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NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

FEMA's Ready Campaign has observed National Preparedness Month every September since 2004 to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies. The month is a great time to take small steps to make a big difference in being prepared.

- ***Know your risk***
  - **Know what could happen where you and your family live. This helps you figure out what you need to do to stay safe. You can explore various disasters and emergencies on Ready.gov.**

- **Make a family emergency plan**
  - **Making a plan early helps you reduce stress and save time and money. Follow four easy steps and create a free Family Emergency Plan quickly and easily with our fillable form.**

  - **Disasters are costly but preparing for them doesn't have to be. Taking time to prepare now can help save you thousands of dollars and give you peace of mind when the next disaster or emergency occurs. Visit Ready.gov's low and no-cost tip page to see how you can be better prepared without spending a lot of money.**

- **Build an emergency supply kit**
  - **Having enough food, water and medicine can help you stay safe and comfortable until help arrives. Having what you need can also prevent injury and damage to your home.**

  - **Build a go-bag with all the essentials you might need, so you don't need to scramble in an evacuation situation. Find a list of supplies at Ready.gov, Build A Kit.**

- **Get involved in your community by taking action to prepare for emergencies**
  - **Emergencies can happen fast, and emergency responders aren't always nearby. You may be able to save a life by taking simple actions immediately. You can learn these steps when you take a first aid class through many organizations in your community.**

  - **Join a Community Emergency Response Team program and get trained on basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.**

  - **Take a free online independent study course through FEMA's Emergency Management Institute or a CPR course through the American Red Cross to learn more about how to help your community become more prepared.**





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President,
Village of Hampshire

Name That Street

As always, the summers go by fast. I hope you all had time to enjoy the summer with family, friends, and vacations! As we enter the Fall Months, I am excited to share some updates on what is happening in the Village.

The Hampshire's 150th Committee has kept busy over the past year with the sesquicentennial celebration at events such as Old-Fashion Days and the Coon Creek Country Days. Look out for a few more celebratory events as the 150th year comes to a close. Be sure to grab your Hampshire 150th swag and clothing from the online shop at www.hampshire150.com.

The Safe Routes to School project, which constructed sidewalks for students and residents to use, was completed earlier this year. The Village reminds residents and motorists to watch for students walking and biking to school and to obey all traffic laws.

The Village is collecting names for new streets. Do you know of a person, place, or event that has a historical significance to the Village? If so, please complete the online survey form and submit your street nomination at www.hampshireil.org/streetname.



Lastly, I wish all our students, teachers, and parents a successful school year!

MY HAMPSHIRE APP

Using the My Hampshire app you can pay your water bill, apply for a permit, report a street light out or a tree down, find a local business, or anything else for which you might otherwise wonder "who do I call?"

Hampshire Police and Public Works will also push important notifications out to anyone that has downloaded the app.

Download the My Hampshire app from the iOS or Google App store now!



PAY WATER BILL WITH AUTOPAY

Just go to the My Hampshire App or the Village's website at www.hampshireil.org/autopay to sign up today.

AutoPay eliminates credit card fees and ensures your bill will be paid on time. It is safe, fast, and easy.

Call Village Hall if you have any questions about signing up for AutoPay.

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, September 7th on observance of the Labor Day holiday.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

School's back in session and it is time to be aware of the safety of our students. Here are some safety tips for motorists to be cognizant of when driving:

1. Plan ahead and leave home earlier than normal to allow enough time to reach your destination.

2. Always come to a complete stop at stop signs and be sure to check carefully for children on sidewalks or at crosswalks before proceeding and obey directions of crossing guards.

3. Slowdown in school zones and reduce speed to 20 mph and be extra alert for children walking and on bicycles.

4. Be cautious when approaching a school bus. It is illegal to proceed around or past a school bus when the stop sign is engaged. Be extra alert for students crossing the street after getting off a bus.

5. Eliminate distractions while driving. Illinois bans the use of all hand-held devices while driving.

6. Follow street signage for traffic control and parking restrictions on streets near and around the school.



By following these tips we can help our students get to and from school safely each and every day!

Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Hampshire Township Park District
Music Under The Stars
Sat, Sep 12th, 2 - 4pm
Seyller Memorial Park

St Charles Borromeo
Friends of the Poor Walk
Sat, Oct 3rd, 9:30am
Seyller Memorial Park

Hampshire Township Park District
Trunk Or Treat
Sun, Oct 11th, 4 - 7pm
Downtown Hampshire
State & Washington Streets

Hampshire Township Park District
Haunted Trail
Sat & Sun, Oct 23rd and 24th
Downtown Hampshire

Hampshire Historical Society
History of Hampshire Schools
Thurs, Sep 24th
for location and time:
contact@hampshirehistory.org

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Holidays On State
Sat, Nov 7th, 10am - 4pm
Downtown Hampshire

Hampshire Historical Society
Henpeck To Hampshire
Thurs, Oct 22nd
for location and time:
contact@hampshirehistory.org

Hampshire Township
Bingo
Township Admin Building
Tuesdays
11am

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Village's recommended Trick or Treat Hours are from 4 PM – 7 PM on Saturday, October 31st. To help keep everyone safe, remember to stay visible, use sidewalks and if you're handing out candy, keep your exterior lights on. Wishing all our residents a safe and enjoyable Halloween!



LOAN ASSISTANCE

Low-Interest Disaster Loan Assistance

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has approved a disaster declaration for the severe storms and flooding that impacted six counties in northeastern Illinois from July 2–4, 2026. The declaration allows homeowners, renters, businesses, and certain nonprofit organizations to apply for low-interest disaster loans to help cover damage and losses not covered by insurance.

Two Disaster Loan Outreach Centers (DLOCs) have been established in Kane County to assist residents and businesses. SBA customer service representatives will be available at each center to answer questions, explain the application process, and help applicants complete their applications. Walk-ins are welcome.

For more information and the location of the outreach centers please go to https://kanecountyconnects.com/article/KaneCountyOfficeofEmergencyManagement-SBA-FloodingDisaster-2026.

HAMPSHIRE'S 150TH

Let's continue the celebration of the Village of Hampshire's 150th anniversary.

Hampshire-opoly game boards, swag, and apparel are still available for purchase. Hampshire-opoly game boards can be purchased at Village Hall (234 S. State St.) or the Hampshire Park District offices (182 S. State St.). 150th swag and apparel can be purchased online at www.hampshire150.com.

Join the fun and show off your Hampshire pride!

911 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

The Hampshire Fire Protection District will be holding a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at Fire Station #1, located at 202 Washington Avenue, on September 11th. The Remembrance Ceremony will start with a silent parade beginning at 6:30 P.M., followed by the ceremony at 7 P.M. Join the Hampshire Fire Protection District to remember those who lost their lives on 9/11.



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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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