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2024 Year in Review

2024 was another special year for the Village of Hampshire's residents and visitors. A lot has happened and it's time for a wrap up and read about a few highlights of the past year.

The Village continues to see significant steady growth especially with residential construction. In 2024, 158 new residential construction permits were issued by the Village, totaling an approximate investment of \$31.5 million by home builders into the Village. The development of Prairie Ridge North continues with Neighborhoods T, Z, and AA under construction, and additional neighborhoods to have the Final Plats of Subdivision approved in early 2025 by the Village.

In total, almost 700 building permits were issued in 2024 representing a private investment of \$46.2 million.

If you are planning a building/construction project in 2025 make sure to check with the Village if a building permit is needed if you are unsure.

The Village hosted or partnered on many Special Events throughout the year and will continue to do so in 2025. 2024's special events ended with the Jingle Fest Parade in the beginning of December with the Holiday Tree lighting and Santa visiting Hampshire. These events are important in creating community amongst our residents, visitors, and public officials. Another major event held during the year is the Coon Creek Country Days Festival where approximately a few thousand people come together to celebrate Hampshire. Plan to attend one of the many events hosted in Hampshire next year to meet new friends and neighbors.

As every year, the Streets & Utilities Departments were busy this year maintaining and improving the Village's infrastructure. In 2024, portions of Kelley Road, Terwilliger Avenue, and Panama Avenue were resurfaced. Over 164 sidewalk defects were repaired in the Hampshire Prairie Subdivision. A new bike path was constructed on North State Street. The Utilities Department has been busy identifying and developing a plan to replace lead service lines on the Village side.

In 2024, the Hampshire Police Department start utilizing its VirTra 300 training simulator. The VirTra 300 training simulator helped modernize and help our Police Officers maximize their training in many areas of policing such as use of force, de-escalation, mental health, and crisis intervention techniques. The Hampshire Police Department held an Open House to show how the training simulator works in March 2024. The training simulator purchase was possible due to the entire cost of the simulator funded through a Federal COPS De-Escalation Grant the Hampshire Police Department was awarded.

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WINTER PARKING BAN

The winter parking ban restriction is in effect from November 1st through March 31st.

Parking on all streets is prohibited between 1 AM – 6 AM.

If you do not have a garage, driveway, or access to a public parking lot close to your home, parking permits are available through the Hampshire Police Department.

All off-street parking must be on a paved surface. Parking on grass is not allowed.



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Goodbye 2024, Hello 2025

Dear Residents,

I hope and wish everyone in our community had a happy and joyous holiday season. As we say goodbye to 2024 and welcome 2025, I am excited for all the things that happened in the past year and look forward to what is coming for us as a community in 2025. In 2024, we saw our Village continue to grow with over 150 new homes being constructed and more new neighborhoods being planned for construction with new roads and infrastructure. We also welcomed more businesses into our downtown that provide more options to shop and dine for our residents and visitors, such as Neon Cow Creamery & Sub Shop and Double R Dogs. Our Downtown continued to see revitalization with private and public investments to improve the facades of downtown buildings. The Village supported façade renovation projects with approximately \$45,000 in funding in 2024.

In 2025, we look forward to more growth and private investment into our community. Due to our growing community and needs, the Village is working on constructing a new Public Works Facility that will house operations for our Streets Department. The new Public Works Facility will be key in protecting the Village's vehicles and equipment from the outdoor conditions, which will help save money in the long run.

Stay connected with the Village with the MyHampshire App that is available for download through the Apple App and Google Play Stores. The MyHampshire App allows you to stay connected with information posted on the Village's website or social media accounts. If you have any questions, concerns, or issues, those can all be reported through the app directly to the Village staff responsible.

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

**Winter Overnight Parking Ban
November 1st to April 1st &
during anticipated snow & ice
events**

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Officer Mayer has been honored by being named as Officer of the Year for 2024.

It is with great pride and admiration that we announce Officer Mayer as the Hampshire Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2024.

This honor is given to an officer who exemplifies outstanding service, dedication, and professionalism throughout the year, and Officer Mayer has certainly met and exceeded those expectations.

Since joining our department, Officer Mayer has consistently gone above and beyond in her duties, demonstrating exceptional leadership, teamwork, and a deep commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

From proactive community engagement to handling high-pressure situations with calm and skill, Officer Mayer has proven to be an invaluable asset to our team.

Responses on social media have demonstrated appreciation for her exceptional service, leadership, and dedication noting her kindness and approachability, and her role model status especially for young girls.

Please join us in congratulating Officer Mayer for this well-deserved recognition!

Thank you for your service, Officer Mayer.



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 Historical Society

Legacy Families
The Bean and Blazier Families
Township Building, Jan 23, 7 pm

Successful Farming In The Township
Township Building Feb 27, 7 pm

Groundhog Day
Downtown Woodstock
Feb 2nd

Hampshire Township Park District
Skincare 101 Class
Seyller CommunityRoom
390 South Ave
Feb 15th, 3 - 4 pm

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Celebrate the New Year
Guardian Angel Bassett Rescue
138 Washington Ave
Jan 7, 5 - 7 pm
must register to attend

Hampshire Park District
Valentine's Paint Party
Jan 27, 6 - 8 pm

Hampshire Park District
St Patrick's Day 5K
Date to be announced

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

POLICE RECRUIT SWORN IN

Police Recruit Joseph Tiedel was honorably sworn by Police Chief Doug Pann at the December 5th meeting of the Village Board of Trustees.

Police Recruit Tiedel was formerly employed as a Security Officer at Hampshire High School.

He proudly served his country from 2015 to 2019 as an infantry machine gunner in the United States Marine Corps.

He will be attending the Sauk Valley Community College Police Academy beginning in January.

Please join us in thanking him for his service, and wishing him success at the academy and as a Hampshire Police Officer. May he be blessed with health and safety while serving us all in Hampshire.



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY TIPS

Trails are open from December 10th to March 15th when there is 4 inches of snow on frozen ground or 6 inches of snow on unfrozen ground.

Riding on any Village street is permitted **STRICTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING TO AND FROM THE TRAIL AT A SPEED OF 15 MPH OR LESS.**

NO JOY RIDING IN THE VILLAGE.

When operating a snowmobile stay off sidewalks and grassy surfaces, such as parkways or lawns.

STAY OUT OF THE PARKS.




Riding on State Street is prohibited, however, crossing State Street is permitted except between Terwilliger and Washington (Downtown Business District) due to poor visibility.

Go to the Hampshire White Riders website to check on the current trail conditions.

<https://www.hampshire-whiteriders.com>



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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The Hampshire Elementary School HSO is excited to host this fun community event again.

EVENT DETAILS:

Hampshire Family Bingo Night sponsored by the Hampshire School Organization (HSO)

Date: Saturday, February 8th, 2025

Time: 4 – 6 PM

Location: Hampshire Middle School

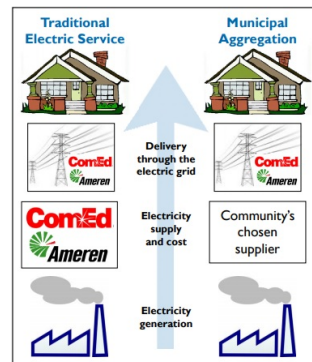
Here is what to expect:
 Silent Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Community Prizes, Snacks for Purchase, Friends, and Tons of Fun!

Want to get involved? Sponsors are needed for prizes and raffle baskets. E-Mail hsopresident321@gmail.com.

HSO is a Non-Profit Organization and can provide tax documentation for your donation. Proceeds will support Hampshire Elementary School. See you at Family Bingo Night!



MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGGREGATION



Municipal Electric Aggregation allows Illinois municipalities to purchase electricity for residents and small businesses from a source other than ComEd. Though service and billing are still provided by ComEd, your electricity source maybe coming from a different company. The Village of Hampshire is currently not participating in a Municipal Electric Aggregation Program. However, residents can still individually sign up with another energy company. If you have signed up for an alternative electricity source you may want to check to see if you are paying higher than the ComEd rates.

STAY WARM WHILE SAVING ENERGY

This winter keep utility costs down and save energy. Here are some tips for you:

1. Find and seal leaks. Add caulk or weatherstripping to seal air leaks. Pay attention to areas around windows, doors, and hose faucets, as well as where siding overlaps with the foundation.
2. Install storm windows. Single-pane windows can let in a lot of cold air. Storm windows mount to the exterior of existing windows and provide an extra layer of protection.
3. Add attic insulation. Attic insulation will help your home stay warm during the winter months and stay cool in the summer.
4. Install a smart thermostat. With a smart thermostat, you'll be able to control your home's temperature using your phone or tablet. You can also create comfort settings that account for occupancy and time of day.

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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