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Local Eagle Scout's Project

A project to build a 20' x 30' pavilion was conceived and coordinated by Hunter Penkaty, an Eagle Scout candidate and Hampshire High School senior.

Hunter proposed the pavilion project to the Hampshire Park District and was granted permission to proceed.

Hunter met with Hines Building Supply. Hines generously donated all the building materials. He approached Buck Bros. for support. Buck Bros. graded, graveled and back-filled the site. The building was completed on

September 21, 2021.

Twelve companies contributed things from materials to meals. 34 volunteers worked 478 hours on the construction, and over 100 hours on the designing and planning.

The Carpentersville Army Recruiter and his team helped erect the beams which each weighed over 700 pounds.

Hunter's goal for his Eagle project was

to do something that could serve the community in many ways and for many generations to come. He feels that this project and the location of the project was the best way to do that. The pavilion is located in the woods north of the Tuscany Woods baseball fields.

Anyone wishing to use the pavilion or the campsites around the pavilion can contact the Hampshire Park District.

Questions? Please visit: hampshireil.org



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President, Village of Hampshire

Spring Is A New Beginning

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A Brighter New Beginning For Our

It is supposed to start feeling like spring around here, but, as I am writing this column, I see the temperature is dropping faster than the snow is accumulating on the ground. Did you know that during the month of March the average temperature increases by 10 degrees?

As we sit and hope for warmer temperatures, try to take this opportunity to



reflect on the start of our new year and think about the opportunities that await us.

Spring is a new beginning when the village starts the

preparation for summer - greener grass, longer and brighter days, and outside events, just to name a few. Throughout this newsletter, you will see some springtime tips, events, and fun as it relates to the change in seasons.

The Impact of Words

I also would like to take some time to address the impact of words on our community. In these trying and uncertain times, it is important to remember that words on social media, or in-person, can

impact our community in ways that I think sometimes can be easily misconstrued in the heat of the moment.

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I Love Our Community

I love our community and I love our residents. It has been proven that our residents would give the shirt off of their backs to help someone else within the community. However, it appears that our social media presence is unkind and hurtful more times than not, which shapes the perspectives about our community as a whole.

I ask anyone that reads this to think about the impact on our community. again for kindness

your words will have And to that, I will ask and understanding.

Please do not let our disagreements turn to violence and threats. It's important to try to look at things from all perspectives, something that I have found challenging in the past for me to do.



The Good Our Community Can

I also remind you that we don't always need to agree on everything to get along. Let's all try to remember why we live here and the good that our community can offer. I love this community

and all the residents who choose Hampshire over other places to call home.

As I mentioned above, springtime is a time for new beginnings and longer, brighter days. I am really hopeful that we can use the change of seasons as a brighter new beginning for our village.

Sincerely

Mike Reid

President, Village of Hampshire





Celebrate St. Pat's Day Right Here In Hampshire



Organized by the Hampshire Park District and The Copper Barrel, the St. Patrick's Day 5K race begins at 9:00 am on March 19th (St. Joseph's Day oddly enough) at The Copper Barrel at 172 S. State St.

Runners will receive a bib number, a festive race 3/4 sleeve baseball shirt and an ice cold green beer after they pass the finish line. There is an award ceremony and a party after the race.

Race results will be posted on line at https:// www.i3timing.com/race-results.html Participants must finish in 1hr 15min.

For registration information and to view the race route please visit: https://www. hampshireparkdistrict.org/event/st-patricks-day-5k.

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

Hampshire Park District St. Patrick's Day 5K Run Saturday, March 19th

Hampshire Historical Society

Ella Johnson Library

Tower Hill Stables Riding Lessons, Petting Zoo Trail Rides

Pioneer Farm Chick & Duckling Rental **Hold Baby Lamb**

Hampshire Forest Preserve Model Aircraft Field

Coon Creek Country Days August 25 - 28

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

Tuscany Woods Park Dog Run, Baseball Fields and Pavilion

> Illinois Railroad Museum **Bunny Trail Hop April 9, 10 and 16**

Local Restaurants' Corned Beef And Cabbage Dinners

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!

We offer thanks and praise to



HONORING OUR FIRST RESPONDERS

the Hampshire Fire Protection District and the Hampshire Police Department for their service on January 21st at the explosion at W.R. Meadows. They arrived at the scene in less than 3 minutes to find the side of the building blown out caused by an electrical event in an explosive vapor atmosphere. One person was killed and one was seriously injured.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the victims and their families and

BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

As warmer weather arrives, outdoor activity increases. Children will be out riding their bikes, skateboards and motorized toys. Mothers will be pushing their babies in strollers and buggies. People will be out walking their dogs. This increased activity places a greater importance on keeping the sidewalks unobstructed.

Consider the mother who must go into the street with her baby stroller to get around a thoughtlessly parked vehicle. Consider the child who must go into the street because the sidewalk is blocked. Consider the baby who gets awaken from a peaceful slumber as his stroller bounces over the curb. Consider the person in a wheelchair, or with a walker, who can't pass by at all.

Make Hampshire a safe place for our children. Keep our children out of harm's way. It is this consideration for others that makes Hampshire a great place to live and raise our families.

Blocking the sidewalk is not only thoughtless, it is a violation of village ordinance. Please keep our sidewalks clear between the hours of 6 am and 9 pm.

Be a good neighbor - don't block the sidewalk.



CANADIAN PACIFIC MERGER

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The Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Kansas City Southern Railroad merger will increase train traffic through town from 3 to 11 trains per day. The merger will create the only single rail carrier

linking Canada, the United States and Mexico.

The Village has been in communication with Canadian Pacific.
Talks have focused on the potential impact resulting

CP has been receptive and engaged, and, as talks progress, we will keep the community informed.

from additional train traffic.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 13th - change alarm batteries.



The first day of Spring - Sunday, March 20th.

Winter parking ban restriction is in effect until April 1st.

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

Flood Brothers will begin collecting yard waste again on April 7th.

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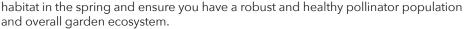
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PROTECTING OUR ECOSYSTEM

Wait for Pollinators To

Emerge

There is a very good reason to wait on cleaning your garden - pollinators. Many pollinators, like bees and butterflies, overwinter in dead plant material. They ride out the cold weather there and emerge in spring. By removing dead material too early, you risk destroying many of these pollinators. A good rule of thumb is to wait until temperatures are consistently around 50 degrees and there is no nighttime frost for at least 7 consecutive days. Insects that have been overwintering in the garden will have had a chance to wake up and leave their winter sheltering spots. This will help protect



Spring vs. Fall Cleanup:

Always spring-clean your garden rather than doing a fall cleanup to protect pollinators and other beneficial insects. Avoiding cleanup of dead plant material in the fall isn't procrastinating. It is an important way to protect your ecosystem. The material protects insects, promotes the growth of microbes, and ultimately, further up the food chain, supports birds and other animals.

Source: Gardening Know How.com

HAMPSHIRE WOMEN'S CLUB

Serving Our Community For 126 Years

Chartered in 1896, the Hampshire Women's Club has served the Hampshire community. One of the club's earliest achievements was the collection to assist in the care of Hampshire Center Cemetery. The club was instrumental in the founding of the Ella Johnson Library which they continue to support. They offer an annual college scholarship to a Hampshire High School female student.



Club Official Flower: Carnation

The club has helped local parks, the Burlington Hampshire Food Pantry, and the annual Santa Comes to Hampshire event.

The club meets on the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, at 1:30 p.m. at Heartland Bank & Trust Company, 819 Warner Street, Hampshire.

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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