

EMBRACE
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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

Local Scout Honors Hampshire Police

Since 1912, only 4-6% of Scouts, BSA in the United States have earned the rank of Eagle Scout. It is a challenging feat for a young person that involves completing hundreds of skill requirements, actively participating in meetings, campouts, parades, and other events for several years, and leading all aspects of a service project benefiting the community.



One local Scout, Evan Adams, has sought to reach this achievement with a service project paying respect to our country and to the Village of Hampshire Police Department. Evan, of Troop 46, recently undertook the planning and installation of an American flagpole in front of the HPD headquarters.



When asked why he chose this particular project, Evan said, "The American flag stands for all of our people, our morals, and our goals, and I want to remind our officers of that as they leave and enter the station, and I especially want to show my appreciation for their service. The police in Hampshire are active in providing a positive image of themselves in our community, and they work hard to keep us all safe."



The Village of Hampshire thanks Evan, his troop, and all those who gave time and donations to the project for their commitment to our police department and our community.

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Downtown Christmas Tree Donated

The downtown Christmas tree was donated by Bill and Sally Awe and Catina Kotronias. Pictured at right are Bill and Sally Awe.

Cyber Security

Cyber security can be described as the collective methods, technologies, and processes to help protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of computer systems, networks and data, against cyber-attacks or unauthorized access.



On the Internet: Be Cautious When Connected

Everyday tasks—opening an email attachment, following a link in a text message, making an online purchase—can open you up to online criminals who want to harm your systems or steal from you. Preventing internet-enabled crimes and cyber intrusions requires each of us to be aware and on guard.



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Our Community Fabric

Out of Nowhere Came The Cold

And just like that, it is below 20 degrees. Winter has appeared to have shown up out of nowhere, and no matter how much I tell myself I am ready for the air to hurt my face, I am not. Of course, I enjoy the snow from time to time, just like anyone, but I could do without the air hurting my face.

Our son Mikey is all excited about the holidays and winter in general. As I write this, everyone is in full swing of the festivities this time of the year brings - coming out of our great combined Holiday on State and Jinglefest event, topped off with our 3rd annual parade, in great anticipation of what 2023 will bring all of us. Thank you to everyone who participated, coordinated, or planned this well-attended event.



Calling Hampshire Home

I am excited to see more and more people downtown under the light of our newly erected streetlights adorned with our new snowflakes that replace the former wreaths that no longer lit up due to age. It is encouraging to see so many new businesses calling Hampshire home; it warms my heart to see so many people falling in love with our community, just like we all did when we decided to call Hampshire home.

Making A Difference

Our people make a difference. Our people always are why Hampshire is the best community anywhere. I saw a post on Facebook just yesterday about a group of children going around the neighborhood shoveling walks and driveways for fun. That kind of "people helping people" attitude is woven throughout our community fabric, making our community a better place.

Remember that sometimes an extra hand is needed, whether asked for or not, especially at this time of year. Some residents may not be able to shovel their sidewalks. Some may need help with the snow at the end of their driveway after the plow passes by. Some may need to be checked on.

Cozy Up

There is still so much to do in Hampshire during the winter months. So bundle up and head over to Seyller Park and hit the sledding hill. Practice your figure skating routine at the ice rink at Rackow Park. Take a walk downtown to get a book from Ella Johnson Library to cozy up with under a warm blanket, with the drink of your choice. Stop into your favorite spot or check out a new scene with some friends or family, but please do it safely, no matter what activity you choose.

From our family to yours, we hope you had a great holiday season and hope you have a great start to winter! Let's all try to do our part to ensure that 2023 is the year we can all be proud of, and remember, with every day that passes, not only do we get more daylight hours, but it is one day closer to spring!

Sincerely,
Mike Reid
President,
Village of
Hampshire



Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

NEW POLICE OFFICERS

Robert Benedetto is coming to the Hampshire Police Department as a part-time officer from the Crestwood Police Department, where he served part-time for the past 11 years. He served on the Cook County Sheriff's Major Crimes Task Force serving warrants and executing arrest warrants. Bob initiated trauma EMS training for officers at the Crestwood Police Department.

Bob was raised in Franklin Park, IL and graduated from Lake Park High School where he played football and baseball and was on the wrestling team. After graduating, Bob served in the United States Marine Corps. After his military service, Bob was a Union Electrician in a family business for 20 years.

Bob enjoys spending time with his family, is an avid outdoorsman and enjoys hiking, mountain climbing, and sports.

Bob is married to his wife Angel and has four children.

Carly Mayer grew up in Hampshire and graduated from Hampshire High School. She attended Loyola University in Chicago and graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminology with a minor in Psychology.

Carly started her criminal justice career as a youth counsellor at Northern Illinois Academy, a residential treatment facility for children and young adults with mental illness and other disorders. She subsequently took a position with the DeKalb County Court Services where she worked for 3 and half years as a Juvenile Probation Officer, Pre-Trial Officer and ultimately an Adult Probation Officer.

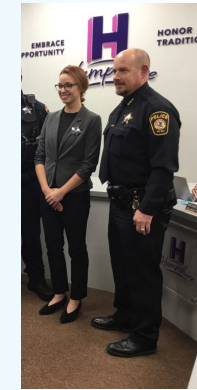
After leaving Court Services, Ms. Mayer worked remotely for Marquee Health of Chicago as a Member Experience Specialist.

Carly has a five-year-old daughter, Eleanor, and is excited to return to the Hampshire community and to serve with the Hampshire Police Department.

Douglas Pann
Interim Chief of Police



L to R: Chief Pann, Officer Benedetto, Mayor Reid



L to R: Officer Mayer, Chief Pann

PREVENT FROZEN PIPES

Mark Montgomery, Hampshire's Supervisor of Utilities, offers the following tips to prevent frozen pipes in your home this winter season:

- Disconnect your garden hose and tighten the faucet to be sure the water is turned off for winter. If you have them, close any shut-off valves that supply outdoor hose bibs and open the faucet outside to drain the line.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. This is especially important when the plumbing is located on an exterior wall.
- Keep garage doors closed. Plumbing in rooms adjacent to the entry/exit door into an unheated garage are susceptible to freezing.
- Let the cold water flow constantly from the fixture that is furthest from your water meter. The stream of water should be approximately the width of a pencil lead.
- If you are going out of town, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees and have a trusted neighbor check your house to see that the furnace is still running while you are away.
- Protect pipes susceptible to freezing by insulating with a foam rubber or fiberglass sleeve or by wrapping in heat tape or thermostat-controlled heat cables.

Most often frozen lines occur in areas such as crawl spaces or outside walls, where unprotected plumbing is more vulnerable to the elements. When water freezes it expands and can cause a water pipe to burst. Burst water pipes can cause a lot of damage, lead to big inconvenience and possibly costly repairs. Take action today to prevent pipes from freezing in your home.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Trash carts: Please do not put trash carts in the street. This makes it difficult for Public Works to plow snow and sweep streets.

Snow Shoveling: Village Ordinance prohibits shoveling or blowing snow into the street.

Warming Up Cars: Unless equipped with remote start, state law prohibits leaving vehicles in the street with the engines running. Even if equipped with remote start, the keys must be removed.



Christmas tree pickup: Flood Brothers will pickup Christmas trees on regularly scheduled trash pickup days in January.

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

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

Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Hampshire Park District
Paint Party
January 27th

Tower Hill Stables
Riding Lessons
Petting Zoo
Trail Rides

Ella Johnson Library
NASA's Next Great Telescope
February 23

Rackow Park Dog Run, Ice Rink and Pavilion

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

Hampshire Park District
Family Skate Nights
Jan 6th & Feb 3rd

Hampshire Park District
Saint Patrick's Day 5K Run
March 18th

Hampshire Historical Society
Become a member
www.hampshirehistory.org

Pioneer Farm
Farm Fresh Eggs
Fresh Frozen Meats

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

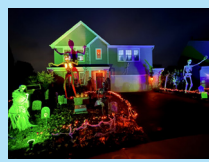


CONTEST WINNERS

The winner of the scarecrow contest is Prairie View Farm Market.



The winner of the house decorating contest is Emily Marincic.



We are excited to announce the winning names and winning residents for the Snow Plow Naming Contest. There were 40 submittals from the 705 people who have downloaded the My Hampshire app. These names will be put on the Village's 7 snow plows soon and the winners will have their pictures taken with the plow(s) they named.

The winners are:

- PURRRPLE Plower - Carol Golding
- Sled Zeppelin - Spencer Timmons
- The Big Leplowski - Lindsay Salgado
- Darth Blader - Spencer Timmons
- Luke Snowplower - Spencer Timmons
- Mr. Fluffy Pants - Candance Rost
- Snow Force One - Spencer Timmons

Download the My Hampshire app from the IOS or Google App store now!

CONGRATULATIONS



Welcome to Hampshire and best wishes for success

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COMING EVENTS

Coming Soon
The opening of these new businesses:
Garden Berry Cafe
Hampshire Social

ILLINOIS CONSOLIDATED ELECTION, April 4, 2023 Early

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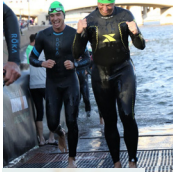


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TOUGH AS IRON

Back in April 2021, Ryan Krajecki, Chairman of the Business Development Committee and former Village Trustee, believing that anything is possible, made the commitment that he was going to compete in an Ironman competition. A year and a half later, on November 20th, in Tempe, Arizona, Ryan did just that.



One might think it's humanly impossible to swim 2.4 miles in open water, ride a bicycle 112 miles and then run a 26.2 mile marathon, but Ryan knew in his heart that he could do it. He set out to prove to his kids that you can do anything if you want it bad enough, and if you work hard enough.

Want it bad enough he did! Ryan trained for 20 months an average of 10 hours a week - increasing to 20 hours per week for the final 6 weeks. Many of us followed along with Ryan on Facebook as he gave us daily updates on his journey to the Ironman.

During training Ryan ran 1,091 miles, biked 4,136 miles and swam 126 miles for a total of 5,353 miles. To put that into perspective, according to Google Maps, that is equal to the distance from New York City to Los Angeles, and back again.

Ryan is a true inspiration. When most of us break our New Year's resolutions in the middle of January, think about Ryan keeping his commitment for over 600 days. When most of us get winded after 30 minutes on the treadmill, think of Ryan swimming, biking and running for 13 hours and 3 minutes.



Ryan credits his success to two key people. His coach, Jenn Harrison of JHC Tri-Club, and most importantly to his wife, Marie. Without Marie's loving support and inspiration, Ryan wouldn't have found the strength, drive and persistence to achieve this awesome accomplishment.

Congratulations to "Ironman" Ryan Krajecki - one of Hampshire's own.



POND MAINTANANCE

If you live near one of the many storm water storage facilities in the Village that most of us call ponds, you may see our Public Works Team doing annual maintenance this time of year. These ponds provide crucial stormwater storage during heavy rain events so that our network of storm sewers can do their job. We mow, spray for invasive species like cattails and goldenrod, and manage controlled burns to keep our network of ponds in good shape.

We are very conscious of the environment and use only safe chemicals that won't harm people, animals, or the natural prairie species that we all enjoy watching as the seasons change. While ponds have a job to do, enjoying their natural beauty is a great bonus. We consult with environmental specialists and often bring in experts to manage controlled burns and other major work, but our Public Works Team is being trained and certified to do more of this work in-house to keep costs down.

The primary responsibility for pond maintenance lies either with the Village or with our homeowners associations, depending on when and how your subdivision was developed, so you may be paying a fee to your HOA or a special service area (SSA) tax shown on your property tax bill. Follow this link for more information on Hampshire SSAs: www.hampshireil.org/ssa.

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.