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HAMPSHIRE GIVES BACK

Across the county, there are thousands of villages, cities, towns, and counties, but Hampshire is a true community.

Residents, businesses, organizations, and governing bodies feel a strong sense of belonging with each other, and it frequently shows through the many ways they interact and support one another. Civic organizations make the community better through projects and initiatives, such as recent Eagle Scout projects honoring the nation and those who serve.



Businesses and clubs raise money for formal philanthropy or local families in need. Even individuals can be found racing to reply on a Facebook post from a fellow resident asking for help when their water heater breaks in the winter or they need supplies for their newborn.



From supporting the local food pantry to shopping local, from attending community events to helping at school functions, and from serving on local boards to joining volunteer groups, Hampshire gives back. So, we take this time to thank all those who contribute to making Hampshire a wonderful and caring community by participating however they can.

If you are interested in becoming more involved

in the Hampshire community, please check out the list of community organizations on the My Hampshire mobile app to see what you might be interested in. If you do not see your organization listed, please reach out to the Village staff to have it added.



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On the Internet: Protect Your Money and Information

Examine the email address in all correspondence and scrutinize website URLs. Scammers often mimic a legitimate site or email address by using a slight variation in spelling. Or an email may look like it came from a legitimate company, but the actual email address is suspicious.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Eagle Scout Honors Veterans and US Flag

Chris Taing of Hampshire, Illinois Troop 22 has completed the construction and placement of 3 flag collection boxes for his Eagle Scout project. He organized a team of 20 volunteers that consisted of family, members of Troop 22, and students from St. Edward Catholic School in Elgin. It took them 142 hours to construct and paint the boxes. To retire your old, worn, faded or torn flags, the boxes are located in the following locations:

Hampshire Village Hall: This box is dedicated to the memory of Joseph D. Troc who was drafted and served in the Vietnam War. He passed away due to illness caused by Agent Orange that was used to deforest the jungles of Vietnam.

Resource Bank: This box is dedicated to the memory of Edward J. Harn Jr. who volunteered and served during World War II and fought at the Battle of the Bulge. He was severely wounded and suffered disability to over 80% of his body.

First United Methodist Church: This box is

dedicated to the memory of Alvin V. Troc (Joseph Troc's father). He volunteered and served during World War II. He was a Japanese prisoner of war and had to eat the leather from his shoes to survive. When he returned, he weighed less than 100 pounds.

In addition to leading the construction and painting of these boxes, a one-time collection and flag disposal education campaign was conducted. This resulted in over 100 flags being collected (over 400% of the goal) from communities outside of Hampshire. Participating communities included Libertyville, Elgin Chicago, Elburn, Bartlett, Joliet and Johnsborg. Over 1000 people were educated on where to go in the future to retire flags.

When asked why this project was important to him. Chris said that "this project was meaningful to me as it not only honored the veterans in my family, but all veterans. We must remember that the American Flag is not only a symbol of the gifts we enjoy in the United States, but also of those who have fallen protecting and ensuring



these blessings are there for future generations".

Chris would like to personally thank the members of his troop who helped out (Keith Penkaty, Scott Marckini, Andy Potts, Adam Potts, Ernie Taing and Andrew Taing) as well as the representatives at each location where the boxes were placed: Mike Reid (Village Hall), Andy Potts (First United Methodist Church) and Caroline Toomey (Resource Bank).

Sincerely,
Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

LEAD SERVICE INSPECTION

Is your drinking water service line made of lead?

The village is required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to find out what your service line is made of and document it. Village crews will be out placing door hangers on homes that were built before 1986, asking to make an appointment to have village crews inspect the pipe coming into your home that feeds the water meter so as to identify what it's made of (Copper, Galvanized, Plastic, or Lead).

If your home was built before 1986, and you would like to make an appointment ahead of receiving a door hanger, call Sean Horne of Public Works at 224-605-1320 to schedule an appointment.



COMMEMORATIVE DAYS

May 14th is Mothers Day. As we take the time to honor and appreciate the mothers in our families, let's not forget that Mothers Day was established to honor all of motherhood and the influence mothers have on society.

May 29th is Memorial Day. Memorial Day commemorates all men and women who have died in military service for the United States. Let us remember that their sacrifice has protected our freedom.

June 18th is Fathers Day. It celebrates the contribution that fathers and father figures make in their children's lives. Father's Day is an occasion to mark and celebrate the contribution that your own father has made to your life.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Village and 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

Illinois Railroad Museum
Memorial Day Attractions
IRM.org

Tower Hill Stables
Riding Lessons, Petting Zoo
Trail Rides

Century 21 New Heritage
Community Garage Sale
May 4, 5 & 6

Spring Stroll on Washington
May 13th
10 am to 3 pm

Rackow Park Dog Run, Ice Rink and Pavilion

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

The Kave
Cinco de Mayo
May 5th

Hampshire Historical Society
Become a member
www.hampshirehistory.org

Hampshire Park District
Daddy Daughter Dance
at the Copper Barrel
June 4th

Pioneer Farm
Farm Fresh Eggs
Fresh Frozen Meats

Ella Johnson Library
Senior Bingo
May 13 & June 15 @ 1:30pm

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

COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS



TRUSTEES' REELECTION

Congratulations to Trustees Toby Koth, Eric Robinson and Aaron Kelly for their reelection to the Hampshire Village Board of Trustees.



LIGHTNING PREDICTION

The Hampshire Township Park District has installed a Thor Guard Lightning Prediction System at the parks. People near the parks may hear additional warning tones during stormy weather that are not related to the Village's tornado sirens.



The lightning warning system sends out a 15-second blast when it detects conditions conducive for lightning, warning people to take cover. It sends out three 5-second blasts for the all-clear when lightning conditions are no longer detected.

Overnight Parking: Village ordinance allows overnight parking on the street from April 1st to November 1st.

Door-To-Door Soliciting: Village ordinance prohibits door-to-door soliciting. Report any violations to the Police Department.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Wow!

Thank you Hampshire! Community Bingo Night was a HUGE success! The Hampshire Elementary School Organization appreciates all the businesses and individuals that donated time, money, prizes, and baskets. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are looking forward to next year!

COMING SOON

Hampshire will debut a new utility bill design.

Hampshire residents and business customers will soon see a new look to their utility bills. The Village has undertaken a significant software implementation project, and this will result in an updated appearance and layout of our bills. More information on the new system, the design and the features of the new system will be announced in the coming weeks.

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VILLAGE SPECIAL COUNSEL

Mark Schuster is Hampshire's newly appointed Special Counsel. Mr. Schuster has expertly represented the Village of Hampshire for 39 years as Village Attorney. His service, guidance, and friendship have proven invaluable throughout the years.



VILLAGE ATTORNEY

James Vasselli joins the Village as the newly appointed Village Attorney. He brings 22 years of legal experience along with that of his team at Ottosen, DiNolfo, Hasenbalg & Castaldo, Ltd. Mr. Vasselli has vast expertise in municipal law, and will represent and advise the village in all areas, including general operations, financial matters, economic development, tax increment financing, zoning and land use, and transparency law.



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!

Chamber Golf Outing
 TOPGOLF-Schaumburg
 Thursday, May 18th- 12pm to 4pm

Register Today!

\$100 per player
 \$600 for team of 6 players
 Sponsorship opportunities available

Email:
HampshireChamber@gmail.com
 or call 847-683-1122 for more info



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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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