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LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT

In today's world of Local Government Development, developers must provide new infrastructure to support their developments, funding millions of dollars of new roads, water and sewer infrastructure and water and sewer treatment facilities.

However, even infrastructure must be maintained and replaced over time. This is the financial obligation of the Village. Hampshire now maintains a Capital Development Plan (CIP) available for review at www.hampshireil.org. The plan considers the cost of maintaining and replacing the Village's Capital Assets, including infrastructure, equipment, and buildings. The 2024-2026 CIP will include these costs as well as ways to fund these costs.

The Village's Capital Plan includes the financial planning necessary to keep our snowplows properly maintained, and to purchase new plows as we accept more miles of roads constructed by developers according to the Village specifications.

Now we must focus on a facility capable of housing this equipment and a place for our Public Works personnel to prepare for and manage plow and other operations efficiently and safely in all weather conditions. Finding a new source of revenue to fund a new 33,000-square-foot Public Works Facility at a cost of \$10 Million is the primary capital need in 2024. Water & Sewer infrastructure and equipment are a significant priority, as well.



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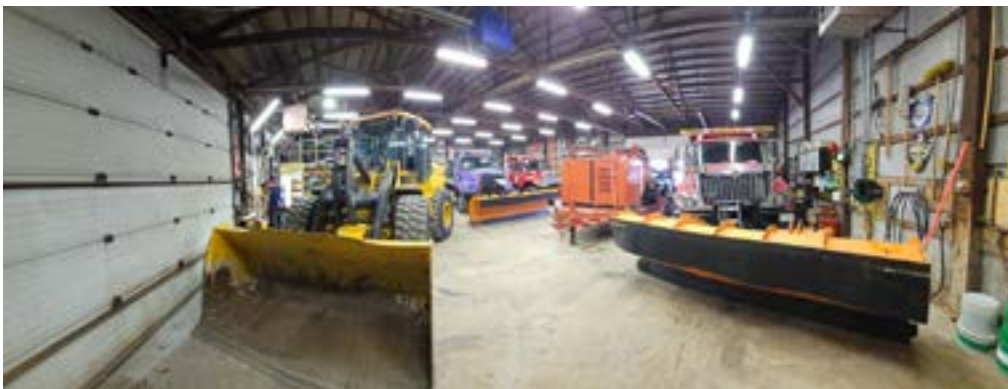
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A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

State of the Village

I went to Springfield to attend the "State of the State" address in February and to meet with legislators about issues affecting Local Government. Our primary concern is avoiding state mandates that require the village to implement new programs and regulations without providing funding. We must also protect the revenue sources that fund our day-to-day operating costs. Every year, the State takes a slightly larger piece of our pie. The Illinois Municipal League and the MetroWest Council of Governments monitor legislation throughout the year and inform us when bills affecting the Village are proposed. Then, we engage with our local legislators, asking them to represent our interests. While driving home from Springfield, I decided to devote this column to a brief "State of the Village" report.

2023 was a remarkable year for Hampshire; having completed Streetscape and several large infrastructure projects in 2022, we saw the impact in 2023, which will continue in 2024 and beyond.

New businesses have moved to downtown, and several more will open this spring. The Village annexed 400 acres of prime industrial and logistics property and updated the Prairie Ridge Residential Development

to meet the needs of today's home buyers. These changes will provide for controlled, well-managed residential and industrial development for decades to come.

Like most Hampshire families, the Village still faces significant challenges, with costs for everything we buy rising with inflation putting pressure on our budget just like many of you. We have been successful in protecting our primary sources of operating income for day-to-day operations, including keeping your property taxes to the Village low. Remember, **only 6 cents of each dollar you pay in property taxes comes to the Village.** The other 94 cents goes to schools, the Park District, the Library District, the Township and the Fire Protection District. Capital to replace our decades-old public works building, water and sewer infrastructure, and equipment is a major challenge going forward. The Village created a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in 2021 that summarizes these capital needs and costs. The current three-year CIP is available on the Village's website.

On the cover of this newsletter are details and pictures of our public works equipment and the 3,000 sf garage that houses only a fraction of our plows and equipment. It looks like trying to fit twenty

pounds of potatoes into a five-pound bag. Our challenge is to determine a new funding source to build a proper facility to store our plows during our cold winters, a place for our Plow Team to stage for major snow events, and from which to efficiently operate the many other duties of our Streets Department.

We have applied for State and Federal Grants, but many are designed for low-income communities, so Hampshire often does not qualify. During the next 60 days, the Village Budget Committee and Village Board of Trustees will consider how to fund the most crucial projects that must be funded before the costs increase further and to provide productive workspaces for our Village Employees. We welcome and encourage your input on these decisions.

The State of the Village of Hampshire is good, but important decisions must be made in the coming months.

Sincerely,
Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

OFFICER RUFO PROMOTED

On February 16, 2024, we promoted Officer John Rufo to Sergeant. Officer Rufo has been with the Hampshire Police Department over 2 years and has over 25 years of law enforcement experience. We are excited to promote Officer Rufo and he is thrilled to step into a leadership role at the Police Department!



OFFICER GONZALEZ SWORN IN

On February 1, 2024, the Hampshire Police Department swore in lateral transfer Officer Carlos Gonzalez, who came to us after 6 years with the CPKC Railway Police and over 10 years at another regional police department. Officer Gonzalez is excited to join the Hampshire Police Department!



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Village of Hampshire and the Hampshire 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 Railway Museum
Bunny Trolley Hop
March 23, 24 & 30

Snowflake Special
April 6th

Ella Johnson Library
Ruth E. Carter
Costume Design
March 20th, 7pm (webinar)

Hampshire Park District
Easter Egg Hunt, Mar 23rd
Seyller Park, 10am

Doggie Egg Hunt
Rackow Park
Sat, Mar 30th. 10am

Hampshire Historical Society
Memorable Times
Hampshire Old School Days
March 28th

Chamber of Commerce
Support local businesses

Hampshire Park District
10th Annual St Pat's 5K Race
Sat, March 16th
Register online at
hampshireparkdistrict.org

Hampshire Historical Society
Hampshire Dairy Farming
APRIL 25TH

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

NEW FIRE STATION

Updated photos of the construction of Hampshire's second fire station on Gast Road.....



SCOUTS BBQ

Hampshire Scouts BSA Troop 22 is hosting its spring BBQ on May 14th at the 1st United Methodist Church. Tickets will be available from any Troop 22 scout thirty days prior to the event. Tickets include your choice of two pork chops, 1/2 chicken, or a combo of one pork chop and 1/4 chicken. All meals include baked beans, applesauce, cole slaw, roll and butter. Orders are carry out and we bring them to your car for you.

Pick up is between 4:30 and 6:30pm. For more information and ticket prices please see our website: <http://troop22.wikidot.com/bbq>

ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony
Friday, April 26th at 10am
Henpeck Park

UTILITY BILLING NEWS



The Village recognizes that from time-to-time customers need an extension of time to pay their utility bills due to unforeseen circumstances. The Village offers payment plans to those who contact us before the due date. Payment is always due on the first Friday of the even numbered months, and bills are considered delinquent if not paid by 4:30pm on the due day. Payment plans are meant to be used occasionally and not repeatedly.

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

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FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

The Hampshire Elementary School (HES) community would like to thank everyone who donated, sponsored, and came out to our bingo night! We had fun, won prizes and raised money for the HES students. It's so exciting that this town event is back and we can't wait for next year!



RIBBON CUTTINGS

DELTA YOGA

Special thanks to all who attended the ribbon cutting of one of our newest SILVER members of the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce. Pay them a visit and check out the updated and restyled studio, meet the owner and staff members, and learn about the group fitness classes offered at Delta Yoga.

BURLINGTON/HAMPSHIRE FOOD PANTRY

Burlington Hampshire Food Pantry Ribbon Cutting: Food Pantry Open House & Ribbon Cutting - Mar 15, 2024 (hampshirechamber.org)

The Burlington Hampshire Food Pantry has a new location and we are celebrating a Ribbon Cutting and Open House on Friday, March 15th at 10 am. The community is welcome.

MY HAMPSHIRE APP

Code Enforcement / My Hampshire App

Did you know you can use the My Hampshire app to report code enforcement violations? Just download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, find the Report an Issue button on the home screen, and select one of the many types of issues you see in town to report. The report will be sent directly to the appropriate department for investigation and enforcement. Issues you can report include:

- Tall grass/weeds
- Illegal parking
- Unkept structures
- Junk vehicles
- Streetlights out
- Down trees
- Water main breaks
- And more!



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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