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SUMMER/AUTUMN 2022

## Edgar Fellows Program

**“It is vital to Illinois’ future that we develop leaders at the state and community (level) who work together to meet challenges by making regional, ethnic and partisan differences secondary to solving problems.”**

Jim Edgar, Governor

The Edgar Fellows Program focuses on developing leadership and governing capacity in Illinois. It emphasizes the need to forthrightly address major policy issues without permitting partisan, ethnic, and regional rivalries to trump statesmanship. It is designed to influence attitudes and foster mutual understanding. It holds the promise of facilitating bipartisan and cross-regional cooperation as class participants--diverse in race, gender, political persuasion, and geography--assume more influential public leadership roles. Edgar Fellows participate in an intensive five-day executive leadership training program on the campus of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

It’s been five decades, but Jim Edgar often reflects on one character-honing moment. As a young aide to W. Russell Arrington, the Senate Republican leader and most dominant

force in the Illinois General Assembly, Edgar tried to comfort his distraught boss at the close of a legislative session by suggesting the impasse on a critical transportation issue actually might benefit the leader politically. “That’s not the point, Jim,” replied Arrington. “We’re here to solve problems, and we didn’t solve the problem.” When Edgar became Illinois’ 38th governor in 1991, he inherited what was then the largest budget deficit in the state’s history. Eight years later, he left a \$1.5 billion cushion for his successor. The Republican chief executive worked with Democratic legislative majorities for six of his eight years in office to erase the deficit, balance the budget, and move the state forward in education and other key areas. The downstate governor worked on a bipartisan basis with representatives and senators from every corner of

Illinois--including the four legislative leaders from the Chicago metropolitan area. Now he is sharing the lessons from his distinguished career in public service with emerging leaders from public and private sectors throughout the state. Crises in state finance and other crucial areas frequently result from crises of leadership--paralysis caused by political posturing and provincialism. As many as 40 up-and-comers are selected annually to become Edgar Fellows. Among their teachers are Governor Edgar and others who have excelled in the public arena--practitioners as well as researchers and scholars. The Fellows learn about leadership skills, strategies, and expectations through sessions designed to inform and inspire. In addition to the in-person program, the participants are afforded opportunities to continue their

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## Local Attractions

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education through social networking and other forms of high-tech communication. They also are invited to join sessions designed to brief them on crucial policy

issues.  
Source: University of Illinois  
Institute of Government and  
Public Affairs

**Hampshire Village President Inducted Into The Edgars Fellows Program Class of 2022.**

We are proud that our Village President, Mike Reid, Jr., was selected from a field of 160 emerging leaders from across the State of Illinois to be a part of the 10th annual Edgar Fellows Program.





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

# The End Of An Era

Can you believe summer is almost over? I feel like as soon as we put out the patio furniture, it is nearly time for it to be put away for its long winter nap!

of our work over the last five years.

Unfortunately, we had to scale back our construction plans for the downtown area due to the rising prices of materials and labor that happened right after we first had our project bid. Still, we hope that we can continue building on what you see in the fall to enhance and bolster our community.

I am also hopeful that the roadway will remain above water the next time we have substantial rain.

## The End Of An Era



*Era: a long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic.*

I want to end by wishing our Police Chief Brian Thompson a Happy Retirement; he has selflessly served our village for over 40 years. He is an institution, and while we can fill his position, we can never replace him, or what he has given the Village of Hampshire.

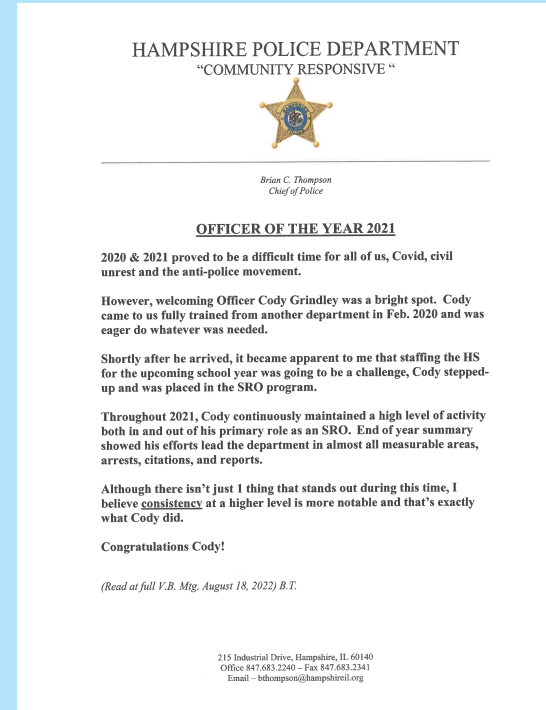
**Thank you for your service, Chief!**

Sincerely,  
**Mike Reid**  
President, Village of Hampshire

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

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR

# Officer Cody Grindley Honored



## 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**  
Buy Live Chickens  
Pick your own potatoes

**Tower Hill Stables Riding Lessons, Petting Zoo, Trail Rides**

**Ella Johnson Library**  
Book Sale  
October 7th - 9th

**Rackow Park Dog Run, Baseball Fields and Pavilion**

**Hampshire Forest Preserve**  
Model Aircraft Field

**Scarecrow Contest**  
Voting begins Sept 26th

**Hampshire Park District**  
Trunk Or Treat  
October 9th

**Holidays On State**  
November 5th

**Hampshire Outdoor Market**  
Third Saturdays  
June Thru October

**Hampshire Historical Society**  
Library History, Sept 22  
Farms to Neighborhoods, Oct 27

**Illinois Railroad Museum Steam**  
Engineer Experience  
Sept 10 - 11

For a full list of activities for seniors call 224-828-0303 or visit [hampshiretownship.org](http://hampshiretownship.org) or email [seniors@hampshiretownship.org](mailto:seniors@hampshiretownship.org)

## CHIEF OF POLICE RETIRES

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

After more than 41 years of service to the residents of Hampshire, Chief Brian Thompson has decided to retire and begin a new chapter in his life.

He spent the majority of his youth in St. Charles. He graduated from St. Charles High School and the University of Illinois Police Training Institute.



Chief Thompson began his career with Hampshire in 1981, having come from the Geneva Police Department with a glowing review after two years of service.

We thank Chief Thompson for his dedicated service to our community, and wish him well as he enjoys his retirement spending quality time with his two adult daughters and his wife Sheri.

## PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

Our children are back at school. Drive safely! Observe school speed limit signs!



## SAVE THE POLLINATORS

There is a very good reason to wait on clearing 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.



### 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.

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 habitat in the spring and ensure you have a robust and healthy pollinator population and overall garden ecosystem. Source: Gardening Know How.com



## Exciting Progress

As you can see, things all over the village are progressing forward, which is exciting. I am pleased to see the changes to our downtown and cannot wait to see the finished product this fall. Many years ago, the village board agreed to take steps to create a Main Street Committee whose goal was to look at our downtown and formulate a plan that would not only modernize but improve downtown.

This committee laid the groundwork for and created goals and ideas to lead to the downtown revitalization you see today. We must be conscious of the work and efforts of many people who have gotten us here. So many people have spoken about the downtown over the years, and we are incredibly proud



# HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Hampshirehistory.org

2022 - 2023  
FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS  
Township Building  
170 Mill Avenue  
7:00 pm

Sept 22 History of Ella Johnson Memorial Library & Village Parks

Oct 27 Farms to Neighborhoods: Hampshire Area Development

JOIN at [www.hampshirehistory.org](http://www.hampshirehistory.org)  
P.O. Box 434, Hampshire, IL 60140

## COMING EVENTS

The Ride to Remember will be going through downtown Hampshire on Sunday 9/11 at approximately 11:15 a.m. Let's line the downtown in remembrance of all those who lost their life on 9/11/01. Never Forget!!!

SAVE THE DATE

**RIDE TO REMEMBER 9/11**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022  
AT WOODSTOCK HARLEY-DAVIDSON

REGISTRATION 8AM | KSU 10:30AM

2021 Ride To Remember raised \$42,000 giving back to 11 charities

ALWAYS REMEMBER NEVER FORGET

FREE EVENT  
LIONS CLUB  
HOT DOGS  
DJ TOXIC  
TONS OF TRUNKS!

OCT 9 | 4-6 PM  
State St. & Washington Ave., Hampshire, IL  
More information: [hampshirehistory.org](http://hampshirehistory.org)

# HAMPSHIRE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Adopt-A-Hydrant



This program is offered to families within our Fire District to "adopt" the fire hydrant, in most cases near their home. Families adopting the hydrant will be asked to keep the hydrant free of weeds, garbage and snow during the year. When a family requests to adopt the hydrant, a time is set up with the Fire Department for our fire engine to respond to the home to meet with the family. The family will have pictures taken and presented with an "adoption certificate". Each child will also be given a goody bag as well.



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

### Big Timber Elementary School Opens



On August 16th, students were welcomed to the new Big Timber Elementary School. The building measures 86,260 square feet across two stories and includes 40 classrooms, a gym, a library, and a media center.



**When do I need to stop?**  
All school buses in Illinois are required to have stop sign safety arms. Motorists have to stop if the arm is extended or flashing lights are lit.

**TWO-LANE ROADS**  
No vehicle area

**FOUR (OR MORE)-LANE ROADS**  
No vehicle area

**ONE WAY ROADS**  
No vehicle area

On two-lane roads, all traffic in both directions must stop if there's a stopped school bus.  
When a school bus is traveling on a four-lane road with at least two lanes of traffic going in the opposite direction, only the lanes of traffic traveling in the same direction as the school bus must stop.  
When a school bus is traveling on a one-way roadway and is stopped to pick up or drop off pupils, all lanes of traffic must stop, regardless of the number of lanes.

Sources: Illinois State Board of Education. See [www.dor.state.il.us](http://www.dor.state.il.us) for more information.

Hampshire Township Park District  
Village of Hampshire

**TRUNK OR TREAT**

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**HOLIDAYS on State**

VENDORS  
MUSIC  
FOOD  
FUN!

Saturday,  
November 5th, 2022  
10am to 4pm

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- @hampshirevillage
- @villageofhampshire
- @HampshireIL

Receive Village E-Newsletters in Your Email Inbox: [www.hampshireil.org/newsletter](http://www.hampshireil.org/newsletter)

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!  
Vote here at [www.hampshireil.org](http://www.hampshireil.org)

Voting begins September 26

**SCARECROW CONTEST**

**ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME CROP HUNGER WALK**

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
**EVERY MILE COUNTS!**  
FRIENDS OF THE POOR® WALK/RUN

**HARPS LOUNGE**  
SLOTS-BEER-SPORTS

Grand Opening Sept 8th  
125 W. Oak Knoll Dr

*Hampshire's Outdoor Market*

THIRD SATURDAYS  
JUNE THROUGH OCTOBER  
9AM TO 1PM  
113 W OAK KNOLL DRIVE

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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