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SUMMER 2022

"2022, The Year Hampshire Rocked"

No one could have predicted the events of 2020 and 2021 which caused delays and material cost increases in many public works and private projects. The impact in Hampshire is that (4) major public works projects are being constructed simultaneously. No, it's not ideal, but Hampshire Residents and Businesses have pulled together to support each other through the construction, detours and inconvenience. When faced with the decision to proceed with all of these projects at once, or risk losing funding for one or more, the Village Board relied on the determination and resiliency of Hampshire Residents & Businesses, and said "yes" to all.

Hampshire Residents are amazing at shopping local, and our Businesses count on us even more during the challenges of Covid and construction. The word is out that if you open a business in Hampshire, residents will support you. We look forward to Hampshire Social, Alfano's Italian Eatery and a new full service restaurant coming to downtown this summer.



Streetscape - Originally scheduled for 2021, the State Street Festival Block is taking shape and is on schedule for a pre-Coon Creek opening in August. New water and sewer lines, new and more streetlights, landscaped bump outs with bollards for pedestrian safety, reconfigured and safer increased parking, are a few of the new features we can look forward to. Thanks to our businesses for communicating so well with our staff and contractors during water shut offs and detours, and thanks to customers for finding new ways to get to their favorite Hampshire business.

deliver Village services to our growing population. Aimed at improving the reliability of water to the north end of Hampshire, it became critical that the north water system be connected to the south system, adding redundancy and capacity to serve our growing manufacturing and logistics companies. The project includes one (1) mile of new 12" water line, new culverts, fire hydrants and a repaved Gast Rd.

Signal at State & 72 - After years of negotiating and planning, IDOT is well into the reconstruction of this major intersection. Many of you remember that just a few years ago it was just a 4-Way stop. The project includes pedestrian crosswalks and signals, new sidewalks, a reengineered stormwater plan to eliminate standing

North/South Water Systems Connection

With development in Hampshire at a post 2008 recession high, it is critical that the Village maintain and expand crucial infrastructure to

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water during heavy rain, and replacing Village infrastructure under the intersection. Scheduled for October completion, the project is on-time.

Resurfacing Rt 20 at the Tollway - IDOT is well underway with this project that will make much needed improvements at the I-90/Rt 20 interchange. Turn lanes, shoulders and pavement are being improved to support Hampshire Truck Stops and their customers at the interchange. This is one of the fastest growing areas of the Village that will now be able to handle the increased truck and auto traffic. These businesses support Hampshire with their Motor Fuel Taxes, Sales Taxes and Property Taxes. Look for a new Thorton's Truck Stop coming soon.



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

A Turning Point In Hampshire History

If you look around the village, you will see many changes occurring right before your eyes, and, although there is no doubt "the struggle is real", I pray every night that these challenges will be worth the reward. I believe Hampshire is at a turning point - a time in our community's history where we will all look back and say, "Remember how it was before all of that construction?"

Our Businesses Need Us

I am impressed daily with our community; our people come together in ways that should make other communities jealous. The number of storage barrels, barricades, and cones around town are enough to agitate anyone, but one thing is for sure - there is light at the end of the tunnel. Now, more than ever, our businesses need us. Try to shop and dine locally before heading out of town.



stake in our community. Every little bit counts, and a task as simple as mowing your yard helps our community.

Summer Events

Speaking of warm weather and fun, several events have already happened this year, and many more are to come. Try to take part in one of the several events that are happening this summer. From the Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce's Outdoor Market (which occurs once a month), to the Suds and Fun Car Show in August, to the Rosemary L. Kesse Day Ice Cream Social, to the Park District's Music Under the Oaks, Yoga Under The Oaks and Movie In The Park, to one of the Library's fantastic offerings, and of course to Coon Creek Days at the end of August, there is always something going on around town. I always enjoy seeing the community out having fun. Please try to learn about what is happening around town and join in. You will not regret it.

Thanks For Your Support

I cannot end this article without thanking you for supporting what we have tried to do within the village. We consistently work for you to make Hampshire what you want it to be. We have had a lot going on over the last year. I hope you see some of the good we have tried to accomplish. It does

take a village, as the saying goes. Our staff and officials are incredibly humbled every day, and are proud of the work that we get to do to make Hampshire a better place.

I hope to see you this summer out having fun! - in the Village of Hampshire!

See you at the corn boil!



Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire



Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

We All Have A Stake

With the warmer weather comes outdoor projects, chores, and fun. It's always exciting to see residents outside enjoying the day or working on a project, especially after a cold winter. I love to see residents taking pride in their homes and property; we all have a



2022 Coon Creek Country Days!



Join us August 25, 26, 27 and 28, 2022

Beer Garden, Carnival, Fireworks, Touch-A-Truck, Kids Tent, Food Vendors, Parade, Corn Boil and so much more!

Visit our website www.hcccd.com for more information!

Hope you can join us!

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

Rackow Park Dog Run, Baseball Fields and Pavilion

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

Yoga Under The Oaks
Saturdays, July 9th and 23rd

Music Under the Oaks
Seyler Park Pavilion
Thurs, July 14th

Movie in Rackow Park
Friday, August 5th

Coon Creek Country Days
August 25 - 28

Hampshire Historical Society

Rosemary L. Kresse Day
Summer Party
Tuesday, July 26th

Illinois Railroad Museum Steam
Engineer Experience
Sept 10 - 11

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

SUMMER SAFETY TIPS

LIGHTNING DETECTION

Thunderstorms are most likely to occur in the spring and summer months, especially May through August. Lightning can occur with or without rain.

We have three lightning detection systems in operation in Hampshire. They are located at Bruce Ream Park, Seyller Park and Rackow Park.

Here's how they work: If lightning is detected within 15 miles, a single blast of the horn will sound the alarm, followed by a flashing strobe light. When lightning has left the area, there will be three short blasts of the horn to announce the "all clear". The systems are powered by solar panels that charge batteries. The lightning detectors are active April to October.



GRILLING SAFETY

PROPANE GRILLS

Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.

Always make sure your gas grill is open before lighting it.

The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.

Keep children and pets at least three feet from the grill area.

Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and the drip pan below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

There are several ways to get the charcoal grill ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to light the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

If you use starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal starter fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

There are also electric charcoal starters which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord rated for outdoor use.

Let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Source: National Fire Protection Association

WATER CONSERVATION

SAVE WATER IN THE YARD THIS SUMMER

As temperatures rise in the summer, so does our outdoor water use, mostly on lawns and landscapes.

29 billion gallons of daily household water use across the U.S.
9 billion gallons come from daily residential outdoor water use, mainly for landscape irrigation.
 Water use spikes in the summer!

Depending on the region, homeowners use **30-60%** of their water outdoors.
50% of that is wasted, in part, due to overwatering.

Average family's water use: **320 gallons per day**
 During the summer, can be up to **1,000 gallons per day**

Some even use up to **3,000 gallons per day** —equal to leaving a garden hose running for nearly **8 hours!**

Simple Things We Can All Do

- Step on it:** Step on the lawn. If the grass springs back, it doesn't need water.
- Leave it long:** Longer grass promotes a more through evaporation, reduced evaporation, and fewer weeds.
- Take a sprinkler break:** Grass isn't really meant to be kept green in the summer.

Simple Things Irrigation System Owners Can Do

Homes with automatic irrigation systems can use about **50%** more water outdoors.

- Timing is everything:** Plan to water in the early morning or evening to least daytime evaporation.
- Go with a pro:** Contractors certified through a WaterSense labeled program can audit, install, or maintain home irrigation systems so no water is wasted.
- Tune up your system:** Just 1 broken emitter head could waste up to **25,000 gallons** of water and **\$90+** over a 6-month irrigation season — the cost of about 500 standard light bulbs. Make sure you're watering the lawn, not the sidewalk or driveway!

WaterSense, a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply. For more tips on reducing outdoor water use, visit www.epa.gov/watersense/outdoor.

The U.S. population has doubled over the past 50 years, while our thirst for water has tripled. With at least 40 states anticipating water shortages by 2024, the need to conserve water is critical.

Water is a finite resource. Using water efficiently, and avoiding waste, is essential to ensure that we have adequate water today and into the future. Make conserving water a daily part of your life

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RECREATIONAL FIRES

Consider Your Neighbors

Patio fire pits and outdoor fireplaces are growing in popularity.

Smoke from burning wood is made up of a complex mixture of gases and fine particulate matter. Children and teenagers, older adults, and people with heart or lung disease – including asthma and COPD – can be particularly sensitive to the health effects of particle pollution in wood smoke. Be a good neighbor when burning and consider your neighbors, as well as wind direction.

Recreational fires cannot be conducted within 25 feet of a structure or combustible material including homes, garages, sheds, fences, trees and bushes. If your lot is not large enough to provide the 25 foot distance, you will need to use an approved container such as a portable metal fire pit, outdoor fire place, incinerator, barbeque pit or chiminea. The approved container cannot be located within 15 feet of a structure or combustible material.

Recreational fire pile sizes cannot exceed 3 feet in diameter and 3 feet in height. The burning of garbage, building materials, landscape waste and leaves is not allowed within Village limits.

Complaints regarding recreational fire should be directed to the police department while the fire is burning. Failure to comply with Village ordinance and the 2006 Fire Code can result in tickets and fines.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

COMING SOON
ALFANOS PIZZA EATERY
 DELIVERY/CARRYOUT/DINE IN
 CHICAGO STYLE PIZZA AND ITALIAN FOOD
 Family Owned and Operated

Family owned and operated Alfano's Pizza Eatery offers Chicago style pizza and Italian food for delivery, carryout, and dine in.

You will experience pizza and Italian food that is of traditional recipes that we're handed down to now the 3rd generation of Alfano's.

The Alfano's chose Hampshire because of its small town charm and it's warm hearted people.

MUSIC UNDER THE OAKS
 LIVE MUSIC FROM
WHISKEY ROAD
 FREE CONCERT SEVILER PARK PAVILION
 THURS. JULY 14TH, 2022 - AT 6:00 PM
 400 E. Jefferson Avenue, Hampshire
 FEATURING THE DIRTY BIRD FOOD TRUCK
 BEER & SELTZERS
 WWW.HAMPSHIRETOWNSHIPDISTRICT.ORG

Ralph Seiler Memorial Park
YOGA UNDER THE OAKS

KATHERINE L. KESSE DAY
TUESDAY, JULY 26TH
SUMMER PARTY!
 FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL | DJ | DOUBLE 4-BALL
 9 AM PARK SPLASH PAD 5:30-7:30PM
 Hampshire Township
 Hampshire Park District

Disney
ENCANTO
FRIDAY, AUG 5
RACKOW PARK
 7-8PM
 MIRABEL MEET & GREET
 MOVIE AT DUSK

COON CREEK CLASSIC
 39TH ANNUAL 2K & 10K RUN

Sycamore Steam Show and Threshing Bee
 August 11 - 14
 for more info: sycamoresteamshow.com

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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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