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Hampshire Welcomes Its New Waste Hauler: Flood Brothers

Locally owned by the Flood family for five generations, Flood Brothers serves more than 200 communities, including Pingree Grove and others in Kane County.

Flood Brothers will provide the same services as the Village's current waste hauler. Over five years, working with Flood Brothers will save the Village of Hampshire taxpayers \$300,000.

The New Service Begins July 1

- Residents should have received new waste carts, and the old ones should have been removed. If this hasn't happened, please contact Flood Brothers at (630) 261-0400.

- The first day of the new service is Thursday, July 1. Due to the 4th of July holiday, the second day of service will be Friday, July 9. Service will resume on Thursdays thereafter.

Quality Customer Service is a Top Priority

- Customer service is important to Flood Brothers. Hampshire will be assigned a dedicated management team and daily supervisor.
- The customer service office is staffed Monday to Friday 7:30am to 5:30pm and Saturday 8am to 12pm.
- There is an after-hours, 24/7 response system and 24-hour emergency dispatcher.

Flood Brothers Cares for the Environment, Safety and Community

- The environment, safety and giving back to the community are part of Flood Brothers' culture.
- As an added benefit to the Village, Flood Brothers will provide waste and portable toilet services at Village events, as well as handle shredding, at-your-curb hazardous waste pick-up, electronics recycling and more.

Questions? Please visit: hampshireil.org



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Coming Together to Embrace Opportunity

It is getting warmer, schools are out, things are opening up, outdoor activities are on the schedule, and the feeling of “normal” is returning to our village. I am cautiously optimistic the worst of the pandemic is behind us. Thank you to the many residents, businesses, community organizations, our dedicated staff, and other government bodies that have worked tirelessly over the last many months to ensure our community could come through this together.

I am truly humbled and honored to have the privilege of serving you as the 29th President of the Village, and I cannot tell you how excited I am about the next four years. I am so proud of the work we have done and honored to continue serving the village that I love in a different capacity moving forward.

As you have read, we have several happenings in the village this summer that will improve the overall look of our community and address concerns of our residents. The downtown streetscape project will not only revitalize the look and feel of our downtown area but will make critical underground improvements. Our residents have asked us over the years to address the parking and visibility issues downtown. We hope that the parking reconfiguration, rejuvenation of both public parking lots and new restrictions on truck traffic will help families feel more comfortable



Hampshire embraces opportunity with a new downtown streetscape (rendering shown here), which will offer the community an outdoor gathering space, newly paved intersections and crosswalks, enhanced safety, beautification and improved infrastructure.

bringing small children to enjoy our downtown. Construction on this project will begin shortly.

Several years ago, the Illinois Department of Transportation presented at a Village board meeting an infrastructure project to improve the IL 72 & State Street intersection. The time has come, and IDOT is ready to start this project. You may have noticed some utility work is occurring in preparation for the improvements. The roadwork should begin in October. This work will improve stormwater management, enhance lighting, and correct driveways leading into businesses.

We are investing in our community. We want our village to look as welcoming as we all know it feels. I am asking every resident and business to help. We are cleaning up our properties, ensuring our

grass is cut and being good neighbors to one another.

We are cautiously excited that summer will bring the return of most of our summer activities. The Park District and Library have exciting activities planned for kids, and the Hampshire Township offers many programs for seniors. Other returning events include Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days and The Suds & Fun Car Show.

Thank you for being the best part of our village; I look forward to seeing you all out and about embracing the opportunities Hampshire offers.

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

EMBRACE LOCAL BUSINESSES

Explore Vintage Hammer for Home Decor, Specialty Gifts, Skincare Products and Clothing

Owned by Hampshire residents Christine Klein and her husband, Boom Blakz, the Vintage Hammer offers creative, beautiful products. Find one-of-a-kind items, including tables made from vintage ladders; ammunition boxes repurposed into desks, tables and shelves; and coffee tables made from rail carts.

Christine, who has been a resident of Hampshire since moving to the village as a second grader in 1977, said the idea for vintage designs began with Boom and her efforts to remodel and decorate their home. When other people saw their work, they wanted items for themselves – and the business was born.

In addition to selling finished products, the Vintage Hammer offers classes taught by local artisans on topics like wreath-making, macrame, interior decorating and furniture painting. The Vintage Hammer also acts as a wholesale buyer, offering homemade products by local artisans such as soaps, skincare, elderberry syrup and honey.



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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 lists below and help spread the word about a charming weekend getaway in Hampshire.

And mark your calendar for local summer events!

Outdoor Market, third Saturday of each month, June to October, at the Hampshire Commons

Muirhead Farmhouse by Frank Lloyd Wright

Tower Hill Stables

Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days, Thursday, July 29 to Sunday, August 1

Hampshire Forest Preserve

Bruce Ream Splash Pad

Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing, Sunday, October 3 at Randall Oaks Golf Club

Goebbert's Pumpkin Patch & Apple Orchard

Music Under the Oaks, Free summer concerts held at Ralph Seyller Park

Illinois Railroad Museum, in Union, IL

Tuscany Woods Park and Ice Rink



VILLAGE TRADITIONS

Hampshire Board of Trustees Transitions Leadership

At the Village Board meeting on Thursday, May 6, the Village Board transitioned leadership following the 2021 election that took place in April.

Outgoing Trustees Christine Klein and Ryan Krajecki were honored for their four years of dedicated service. Outgoing President Jeff Magnussen was honored for his 16 years of service as President, and he was awarded with a street sign for Jeffrey R. Magnussen Way, which will be included in the new Oakstead Subdivision.



Members of the newly seated Village Board are (from left to right) Trustee Erik Robinson, Trustee Toby Koth, Trustee Aaron Kelly, Village Clerk Linda Vasquez, President Mike Reid, Jr., Trustee Lionel Mott, Trustee Heather Fodor, and Trustee Laura Pollastrini.

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.

ONLINE BUILDING PERMITS ARE QUICK AND EASY

Apply for building permits through Hampshire's online application system.


Hampshire works with SAFEbuilt, a community development services company, to manage building permit applications. SAFEbuilt is a national company that serves more than 50 Illinois communities and offers user-friendly, best-in-class permitting software. Residents, business owners and contractors can create a SAFEbuilt account and complete the application process on the Village website.

The Village website also has information on small projects (fences, sheds, windows, patios, etc.), inspections and fee schedules.

For major projects including new commercial buildings, new homes, additions and renovations, please consult SAFEbuilt at (847) 232-8550 or hampshireinspections@safebuilt.com.

Please visit hampshireil.org, click on "Forms, Permits & Apps" in the top left corner and find the link for "Building Permits". Applications are not accepted in-person or over the phone.

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