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SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Safe Routes to School Project Completed!

The Village is excited that the Safe Routes to School project has been completed. This project is a culmination of efforts from multiple individuals at the Village. New sidewalks were constructed along multiple streets to provide students and residents safe routes to not only walk to school, but to also enjoy their neighborhoods. The project was partially funded through the Illinois Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Grant Program. Check out the photos of the construction work, including before and after photos!



OLD FASHIONED DAYS RECAP

What a turnout and weekend Old-Fashioned Days was this past June. The weekend was full of music, food, and just a good old time. From the ice-cream eating contest to the water fights, many of our residents and visitors enjoyed all that is Hampshire! A big thanks to everyone who put the event together for our community to enjoy.

The Village would like to extend its appreciation to the many partners that helped make this event one to remember! The Pingree Grove Police and Public Works Departments assisted by providing two light towers for the event. Kane County Office of Emergency Management provided staff and a light tower. Additionally, through its contract with the Village, Flood Brothers provided garbage totes and washroom stations free of charge. Lastly, a thanks to Village staff from the public works crew to the police officers in making sure the weekend went off without any incidents.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President,
Village of Hampshire

Celebrating Our Initiatives

With the summer months in full swing, I hope everyone had a fantastic 4th of July! I hope all of our residents enjoyed a safe and fun 4th and continued the celebration of the Village of Hampshire's 150th and our Nation's 250th birthdays. Many of our events this year have had a 150th sesquicentennial spin to them, starting off with Old-Fashioned Days, which returned for the first time in many years. It was great to see Downtown Hampshire packed with residents and guests from the Fish Fry at Copper Barrel on Friday night to the Hampshire High reunion at James Motors.

The 150th celebration continues with Coon Creek Country Days from August 13th through August 16th, with a firework show on Saturday night August 15th. Bring your family and invite your friends to see all that is Hampshire!

While we are on the topic of celebrating, I would like to take the time to acknowledge a couple of projects and initiatives of the Village.



The Safe Routes to School Project that has been in the works for a few years is finally complete! The Safe Routes to School

Project provides for sidewalks on routes that are primarily used by students to get to school. This project provided for many sidewalks for safe walking paths to Hampshire Middle School. This project was partially funded by a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The Police Department has launched the Blue Envelope Program. The Blue Envelope Program aims to improve communication and provide safe and positive interactions between our police officers and individuals on the autism spectrum. Individuals wanting to participate in the program can pick up the blue envelopes at the Police Department located at 215 Industrial Dr.

I invite all our residents to attend National Night Out on July 31st at Bruce Ream Park. National Night Out's goal is to provide for positive interaction between the community and our Police Department.

For those interested in learning more about what the Village is doing, I invite you to attend our Village Board Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 P.M. Meetings are held at Village Hall in Downtown Hampshire at 234 S. State St.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Park, located at 229 W. Jefferson Ave.

The Village of Hampshire's Police Department will be hosting National Night Out on July 31st beginning at 5:30 P.M. at Bruce Ream

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. The Police Department invites all residents to join the festivities.

SUMMER SAFETY

How to Have a Safe Summer!

Bonfires/Recreational Fire Pits: Enjoying a fire on a cool summer night is a lasting tradition. Make sure fire pits are at least 15 feet away from any combustible materials. Limiting your fire to 3 feet in diameter, and less than 2 feet high, helps maintain safe conditions. Never leave a fire unattended and have a quick way to put out your fire if needed. Extinguish and cover your fire pit after every use to ensure the fire is fully out. And lastly, call 911 if your fire becomes out of control.



Signs of heat-related illnesses: During extremely hot and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged. In most cases, you can help victims of heat-related illnesses by moving them to an air-conditioned room, applying cool wet cloths, and offering sips of water.

Heat Cramps signs include painful muscle cramps/spasms, usually in the legs and abdomen and heavy sweating.

Heat Exhaustion signs include heavy sweating, weakness/tiredness, cool pale clammy skin, fast weak pulse, muscle cramps, dizziness, nausea/vomiting, headache and fainting.

Heat Stroke signs include throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, dizziness, body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, both red dry or damp skin, rapid and strong pulse, and fainting/loss of consciousness.

How to Help: Seek immediate medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour by calling 911 or getting the victim to a hospital.



Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Hampshire Township Park District
Music Under The Oaks
Ralph Seyller Memorial Park
Thurs, July 16th
5:30pm - 9:00pm

Coon Creek Country Days
State St. and Towne Place Rd.
Thurs, Aug 13th - Sun, Aug 16th
Fireworks Show Sat, Aug 15th

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
**6th Annual Summer On State
Street Dance and Festival**
Fri, Jul 17th
4:00pm - 8:00pm

Hampshire Township Park District
**43rd Annual Coon Creek Classic
2K and 10K Race**
Hampshire Middle School
Sun, Aug 16th, 8:00am

Hampshire Township Park District
**Summer Party
Rosemary L. Keese Day**
Sun, Jul 26th, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Bruce Ream Park

45th Annual Suds and Fun Car Show
Sun, Aug 9th
8:00am - 2:30pm
Seyller Memorial Park

Hampshire Police Department
National Night Out
Bruce Ream Park
Fri, Jul 31st 5:30pm - 10:30pm

Hampshire Township
Bingo
Township Admin Building
Tuesdays
11am

COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS

The celebration of the Village of Hampshire's 150th sesquicentennial continues with the annual Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days.

The festivities kick off on Thursday, August 13th at 6 P.M. The festival grounds are located at the intersection of State St. and Town Place Rd. Look for the giant American Flag!

The festivities go through Sunday, August 16th.

Bring your family and invite your friends and neighbors for live music, variety of food, craft & vendor show, carnival rides, and a fireworks show on Saturday, August 15th.

Free parking is provided in designated areas on the festival grounds. Accessible parking is available in the main parking lot. Additional free parking is available in Downtown Hampshire in municipal lots located on Washington Ave., and at the intersection of Rinn Ave. and Park St.



BLUE ENVELOPE PROGRAM

The Village of Hampshire's Police Department has launched the Blue Envelope Program. The Blue Envelope Program helps improve communication and create safe, more positive interactions between police officers and individuals on the autism spectrum. The program raises awareness of a person's support needs during encounters with law enforcement.

Participants receive a blue envelope that can be presented during any interaction with a Hampshire Police Officer. The envelope serves as both a quick form of identification and a clear visual cue for officers, helping reduce misunderstandings and anxiety.

Each envelope can hold important documents such as driver's license or identification card, vehicle registration, proof of insurance, emergency contacts or designated support person information, and communication instructions such as preferred interaction style, language needs, or other support notes.

The program also provides guidance to police officers on how to communicate respectfully and effectively. Although primarily designed for traffic stops, the envelope may be used in any interaction with a Hampshire Police Officer.

Some key details about the program include it being voluntary and free, there is no registration or proof of diagnosis required. The program is designed for anyone on the autism spectrum that lives, works, or frequently spends time in the Village of Hampshire.

Individuals can pick up a blue envelope at the Hampshire Police Department located at 215 Industrial Dr. Hampshire, IL, 60140.

PLEASE NOTE: The envelope does not exempt participants from law enforcement actions or safety protocols. This program is specific to the Village of Hampshire and Police Officers in other areas or jurisdictions may not recognize it.

Questions regarding the Blue Envelope Program can be directed to Officer Carreno at rcarreno@hampshireil.org, or by calling 847-683-2240.

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DRIVER IS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM
The officer is here to help keep you and others safe

"BLUE ENVELOPE" IMPORTANT MOTOR VEHICLE PAPERS.



✓ Keep your hands on the steering wheel unless otherwise directed, even if the officer is not at your car.

✓ The officer may shine a flashlight in your car, may have a radio, and may have flashing lights on their car.

✓ When the officer gets to your car, let me know you have a blue envelope, answer the officer's questions, and ask the officer for permission before moving any parts of your body

Support Contact Person: _____ Relationship: _____

POLICE OFFICER AUTISM AWARENESS GUIDE ON BACK OF THIS ENVELOPE



IMPORTANT VEHICLE PAPERS

DRIVER'S LICENSE | VEHICLE REGISTRATION | VEHICLE INSURANCE CARD | CONTACT CARD

COMMUNICATION STATUS

The driver uses the following method(s) to communicate

_____vocal speech _____sign language _____ pictures _____electronic device _____ writing



POLICE OFFICER

✓ Driver may exhibit signs of anxiety due to bright lights and noises (e.g., your radio)

✓ Allow driver extra time to respond. Driver may need more time to formulate a response.

✓ Speak clearly and use the most simplistic explanations possible. Avoid unnecessary detail.

✓ Driver may display repetitive body movements or fidgeting and have unusual eye contact.

✓ Autistic individuals may have unusual responses to authority figures. Please show patience.

✓ If the driver becomes upset, consider contacting the person listed on the contact card in the envelope.

✓ Clearly tell the driver when the stop is over and they can leave.

BACKYARD POOL SAFETY TIPS!

One of the most important safety measures is active adult supervision. Never leave children unattended in or near the water - even for a moment. Designate a responsible adult to watch swimmers and avoid distractions such as phones or conversations.

Residents are also encouraged to:

- Secure pools with fencing and self-latching gates to prevent unsupervised access.
- Keep pool decks clear of toys, hoses, and other tripping hazards.
- Have rescue equipment and a phone nearby in case of an emergency.
- Follow basic pool rules, including no running on wet surfaces, and no diving into shallow water.
- Ensure children and inexperienced swimmers are always supervised by a capable adult.

A few simple precautions can help ensure everyone enjoys a fun, safe and memorable summer around the water.



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.