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## 2025 Special Census

The Village of Hampshire and the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting a Special Census this spring to accurately count the Village's population. In the 2020 Census it was reported that the Village had a population of 7,667 residents. Since 2020, the Village has had over 600 new residential units constructed, which projects another 1,987 people residing in the Village that were not counted during the 2020 Census. An accurate count of the Village's population is key to receiving the right amount of revenue from the State of Illinois. The Village estimates that subsequent to the Special Census, the Village will receive approximately an additional \$1.5 million before the certification of the 2030 Census.

The U.S. Census will be mailing out letters and postcards to each individual residence with a unique ID code that will allow you to answer the census questions online. The U.S. Census will also be hiring local residents to gather information from the residences that do not respond online. These individuals will be vetted by the U.S. Census Bureau and will be carrying badges identifying them as U.S. Census Bureau employees. If you are interested in working for the U.S. Census Bureau for the Special Census look for additional information on the Village's social media and website for job links to apply. Training will be provided for those hired by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Residents can expect to start receiving postcards and letters with their unique ID code in late March and through early April. When you receive the postcards and letters you will be able to respond to the census questions online. In-person data collection will occur from May through June for those that do not respond online.

All responses to the Special Census are anonymous, private, and protected by law. Residents' responses cannot be used against them in any way. No individual or entity, including the Census Bureau, can track down your response. Even if you are not a U.S. Citizen you should still respond as you count towards the population of the Village.



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**A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID**  
President, Village of Hampshire

# Special Census

Dear Residents,

This spring the Village will be conducting a Special Census completed by the U.S. Census Bureau. This Special Census is critical in receiving funding from the State of Illinois that will fund key projects in the Village, including street maintenance, water/sewer infrastructure projects, and other projects that may possibly not be able to be completed without this additional funding.

The Village is set to receive approximately an additional \$1.5 million before the certification of the 2030 census. We are a growing community, and we need to make sure that each of our residents is counted in the census! So, when you receive those letters and postcards from the U.S. Census Bureau, make sure to respond online to give the Census Bureau an accurate count of the Village of Hampshire's population! If you are unable to respond online, Census Bureau employees will visit your residence to gather the information. They will be wearing badges so you know who they are and that they can be trusted.

If you are interested in working for the U.S. Census Bureau to collect information, watch for postings on the Village's social media and Village website for more information yet to come. Nothing is better than a friendly face you know from your own community to gather the information.

To familiarize you with what to look for, we have published examples of the postcards and letters you will receive in the mail on page one. So, make sure you don't accidentally throw them away with your junk mail.

On another note, a little history on the turn of the century: [Five Things that Happened in the Year 2000](#)

People hoarded supplies and built bunkers in preparation for Y2K. Most computer systems handled the date change without major issues.

The first season of Survivor aired.

McDonald's tested a broccoli-flavored gum to make Happy Meals healthier. Kids hated it and the idea was scrapped.

Britney Spears dominated with "Oops!... I Did it Again".

**But the most significant event of all in the year 2000.....** Tony Bachara joined the Village of Hampshire's Public Works Department. Congratulations, Tony, on 25 years with the Village! Thank you for your service to the residents of the Village of Hampshire!

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:  
[hampshireil.org](http://hampshireil.org)



Tony Bachara

## FIRE SAFETY TIPS

Spring is here and it's time to clean house. Here are some fire safety tips to be aware of as you start your Spring-Cleaning endeavors.

Clear out any clutter from your home, especially in hallways and stairways.  
Did you know that clutter provides fuel for a fire to spread? Make sure that all of your exits are clear and that there is a clear path to them.

Check your smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors.  
Test your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working properly. Replace the batteries and look for any corrosion on the batteries or their connection points. It is advised that these detectors be replaced every ten years.

Don't use electrical appliances or tools with frayed cords.  
Using damaged appliance cords could start a fire. This is also an excellent time to check your extension cords too. Too many devices plugged in can overload the outlet and cause a fire.

Check for water around electrical appliances.  
Check for water around electrical appliances, such as your washing machine, dryer, or dishwasher. If you notice any water, have a professional inspect your appliance to make sure it is safe to use.

Check all your appliances to make sure they are in good working condition.  
This includes your stove, oven, microwave, toaster, coffee maker, and anything else you use daily. If you notice any issues with an appliance, have it repaired or replaced as soon as possible.

It's a great time to clean your clothes dryer vent & lint trap.  
Lint is highly combustible and can easily cause a fire if it isn't removed. Clean your dryer vent and hoses at least once a year to remove and prevent any excess lint buildup or blockages.



## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Village of Hampshire and the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce 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

Hampshire Township Park District  
11th Annual St Pat's Day 5K Race  
Saturday, March 15th, 9am  
Race Starts at The Copper Barrel  
Post Race Party at The Copper Barrel  
Best Dressed Contest  
Register online at  
[hampshireparkdistrict.org](http://hampshireparkdistrict.org)

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce  
Support Our Local Businesses

Hampshire Park District  
& Ella Johnson Memorial Library  
Flashlight Egg Hunt  
Seyller Memorial Park  
Sat, April 12th, 8pm

Hampshire Township  
Multi-Purpose Event  
Plant Sale, Electronics Recycling  
and Shredding  
170 Mill Ave.  
Sat, May 31st

HampshireTownship  
Seniors On The Go  
Free to join

Hampshire Township Park District  
& Ella Johnson Memorial Library  
Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Bunny Visits  
Seyller Memorial Park  
Sat, April 12th, 11am

For a full list of activities for  
Seniors call 847 683-9464, X-5 or visit  
[hampshiretownship.org](http://hampshiretownship.org) or email  
[Seniors@hampshiretownship.org](mailto:Seniors@hampshiretownship.org)

## POLICE RECRUIT SWORN IN

On January 16th, Officer Jacob Peters took the oath of office before the Village Board. Please join us in welcoming him to the Hampshire community. Officer Peters is joining the Hampshire Police Department as a new recruit and is currently attending the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy. Growing up in Hampshire, he graduated from Hampshire High School in 2017. He enlisted in the Army and became an Infantryman in 1-178 Infantry Regiment. He was deployed to Afghanistan 2019-2020 and was awarded a Combat Infantry Badge as well as an Army Commendation Medal for finding a weapons cache. Upon returning home, he continued his service in the National Guard. He was Honorably Discharged in 2023. Thank you for your service, Officer Peters. Congratulations. We wish you all the best at the Police Academy!





**Do I Need a Building Permit?**

A Building Permit is required for most projects per the Village’s Municipal Code. Examples of projects that require a building permit are fences, decks, window/door replacements, patios, sidewalks, roofs, solar panels, pools, sheds, water heater/HVAC replacements.

The Village uses a third-party firm, **SAFEbuilt**, for its building permitting and inspection services. All building permits can be submitted online through the **CommunityCore** portal. **CommunityCore** is a one-stop shop for the entire permitting process, from applying for the building permit to receiving your building permit and inspection card.

If you are unsure if a building permit is required for your project reach out to **SAFEbuilt** at [ilinspections@safebuilt.com](mailto:ilinspections@safebuilt.com).

More information about building permits and building permit fees can be found online on the Village website at [www.hampshireil.org/building/building-permits](http://www.hampshireil.org/building/building-permits).

Plant Sale, Electronics Recycling, and Shredding event

Join us at Hampshire Township, 170 Mill Avenue, Saturday May 31st. for 3 community events in one place that you won’t want to miss. We are partnering with Wilson Nursery to offer a wide variety of plants, trees, shrubs, and more to grow your garden at great prices. Plus, bring any documents you’d like securely shredded as well as any old phones, computers, TVs, printers, and more to ensure safe disposal of any old or unwanted devices with our shredding & electronic recycling events. The shredding & recycling events are limited to residents of Hampshire Township, and the Plant Sale is open to all! Don’t miss out on these great opportunities to beautify your space, recycle responsibly, and protect your personal information. Keep an eye out in the next newsletter for more details, or call 847-683-9464 for more information & a list of plants offered with pricing. See you there!

**THINK BEFORE YOU DIG!**

**Call JULIE at 811**

As Spring comes around and you are getting ready for some construction projects remember to **Think Before You Dig!** And **Call JULIE at 811**. **JULIE** is a free service that will coordinate with utility companies to mark by either a flag or paint the location of their underground utilities on your property and the nearby area. This is very important so that if you are digging, you or your contractor do not inadvertently damage any underground utilities that could cost money and disruption of services.

Many think that utility lines are buried deep below the ground, however, that is not necessarily true. Some utility lines are buried just below the surface that can be damaged by just a shovel. Whether you are installing posts for a new fence or a slab for a shed, make sure you know where the underground utilities are on your property to save yourself time and money.

What do the different flag colors mean? Each color represents a different type of utility line, whether electric, sewer, water, etc. See the image below that provides a flag color key for you:

More information can be found online at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com).



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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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