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Winter. A time when our golf clubs collect dust, and snow accumulates on the golf course.

"Live in each season as it passes; breathe the air, drink the drink, taste the fruit, and resign yourself to the influences of each." -

Henry David Thoreau

"Is not January the hardest month to get through? When you have weathered that,

Calendar of Holidays/Events



Jan 1
New Year's Day



Jan 6
Feast of the Epiphany



Jan 7
Orthodox Christmas

Jan 9
**Law Enforcement
Appreciation Day**



**you get into the gulfstream of winter,
nearer the shores of spring."**

Henry David Thoreau

Dear Neighbors,

Remember when you were sweating in July and wished for cooler weather? Well, it's here.

Old Man Winter has arrived! Those who enjoy winter sports are happy. Those who don't are not. To all the happy folks, I wish you a season full of snowmobiling, downhill skiing, cross country skiing, tobogganing, snowboarding, ice fishing and ice skating.

To all the unhappy folks, I say, "Take heart. April's coming."

Whether you enjoy Winter or not, we can all look forward to having fun building snowmen and snow forts, and having snowball fights with the kids. The other day in the Daily Herald there was a picture of a family that built an igloo. How cool is that? (Pardon the pun.)

Every season brings with it change. Every season sets up and makes way for the next. Winter's gift is the opportunity to make plans for what Spring will bring.

Let's consider some of the benefits of Winter:

Cold weather burns calories. Your body works harder to maintain a healthy body temperature when it's cold outside. When it's cold, you start shivering because muscle movement, which burns calories, helps heat up the body.

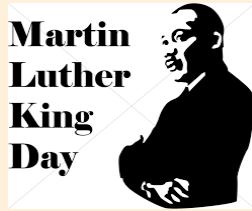
Cold weather brings us closer. According to a 2012 survey, people reach out to family and friends more in cold weather. More phone calls, more text messages and more

Jan 10

Save the Eagles Day

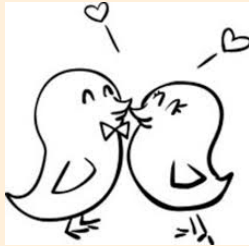
Jan 14

Orthodox New Year



Jan 15

Martin Luther King Day



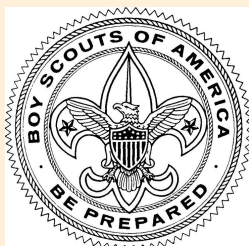
Jan 26

National Spouses Day



Feb 2

Groundhog Day



personal visits.

Cold weather brings us a greater appreciation for the brighter days. In good weather we sometimes take sunshine for granted. Shivering through the cold makes those balmy Spring days seem more precious.

Cold weather can reduce inflammation. There's a reason we put ice on an injury. The drop in temperature reduces inflammation in a sprained ankle or knee. On a larger scale, cold weather can reduce inflammation and pain all over.

It's been said that there is a National Day to celebrate just about everything. National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day, for instance, on Jan 3rd. But I was surprised to find that there is a National Nothing Day on January 16th.

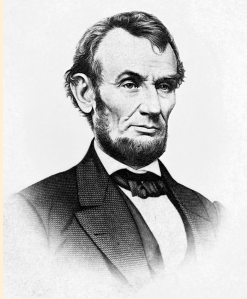
National Nothing Day was created as a day to provide Americans with one National Day when they can just sit without celebrating, observing or honoring anything. (Once every seven years it shares the day with Martin Luther King Day.)

Certainly, there are some National Days that may seem unimportant and trite. However, one upcoming day that, to me, is very important is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. How thankful I am that we have such an excellent Police Department to serve the citizens of Hampshire.

Please join me in thanking our Police Officers for their service. Not just on National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, but everyday!

Happy New Year! I hope we all realize a happy and safe 2018!

Feb 8
**National Boy Scouts
Day**



Feb 12
Lincoln's Birthday



Feb 13
Fat Tuesday



Feb 14
Ash Wednesday



"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

Hal Borland

**A Message From
Village Clerk
Linda Vasquez**



From the Village Clerk's office to you and your families, I wish you a very Happy and Safe 2018.

PUBLIC WORKS

As we begin the winter season please remember the parking ban, the snowstorm events, and the snow plows that clean our streets.



The public works staff, under Dave Starett, will

clean the snow as fast as possible. Most of the plows work very long hours during snow events so please be courteous and civil. They are doing the best for our great town under tiring conditions

Thank you
Happy Holidays and a fantastic 2018

Toby Koth
Village of Hampshire Trustee
Public Works Chairman

PUBLIC SAFETY



Feb 19

Presidents Day



Mar 2

Employee Appreciation Day



Mar 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins



Mar 17

St. Patrick's Day

Mar 20

With the change again in seasons here are a few tips to help you and the community. Thank you to all of the residents that joined the Hampshire Fire Protection District's Fire Hydrant Adoption Program! Did you know that the Firemen have to clear the snow away from each hydrant when they are not out on a call? If they are not cleared around after a snow, there is a chance the snow can start to melt and cause the fire hydrant to be either be encased in snow and ice, or the caps may become frozen and thus be unusable if it was needed. Can you imagine going out into the cold to shovel around every hydrant in the village? I encourage every resident to please take 5 more minutes out of their day and clear the snow around their closest hydrant and do their part to make sure the firemen are well rested on calls, not tired and sweaty from clearing snow around hydrants. For more information on this program please contact the Hampshire Fire Protection District at 847 683-2629.

Try to be a good neighbor this winter and shovel the sidewalks so that our children do not have to walk through the snow and have wet shoes and socks all day when they sit in class or have to walk in the street. Be sure not to put the snow onto the roadway as that is illegal in our village. Try to be cognizant of any neighbor that may be physically unable to shovel heavy snow and lend a hand if you can. Also, as the temperatures drop to the single digits or lower, try to check in with

Spring Equinox



Mar 25

Palm Sunday



Mar 29

National Vietnam Veterans Day

Mar 30

Good Friday

Mar 31

Holy Saturday



First Day of Passover



Apr 1

Easter Sunday

any elderly neighbors that may not want to go out in the snow and ice.

Snowmobiling is only allowed on village streets going to and from the marked trail. Do not ride on the grass or sidewalks trying to get to the trail. Trespassing on park district and other private property will not be tolerated. If the property is not marked as a "trail" you need permission to be there.

If any parent has a student interested in law enforcement, they can call Officer Brox at the HHS or stop by the PD for more information. The Hampshire Police Explorer Post provides positive interaction with law enforcement, and exposure to careers in this area. Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 7 PM at the PD. Ages 14 - 21 are welcome. Hampshire was built on compassion and kindness. While the freezing temperatures have brought us all down, let's try to use the warmth of our hearts to get us all through the winter together.



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PLANNING & ZONING

From my family to yours, I want to wish everyone one of you a very happy holiday season. I hope you all enjoy spending time and making memories with family and friends. It truly is a wonderful time of year!



April Fools Day

Apr 6
Orthodox Good Friday

Apr 7
Last Day of Passover

Orthodox Holy Saturday

Apr 8
Orthodox Easter



Apr 17
Tax Day

Estimated Water Bills Explained

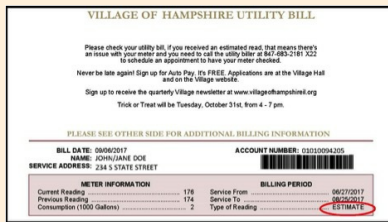
Erik Robinson
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Planning and Zoning Chairman
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The Thin Blue Line

Have you ever wondered what the thin blue line, on a black and white American flag symbolizes? Do you know the significance of this thin blue line flag and why is it usually used to represent law enforcement?

Well, a thin blue line represents law enforcement and the duty of the police department to sustain peace and maintain order in a society. The blue line has its origins in the color of the police uniform which in many cultures or nations is usually blue. The black Stripes are added to represent the darkness through which the police department (the blue line) has to undergo to maintain peace.

Many believe that this flag originated as a result of the insult the police department had to face in the 1960s during the time of tumultuous civil unrest. The flag and the concept were born when the police department was not respected for their duty. It also denotes the strength of the police department brotherhood which is the strength with which all law enforcers stand shoulder to shoulder for the common good of society. Many believe that traditionally this flag came into being as a tribute to a policeman who lost his life in the line of duty. Whatever the origin may be, this flag has its own meaning and symbolizes much more for the police department, which works day and night to protect us from the evil which has dominated our society.



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!

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

unknown

Village Officials

Village President
Jeffrey Magnussen

Many movies in the late 20th century have used this symbol in the form of a flag to represent the message of law enforcement more clearly. The flag came into maximum use after the release of "The Thin Blue Line", a documentary on law enforcement by Errol Morris. It is based on a true incident where a civilian, Randall Adams, was wrongfully convicted of murder in Dallas, Texas. Judge Don Metcalfe states in the film that the final argument of the prosecutor was about the "thin blue line" of police that separate the public from anarchy. This argument deeply moved the judge as it had an emotional impact on him.

Common people have also used this flag as an emblem for their support of the police department. For them, it represents their belief in the police for saving them from the darkness of society. Since it came into being, many policemen started to wear the flag in the form of a badge on their uniform because it held much significance.

However, the use of this flag can not only be relevant to the police department as the ideology within is about the courage which anyone could find when they have to face insurmountable odds. It portrays that people can find hope and strength within each other and law enforcement.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." Matthew 5:9

January 9th is Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. This is a special day set aside to show the men and women of our Police Department how much we value them, and their service to protect our community.

When you see a police officer - thank him or

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Village Clerk, Ext. 0

Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22

Building Department, Ext.
28

Street Department
847-683-9489

Water / Sewer Department
847-683-2064

Police and Fire Emergency
911

Non-emergency
Police Department
847-683-2240

Non-emergency
Fire Department
847-683-2629

Building Inspector
B&F Services
847-428-7010

OFFICE HOURS

her for their service.

We need to show our law enforcement officers that the citizens of Hampshire recognize their contribution toward keeping Hampshire safe.



To all our officers and their families, thank you for your service. Let us all pray for a Happy and Safe New Year.

Brian Thompson
Hampshire Chief of Police

Punxsutawney Phil

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia:

Punxsutawney Phil is the name of a groundhog in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. On February 2 (Groundhog Day) each year, the town of Punxsutawney celebrates the legendary groundhog with a festive atmosphere of music and food. During the ceremony, which begins well before the winter sunrise, Phil emerges from his temporary home on Gobbler's Knob, located in a rural area about 2 miles southeast of town. According to tradition, if Phil sees his shadow and returns to his hole, he has predicted six more weeks of winter-like weather. If Phil does not see his shadow, he has predicted an "early spring." The date of Phil's prognostication is known as Groundhog Day in the United States and Canada, and has been celebrated since 1887. Punxsutawney Phil became a national celebrity thanks to the 1993 movie Groundhog Day.

A select group, called the Inner Circle, takes care of Phil year-round and also plans the

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Board Meetings:
1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month

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annual ceremony. Members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club's Inner Circle are recognizable by their top hats and tuxedos. The Vice President of the Inner Circle prepares two scrolls in advance of the actual ceremony, one proclaiming six more weeks of winter and one proclaiming an early spring. At day break, on February 2, Punxsutawney Phil awakens from his burrow on Gobbler's Knob, is helped to the top of the stump by his handlers, and explains to the President of the Inner Circle, in a language known as "Groundhogese", whether or not he has seen his shadow. The president then interprets Phil's message and directs the Vice President to read the proper scroll.

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