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## JULIE LANE GETS A MAKEOVER

### Residents of Julie Lane Appreciated For Patience and Cooperation

The Village of Hampshire completed the rehabilitation of Julie Lane which included pavement removal, base repair, repair of deteriorated sidewalks, curb and gutter repair, and new asphalt pavement.

#### Capital Improvement Plan

The Julie Avenue Project is one of several projects included in the Village Three Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) scheduled for the current fiscal year ending April 30, 2022. The CIP is a multi-year planning document designed to review the Village's anticipated capital needs and purchases the Village will make during the plan

period. Ultimately, the CIP's goal is to ensure that the Village's infrastructure, buildings, fleet, and equipment can meet both the service needs of the public and the operational needs of the organization. As one of the Village's core planning documents, the CIP is updated annually and focuses on the three upcoming fiscal years following the current year. The plan is a guideline for capital spending and is reviewed and updated annually as priorities change.

#### Supervision and Coordination

The Village of Hampshire Public Works Department and a representative of Engineering Enterprises were on site to coordinate the reconstruction and assure that all went smoothly.

The project was completed with limited lane closures and parking restrictions.

There were no major roadway closures to encumber the residents living on Julie Lane.

Thanks to all the residents of Julie Lane. Your cooperation and patience during this project were greatly appreciated.

#### Other Capital Improvements

Other CIP projects scheduled for this fiscal year are the repaving of the two Municipal Parking Lots downtown completed last summer and replacing a failing Water Main under Rt 72 at Warner Rd.

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





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

# Hampshire Among The Safest Illinois Cities

**Let's take this time to reflect on the past year's events and do our best to prepare for the New Year and the weather that comes with it.**

The weather is changing and giving us the cooler temperatures that many residents have been longing for. After receiving this newsletter, our minds will shortly be on the holiday season and the New Year.

My family had a great time at this year's Fall Fest community event on State Street. I am thankful that all of our organizations and governmental bodies could work together to bring this event downtown. We have gotten a lot of positive feedback and will be looking to bring more events to our downtown over the next year.

SafeWise has released its 7th annual Safest Cities in Illinois report for 2021, and our village made the Safest Cities list! Thanks to the efforts of our Police Department, Hampshire ranked #20 this year among the safest cities in Illinois. Thank you to Chief Thompson for his leadership, and thank you to all of our police officers who dedicate themselves to keeping us all safe!

Did you know that we have the best Public Works Crew anywhere? Not only are they busy ensuring the services that we have come to expect are provided every day, but they are busily preparing for the four-letter word that brings chills

to most of our residents. Yes, I am talking about **SNOW!**

Our crew is responsible for about 53 miles of roadway within the village.

Did you know it takes 45 tons of salt to salt the village just once?

Thank you to our Police Department and the Fire Protection District for what you all do to ensure that we are safe. Thank you to our Public Works Department for ensuring we can travel where we need to and keeping our roads clean and clear.

This time of year, it can be difficult for our critical first responders as they tend to miss out on holidays, parties, and time spent with their loved ones because they are working to ensure that we are safe. I ask that if you see one of our first responders, please share some kind words with them. A smile and a "Thank You" will go a long way.

Lastly, along with our village clerk, village manager, village trustees, village employees, and my family, I would like to wish you a safe and warm holiday season and a prosperous and healthy 2022.

Sincerely,

**Mike Reid**  
President, Village of Hampshire



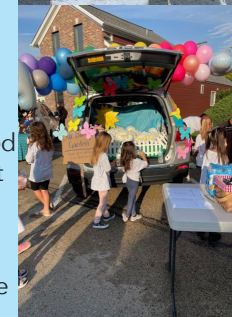
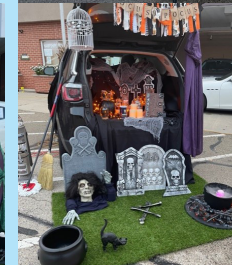
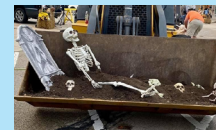
## HALLOWEEN TREATS

### Trunk Or Treat

Halloween started early this year!

This fun filled family event in downtown Hampshire was a great success with Trunk or Treat on State Street on October 10th with local vendors offering treats and other fall items. The 1st Annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest was a highlight of the event, capped off by the Family Drive in Movie Hocus Pocus on North State Street Sunday night. Thanks to the Hampshire Lions Club for providing free hot dogs during Trunk or Treat.

The event was hosted by Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library, The Hampshire Township Park District, The Village of Hampshire, and the Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce. Special thanks to our sponsors Ella's Friends, Heartland Bank and Trust and Hampshire Lion's Club.



## RT72/STATE ST CONSTRUCTION

The Illinois Department of Transportation awarded the contract for the complete reconstruction of the intersection, including new signalization and pedestrian crosswalks aimed at improving Safety and traffic flow to Pir Tano Construction of Addison, Illinois. Originally scheduled to start in October 2021, the project will now begin in March 2022. Christopher Kustes of IDOT informed the Village in September that the delay in starting the project will not impact the scheduled completion date in October 2022. Kustes said, "postponing the beginning of the Intersection improvements until March will allow the Utility Companies to complete the relocation of their infrastructure prior to Pir Tano beginning the project".

## BUILDING IS BOOMING

The new District 300 Elementary School on Big Timber in Hampshire continues to move quickly.



Challenged to complete the project in time for the 2022-2023 school year beginning August of 2022, Lamp Construction credits a tight but achievable construction schedule, and great weather for their progress to this point.

The new Tamms Farm Subdivision on Big Timber west of Hampshire High School broke ground in August and has completed initial mass grading. Lennar Homes the largest Home Builder in the U.S. purchased the subdivision from Crown Community Development earlier this year. Lennar is working closely with the Village of Hampshire and Hampshire High School Administrators to accommodate the needs of the High School and the future residents of the 182 home subdivision. Talks are aimed at providing safe and convenient pedestrian and vehicle access to and from Tamms Farm and Hampshire High School. The first homes are expected to be constructed in early 2022.

Crown Community Development kicked off the next phase of the Prairie Ridge Subdivision, to add 115 additional single family homes. With the first two neighborhoods in Prairie Ridge expected to be completed in 2022, this expansion to the north will keep the project moving forward, as demand for housing continues to be strong in Hampshire.



## 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!

**Holidays On State, Saturday, November 6th, Downtown Hampshire**

**Village of Hampshire Christmas Parade - Dec 11th**

**Fall Concert, First United Methodist Church Nov 11 - 13**

**Tower Hill Stables**

**Hampshire Forest Preserve**

**Pioneer Farm**

**Hampshire Park District Tree Lighting (date to be announced)**

**Goebbert's Winter Light Show Nov 20 - Jan 3**

**For a full list of activities for seniors visit 224-828-0303, seniors@hampshirerights.org, hampshirerights.org**

**Illinois Railroad Museum, in Union, IL**

**Tuscany Woods Park and Ice Rink**

## SCARECROW CONTEST

Local Residents and Businesses helped to decorate Downtown Hampshire by submitting scarecrows for display. The contest was sponsored by the Village of Hampshire and the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce.



The winner was announced at the Trunk Or Treat event. This year's winner is Tonilyn Filippello.

Our thanks to all who participated.

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Village Hall will be closed November 11th in observance of Veterans Day, November 25th and 26th in observance of Thanksgiving, December 23rd and 24th in observance of Christmas, and 30th and 31st in observance of the New Year.

Overnight parking prohibition begins November 1st.

The last day for yard waste pickup is December 9th (not Dec 15th as listed in the Flood Bros welcome packet received in your June mail).

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## VILLAGE GOVERNMENT

# Planning and Zoning Commission

## Meeting Efficiency and Cost Savings

In May, the Village of Hampshire Board of Trustees approved the combining of the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, thus creating the Planning and Zoning Commission. The combining of these two groups streamlines issues for residents, builders and developers. It improves meeting efficiency and saves taxpayers' money without sacrificing the quality of review.

The Commission Conducts public hearings, makes recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees regarding the preliminary development plans, final development plans, zoning and special use of properties within the village, and also recommends variances of village ordinances.

Membership on the newly formed Planning and Zoning Commission is by appointment of the Village President with the approval of the Village Board of Trustees.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets on as as-needed basis on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at Village Hall. The meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

## TOP TEN RANKING

# Hampshire In Top 10 Fastest Growing Illinois Communities

The 2020 census puts Hampshire (population 7,667) in the top 10 fastest growing communities in Illinois by percentage of population. Hampshire grew by almost 38% since the last census in 2010. The official increase in population is important for Hampshire because it determines the share of funds received from the State's Local Government Distributive Fund (higher population = larger share of the funds). This official increase will lead to more revenue in the Village's budget needed to continue to offer high-quality services.

**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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