't always agree with each other.

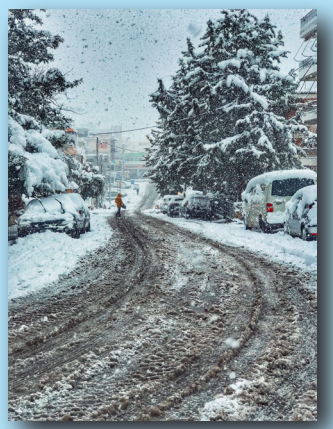
And maybe that's what September 12th can still teach all of us.

That regardless of where we come from, what we believe, or what divides us, we belong to something bigger than ourselves.

WINTER PARKING RULES & WINTER REMINDERS

Vehicles cannot be parked on any public street, roadway, alley, or shoulder of a public roadway unless loading/unloading passengers or making deliveries per Sec. 2-7-1 of the Hampshire Municipal Code.

Parking restrictions will be enforced when:
1. There is a publicly broadcast U.S. Weather Service snow or ice forecast
2. While snow, ice, sleet, or freezing rain is falling
3. When snow, ice, or sleet remains on the pavement
4. While any snow removal operations are occurring



The Village would like to remind residents of the following as the winter months arrive:

1. The Village is responsible for clearing village-owned streets during inclement weather. Residents are encouraged to clear public sidewalks located near their properties to provide safe passage for pedestrians.

2. There are other roadways that are the responsibility of other agencies, such as the Township, County, or State.

3. Blowing or shoveling snow into the street causes dangerous ice patches and prolongs snow and ice removal efforts. It is also a violation of village code.

4. Make sure fire hydrants are accessible at all times, and a 3-foot area of clear space is maintained.

NEW UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE

The Village has a new utility billing software called LOCiS. Village residents and businesses can expect to see the new bills starting with the November 2026 utility bill. LOCiS allows utility bills to be sent via email to residents and businesses that sign up to receive it by email.

Residents and businesses interested in receiving their utility bill by email can sign up at www.hampshireil.org/utilitybillemail.

Those residents and businesses that sign up to receive their utility bill by email will receive it from no-reply@locis.com. If you do not receive the email, please check your spam/junk folder.

Please also note that your utility billing account number will be updated in the new system.

Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Holidays On State
Sat, Nov 7th, 10am - 4pm
Downtown Hampshire
State Street & Washington Ave

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Cookie Crawl
Sun, November 29th, 4 - 7pm
Downtown Hampshire

Illinois Railway Museum
Happy Holiday Railway
Saturdays & Sundays
Nov 28th to Dec 20th
also Fri Nov 27th & Mon Dec 21st
8 trips each day with Santa

Village of Hampshire
Jingle Fest Parade
Sun, November 29th, 6pm

National Wreaths Across America Day
Sat, December 19th
Remember & Honor those who have served & those now serving

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Digital Area Guide
Get to know local businesses of Hampshire, Burlington and Pingree Grove
Hampshirechamber.org

Hampshire Historical Society
become a member
celebrate/preserveHampshire's history
contact@hamp shirehistory.org

CPKC Holiday Train
Tuesday, Nov. 24th
Passing thru Hampshire on way to Bryon, IL after stop in Pingree Grove between 9 and 9:30am

YARD WASTE PICKUP

The last yard waste collection by Flood Brothers will be on Fri, Nov. 27th. Residents are reminded to have all final yard waste materials prepared for pickup on Friday due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, the regularly scheduled garbage and recycling pickup day.

Proper disposal of leaves and yard debris helps prevent clogged storm drains and potential flooding. Residents and landscapers should continue to avoid raking or blowing materials into the street and keep nearby storm sewer inlets clear.



PREP FOR WINTER

How to prep your house for winter?

Whether you are going on vacation or staying at home this winter, it is a good idea to prep your house for the cold winter weather that we are accustomed to in Northern Illinois. Single-digit temperatures and freezing water can cause significant damage to your house and property. Most insurance claims during the winter are due to freezing and burst pipes, especially when you are away on vacation or visiting family and friends for an extended period. Here are some tips to prep your house for the winter:

1. Insulate Indoor Pipes: Use insulation to protect indoor pipes especially under sinks, attics and crawl spaces, pipes along exterior walls, and in basements, where more than 35% of all burst pipes occur.

2. Service your fireplaces, chimneys, and furnaces: We all use these to keep ourselves warm during the cold winter days. Make sure to service your fireplace, chimneys, and furnaces at least annually. This will make sure your fireplace, chimneys, and furnaces are working effectively and safely.

3. Remove dead and damaged tree limbs: When heavy and wet snow comes to the area in can cause dead and damaged tree limbs to break away and potentially damage your house if in close proximity. Take the time during November to remove any dead and damaged tree limbs.

4. Drain and protect outdoor spigots: For hose bibs, shut off the water-supply valve inside your house or basement that feeds the line, then open the outdoor spigot (any water trapped inside will drain out). If you simply shut off the spigot itself, trapped water can freeze and cause a burst pipe inside.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

<u>November/December Fire Safety Tips:</u> It is getting cold out, and the holidays are approaching. Here are ways to help keep you and your family safe.

November 1- Day Light Savings Day! Great time to change the batteries in all of your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. As a reminder, smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors should be replaced every 10 years. If you need assistance changing batteries or you are not sure if your detectors need to be replaced, you can call the fire station at 847-683-2629 and schedule a visit with Jenny Misner.



<u>Space Heater Safety:</u> Plug directly into the outlet. Do Not use extension cords or power strips.

Have 3 feet clearance in all directions from the space heater.

Turn the unit off when you leave the room. Do not leave them on and unattended.



<u>Carbon Monoxide:</u> Carbon Monoxide is colorless and odorless. Have a working carbon monoxide detector on each level of your home near bedrooms Have your furnace checked annually by a licensed HVAC technician.

<u>Christmas Tree Safety:</u> Christmas tree safety is important during the holiday season. Keep your tree away from fireplaces, heaters, and candles. Water a real tree daily to prevent it from drying out. Check all lights for damaged wires before decorating. Turn off Christmas lights before leaving home or going to bed. Keep electrical cords away from water, and never overload outlets. Always use sturdy tree stands to prevent tipping.

VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

Village Hall will be closed on the following days:

Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day
Thurs, November 26 & Friday, November 27, Thanksgiving
Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Friday, December 25, Christmas Day
Thursday, December 31, New Year's Eve
Friday, January 1, 2027, New Year's Day

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The Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7 pm at Village Hall, 234 S. State Street in Hampshire. Village Board Meetings are public, and residents are welcome to attend.

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