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Hampshire's Fire Department was chartered in 1931 after the Great Hampshire Fire of 1929 destroyed a third of the businesses in the village's downtown area. The original staff consisted of a fire chief and 30 volunteer firefighters.

The first firehouse was in the building that is now Village Hall at 234 S. State Street. The current firehouse at 202 Washington Ave. was built in 1962.

The Hampshire Fire Protection District (HFPD) was formed in 1961. In 1974, the HFPD began providing Emergency Medical Services. The first ambulance was a donated hearse.

The fire district serves a population of around 10,000, in a 42 square mile area in Kane and DeKalb Counties. It also protects 9 miles of Interstate 90 into McHenry County. The district responded to 1,460 incidents in 2021.

The fire district is currently planning for major growth within the district that will include almost 3,000 new homes and several large commercial developments. When these developments are built out, call volume is projected to increase to approximately 2,700 calls annually.

The district has been updating its apparatus fleet the last two years

that includes a new fire engine, new ambulance, new pumper/tanker, new brush truck and two new staff vehicles. These new purchases replaced apparatus that was 11-25 years old.

The district purchased land in 2021 by the Hampshire High School on Gast Road in preparation of building fire station 2. The district completed a 5-year strategic plan in 2022 that can be reviewed on its website at www.hampshirefire.org.

Questions? Please visit: hampshireil.org



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Bringing New Life To Our Village

Warmer Weather and Summer Projects

Spring has finally sprung here in the beautiful village of Hampshire, and not a moment too soon! The Village is genuinely looking forward to the warmer weather and is ready for summer projects. This summer, we will be re-constructing downtown (for real this time), and hopefully, at the time of this printing, the work has already started or will be getting ready to start soon. We hope this will bring new life to our village and can't wait to see it completed.

Parking is, and always has been, a challenge downtown. It can be a challenge trying to back out of a space or trying to cross the street, especially with a larger SUV or truck. Yes, it is true that we will be turning one side of State into parallel parking to try to address this. It is also true that this will remove four spots from downtown. I am excited to announce that we have worked with the Canadian Pacific Railroad to lease the land next to the tracks, across from the library, for \$1 per year. We plan to add about 20 oversized vehicle spots, which should add over 15 additional parking spots downtown after the Streetscape is completed.

We Will Miss The Rose Garden

Speaking of downtown, I want to thank the Azizi family for their many years of service to our community and congratulate Sam on his retirement. The Rose Garden was a staple in our community and it will be missed. I know my son will miss the way Ane always took time out of her day, no matter how busy it was, to make sure he felt like the only kid in the place.



Azizi Family

The State of Illinois is diligently working on the intersection of Route 72 and State

Street. It is a bit inconvenient coming and going, but this inconvenience will be worth it; I know it.

Meeting With The Governor



Village Pres. Reid, State Senator Dave Syverson, Genoa Mayor Jon Bust & Administrator Alyssa Seguss

In March, Village Manager Hedges and I had the opportunity to travel to Springfield. We represented the Village, and, along with other municipalities, spoke with our elected officials about how their actions and legislation (drafted, passed, or considered) impact our community. We even had the opportunity to meet with our governor JB Pritzker.

This was the first time that I have traveled to the state capitol in an "official" capacity, and I feel having the opportunity to speak



House Minority Leader Jim Durkin and Mayors and State Representatives that represent the MetroWest Council of Government

candidly about the challenges in our community is valuable.

My sincerest thanks go to Lesli Melendy and Susan Russell of MetroWest and Senator Syverson and Representative Keicher for ensuring a successful trip to Springfield.

Thanks To All Of You

Lastly, I want to thank you for this past year. It has been about a year since I have taken office, and I want to share my sincere



Village President Reid in conference with Governor Pritzker



Illinois Senate Republican Leader Dan McConchie and the group of Mayors and State Senators that represent the MetroWest Council of Government



Illinois Speaker of the House Chris Welch and members of the MetroWest Council of Government



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thanks to all who live in our little slice of heaven.

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

DRY CUTTING CONCRETE

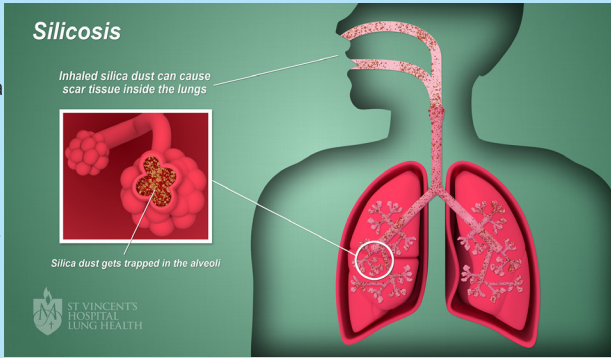
Silicosis Kills

The cloud of dust that you see when a worker cuts or grinds concrete, brick, or stone is not just harmless dust... It contains crystalline silica.....and IT CAN KILL.



Most crystalline silica is in the form of quartz. Common sand is almost 100% quartz. Fine particles created by cutting and grinding can get deep into the lungs. Most concrete and masonry products contain large amounts of sand.

When you inhale the dust, silica particles scar your lungs, causing a disabling, irreversible, and incurable lung disease called *silicosis*. The good news is that silicosis is 100% preventable. You can work with silica-containing materials in ways that do not result in exposure to dust. Wet cutting effectively reduces the amount of dust that is generated by an estimated 85% and respirators provide additional protection from the airborne particles.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Encourage Family and Friends to Visit Hampshire for a Charming Weekend Getaway

The Village and Chamber are promoting Hampshire as a great local tourism destination - with an array of local businesses, family activities and outdoor recreation. Explore the list below and help spread the word about a charming weekend getaway in Hampshire.

Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Pioneer Farm
Chick & Duckling Rental
Hold Baby Lamb

Hampshire Park District Rackow Park
Grand Opening

Ella Johnson Library

Tower Hill Stables Riding Lessons,
Petting Zoo, Trail Rides

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

Rackow Park Dog Run, Baseball
Fields and Pavilion

Summer Street Dance
June 25th

Cinco De Mayo at the Kave, May 5th

Spring Stroll on Washington
May 7th

Hampshire Historical Society
Hampshire During Wartime
May 26th
Downtown Historical Tour
June 11th

Coon Creek Country Days
August 25 - 28

Illinois Railroad Museum
Memorial Day Weekend
full list of activities at IRM.org

Hampshire Outdoor Market 3rd
Saturdays June thru October

For a full list of activities for seniors call 224-828-0303 or visit hampshiretownship.org or email seniors@hampshiretownship.org

COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS

The dates for the 2022 Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days are set. Mark your calendars and join us August 25 - 28, 2022!



CONGRATULATIONS HAMPSHIRE HIGH SCHOOL GRADS



NEW SCHOOL NAMED

The new school at 1400 Ridgecrest Drive in the Oakstead subdivision has been named **Big Timber Elementary School**. The building will measure 86,260 square feet across two stories and will include 40 classrooms, a gym, a library, and a media center. District 300 anticipates welcoming students to the school in August of 2022.

The Boundary Map for the new school can be found at the District 300 website.

KEEP PETS LEASHED

Village of Hampshire Ordinance:

2-11-11: RUNNING AT LARGE; LEASH REQUIRED:

A. No owner or any person entitled to the custody of any dog or cat shall permit the dog or cat to be at large or to confine the dog or cat in a manner so that it can escape and so be at large without his permission, unless the dog or cat is securely confined upon a leash of sufficient strength and accompanied by any able bodied person capable of controlling the actions of the dog or cat under any circumstances.

B. Any dog or cat in an unfenced property and not using an invisible or electronic fence shall be properly restrained on the property a minimum of five feet (5') from any public right of way and property lines. (Ord. 08-35, 9-11-2008)

2-11-12: PENALTY:

Every person who is convicted of a violation of this article shall be guilty of a class B misdemeanor. (1985 Code; amd. Ord. 08-35, 9-11-2008)



UTILITY BILL PAYMENT OPTIONS

Auto Debit - No Fee: apply on the Village website. Assign payment from a checking or savings account.

Drop Box - No fee: located outside Village Hall.

Mail - Stamp: Village of Hampshire, 234 S State St, Hampshire, IL 60140

E-Pay - Processing Fee: online at the Village website using credit or debit cards.

In Person At Village Hall - No Fee for cash or check; **Processing Fee** for credit or debit cards.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Do not blow grass clippings into the street. Doing so blocks storm water from draining into the sewer creating ponding on the roads.

Village Ordinance:

2-15-3: COLLECTION TIME:

A. No garbage or refuse of any kind shall be deposited in any street, alley or public place, at any time, except as provided herein.

B. Containers of garbage or refuse, and any other household trash, refuse, or items to be discarded may be placed on the tree bank or parkway adjoining the public street or alley not more than twenty four (24) hours prior to scheduled collection, and shall be so placed that any contents will not be blown about or scattered by natural elements.

Trash carts must be kept out of the street to facilitate snowplowing and/or street sweeping.

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PLANT A POLLINATOR GARDEN

You Can Make A Difference

Pollinators are the engine that run healthy habitats. Whether you have a few feet on your apartment balcony or several acres, you can make a difference. Build your own pollinator garden and help ensure the future is filled with pollinators.

While flowering plants can grow in both shady and sunny locations, consider your audience. Butterflies and other pollinators like to bask in the sun and some of their favorite wildflowers grow best in full or partial sun with some protection from the wind.

Chose varieties of milkweed and wildflowers that are native to your area. Native plants are the ideal choice. They require less maintenance and tend to be heartier. Find a nursery that specializes in native plants - they'll be familiar with plants that are meant to thrive in your part of the country. It's essential to choose plants that have not been treated with pesticides, insecticides or neonicotinoids. You'll also want to focus on selecting perennials to ensure your plants come back each year and don't require a lot of maintenance.

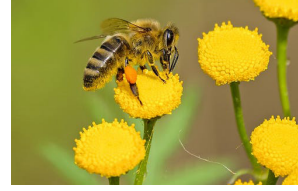
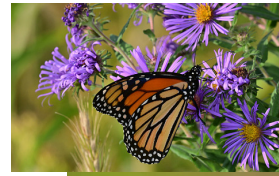
Pollinators need nectar early in the spring, throughout the summer and even into the fall. Choosing plants that bloom at different times will help you create a bright and colorful garden that both you and pollinators will love for months!

Dig holes just big enough for the root system, then cover and reinforce the roots with soil or compost. Add mulch to reduce weed growth.

Wait, watch, water and weed

It may take some time, but you will eventually see butterflies and other pollinators enjoying your garden. Make sure to weed and water your garden to keep it healthy. Keep in mind that it may take a couple seasons for milkweed to start producing flowers.

We wish you the best of luck with your pollinator garden. Thank you for making a difference for butterflies, bees and other pollinators!



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The 20th Annual Hampshire Community GARAGE SALE
Join US!
Thu May 12th
Fri MAY 13th
Sat mai 14th
8am to 5pm

SPONSORED BY: CENTURY 21
- GARAGE SALE SHOWS WILL BE PROVIDED
- TABLES FOR HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS ONLY
- ADDRESS LIST AND MAPS ARE PROVIDED
- CALL NOW TO REGISTER YOUR SHOW

SPRING STROLL - ON - Washington
SATURDAY, MAY 7TH 2022
10:00AM - 4:00PM

Summer Street Dance
SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2022
WASHINGTON AVENUE

DON'T MISS THIS CELEBRATION!
RACKOW PARK GRAND OPENING
YOU ARE INVITED
Saturday, May 14th from 4:00-7:00pm

1387 ROMKE ROAD, HAMPSHIRE

Park Dedication | Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting | Live cover band Elv Barrito
Guardian Angel Basket Rescue | Axe Throwing | Lawn Games | Kids Activities | Double R BBQ Food Truck
and more!

Hampshire's Outdoor Market
THIRD SATURDAYS
JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER
9AM TO 1PM

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



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