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Everything Homeowners Need to Know About Code Enforcement

For most people, investing in a home is the biggest investment they will make. Code violations jeopardize those investments.

Code compliance is good for everyone

- Code enforcement works to keep properties from becoming eyesores in the community.
- Code compliance results in improved property values, improved safety and health and improved quality of life.
- Code compliance improves the overall attractiveness of the community which increases the likelihood of economic development.

The goal is not to increase revenue, but rather to gain compliance

- The focus is on the exterior condition of a property.
- In the fight against public health threats, code compliance is key.
- Things such as old tires lying around create a standing water situation which is a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests.
- Code violations result in a courtesy notice.
- Notices that go unanswered result in a ticket being issued.
- Once tickets are issued, fines and/or a court appearance follows.

80% of notices result in the cooperation of the property owner making the necessary correction.

- Debris and overgrown weeds create harborage for rodents and other small animals.
- Information regarding codes (particularly building maintenance codes) may be found at the Village of Hampshire website at www.hampshireil.org.

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Autumn Adventure

We have had an eventful summer here in the Village of Hampshire, and it is my sincere hope that you got to go out and experience some fun in our village. From Coon Creek Country Days, Suds N' Fun, summer sports at the park district, enjoying a fantastic meal at one of our restaurants, or just going for a nice walk through our beautiful community there certainly is always something entertaining to do for you and your family right here at home.

I would like to talk to you about our downtown and our streetscape that I mentioned in our last Newsletter. Unfortunately, due to the circumstances in our world today, the bids were received after our last newsletter had already gone to print. The bids were substantially higher than what the grant (that is paying for most of the streetscape) was allotted for. After much research, the village board decided that our best course of action would be to postpone this project until such time that the cost of materials comes down. The good news is that the village has until 2023 to spend the grant fund. It is not our intention to wait that long, but we, like many of our residents, need to put this project on hold to maximize the grant funds made available to us.

What do you start thinking about when the leaves on the trees start turning their vivid fall colors in the Village of Hampshire? Sure, many residents are excited about Pumpkin Spice everything, or maybe coming up with the best Halloween costume or even a nice evening bonfire in your backyard.



Here at the Village we always are thinking about what happens when those leaves fall.

A few things are for certain, you cannot burn your leaves, leaves do not belong in the street, nor in the storm drains or in your neighbor's yard.

With autumn comes the array of reds, yellows, oranges and browns of the falling leaves. It's a picturesque postcard scene as the leaves float gently to the ground and blanket the landscape with color. However, there's one potentially detrimental impact these leaves can have on our lives - blocking the storm sewer drains.

The Village of Hampshire does not have a leaf pickup program. Please do not rake leaves into the street. Leaves must be handled like all other landscape waste - disposed of in biodegradable bags and put at the curb for the regular Flood Brothers pickup.

I am really excited for the fun fall activities around the village and for the change in seasons. As much as I enjoy summertime, I really do enjoy the fall and the cooler temperatures. Here is to hoping you find some autumn adventure in the Village of Hampshire.

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire



COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS

A Glowing Display of Community Spirit

The Village of Hampshire employees and staff contributed their time and talents to support the Coon Creek Country Days celebration. Public Works, Police Dept and Fire Dept vehicles shined proudly as our employees drove them in the parade. The entry of the Hampshire Float exemplified the pride with which our employees and staff took part in the festivities.

The Police Department was proudly represented throughout the festivities, maintaining order and decorum. Officer Shawna Davis did the Police Department proud as an ambassador of the department as she interacted with children and adults.

Village President Mike Reid was the Grand Marshal of the Coon Creek Parade.

Several of the village's staff lent their extraordinary talents to the task of shucking corn, including our own Village Attorney Mark Schuster. Village Clerk Linda Vasquez coordinated the corn boil as she does every year.

Special thanks go to all employees and staff who exemplified Hampshire's spirit of fellowship.

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 autumn 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 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

FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Downtown Hampshire will be getting a new look. The Business Development Commission recommended, and the Village Board approved, the following facade improvement grants. Watch for facade improvements at 129, 137, 141, 165 and 278 State St., and at 148 Washington Ave.

RT72/STATE ST CONSTRUCTION

The reconstruction of IL72/State St intersection is scheduled to begin in October.

This is the result of 5 years of coordination between the Village of Hampshire and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The intersection will remain open to traffic, however, truck traffic will be detoured. The goal of this project is to create proper drainage to avoid flooding, and to promote safety with new crosswalks and lighting.

The project is expected to take two months to complete.

BUILDING IS BOOMING

New home construction is progressing well in the subdivisions around town. Hampshire is growing at a very good pace. One of the major projects is in the Oakstead Community subdivision on Big Timber Road.

You've likely seen the beautiful large retention pond that has been built there. South of the pond you'll see the new elementary school being built. The school will accommodate 1,000 students.

District 300 expects the school to be open for the 2022 - 2023 school year.

With all the new homes being built there will be many more young families with children who will no doubt be attending the new school.



HOW MANY STREET LIGHTS IN HAMPSHIRE?

Do you know how many street lights are in Hampshire? Got time to drive around town counting lights? Here's an opportunity for some family fun - get the kids involved.

Just the Hampshire street lights

ComEd has street lights around town also. The Village does not own those lights. The difference? ComEd lights are on telephone poles. Hampshire lights are on lamp posts.

Submit your count or guess to HampshireFunFacts@hampshireil.org.

The correct count or the closest guess wins a Hampshire travel mug. Get your entries in by midnight November 1st.

Village Hall will be closed Monday, September 6th in observance of Labor Day.

Overnight parking prohibition begins November 1st.

The last day of yard waste pickup is December 9th (not Dec 15th as listed in the Flood Bros welcome packet received in your June mail).

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PUBLIC WORKS ALERT

Only Rain Down the Drain

Hampshire Municipal Code (§9-1-3) prohibits dumping or discharge into the stormwater system and makes it illegal for anyone to place debris into the streets or onto the sidewalks.

Yard debris like grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings and leaves are a significant source of stormwater pollution. Water from the stormwater system is discharged directly into Hampshire and Coon Creeks.

The stormwater system is designed to carry storm water only! Other debris can cause clogs in the culverts, storm drains and piping which causes flooding, and debris that reaches the creeks and negatively affects the fish in the creeks as well as the plant life on the banks. Our storm sewer drains are vital to our homes and businesses because they carry water away. Even a single blockage could cause unwanted issues, but a seriously blocked system could force water back out, flooding the surrounding area and streets.

The long-term effect, and the main issue with fall foliage in a storm sewer system, is that leaf litter adds phosphorous and nitrogen into the water. In excess these nutrients cause what is know as eutrophication which is an excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water which causes a dense growth of plant life, and death of animal life from lack of oxygen.

BUSINESS RECOGNITION

James Motors Helped Local Restaurants Offer Outdoor Dining

When our local restaurants were prohibited from seating customers inside, James Motors moved their inventory of vehicles to various locations around town to allow the restaurants to setup tables outside to seat more customers. James Motors has proven that they are not just a local business. They are a kind and caring neighbor.

It is that kind of consideration for one's neighbors that is characteristic of Hampshire and its residents. The President and the Board of Trustees thank James Motors for offering assistance to other local businesses in a time of need.

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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