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## BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY

Hampshire kids went back to school Tuesday, August 13th. It is time for us to be more alert. It is time to protect the safety of our students. Here are some safety tips for motorists to be cognizant of when driving:

1. Plan ahead and leave home earlier than normal to allow enough time to reach your destination.
2. Always come to a complete stop at stop signs and be sure to check carefully for children on sidewalks or at crosswalks before proceeding, and obey directions of crossing guards.
3. Obey school zone speed limits. Slowdown in school zones and reduce speed to 20 mph, and be extra alert for children walking, and children on bicycles. Make eye contact with children who are crossing the street.
4. Be cautious when approaching a school bus. It is illegal to proceed around or past a school bus when the stop sign is engaged. Be extra alert for students crossing the street after getting off a bus. Never pass a school bus loading or unloading children. The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them to safely enter and exit the bus.
5. Eliminate distractions while driving. Stay alert. Illinois bans the use of all hand-held devices while driving.
6. Follow street signage for traffic control and parking restrictions on streets near and around the school.

By following these tips we can help our students get to and from school safely each and every day!



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### Trick Or Treat

Trick or Treat hours will be from 4 pm to 7 pm on Thursday, October 31st.

A few reminders to keep everyone safe:

1. No treats should be eaten before they have been inspected by an adult.
2. Discard any unwrapped items.
3. Check all food wrappers for tampering.
4. Costumes should be made of a brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen.

If your home is participating in the festivities, please turn on your porch light. Parents remind your trick-or-treater to trick-or-treat only at homes where the porch light is on.



**A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID**  
President, Village of Hampshire

# Smiling Faces & the Sound of Cheers

Dear Residents,

What a beautiful weekend we had for Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days. The weather was perfect for the first couple weeks of August, and it made the festival that much better for our residents and visitors.

As I write my message, I reflect on the weekend of Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days. It was wonderful seeing our community out in full force over the festival weekend enjoying everything our Village has to offer to residents and visitors. Nothing compares to the energy of our Village filled with smiling faces and the sound of cheers during the parade.

Special thanks to WRMN AM1410 Radio for doing a live broadcast of our Coon Creek Country Days Parade as well as live streaming the parade on their YouTube page.

The Village also got to enjoy the 43rd Annual Early Times Street Rods Suds N' Fun Car Show at Seyller Park on August 18th, which is always fun and exciting.

As we all enjoy these events it is hard not to notice that summertime is going by. Where did the summer go? That is the question that I keep asking friends, family, and, more importantly, our 7-year-old.

School is back in session for our District 300 and District 158 students. I wish all the students, educators, and support staff a happy 2024-2025 school year filled with success and achievements.

With school in session, we must realize that we all share the roadways with big yellow buses and little students who may be less experienced getting to school, whether that be by bus, biking, or walking. Please encourage your little ones and young drivers, to slow down and look both ways and be safe when going to and coming from school.

Finally, I want to thank all the volunteers, elected officials, service group members, staff, first responders, and residents who may not be official members but still help at every event in our community. Our community events are organized mostly by volunteers who plan the events all year and work as hard as they can to put on the event. I encourage all residents to get involved and help keep these events going for our residents and visitors to enjoy each and every year.

Sincerely,

**Mike Reid**  
President, Village of Hampshire

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[hampshireil.org](http://hampshireil.org)



## TRAFFIC SAFETY

Northeastern Illinois is experiencing a traffic safety crisis. Traffic fatalities, particularly among pedestrians and bicyclists, have been increasing since 2014, and speed has contributed to 35 to 40 percent of fatal crashes in Illinois.

Why is this happening? The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's new Speed Management report explores the role of speeding in increased deaths and serious injuries on our region's roads. It provides recommendations for street designs, speed limit policies, education, and equitable enforcement that can help keep all road users safe.

So now what? Safer streets can start with you. Understand the risks, slow down, share the road, and pass these messages along to your community. Join our region in making travel safe for everyone.

Did you know that there is a 45 percent likelihood of a pedestrian dying when hit by a car at 30 mph compared to just a 5 percent likelihood at 20 mph? Or that today's modern vehicles are significantly larger and heavier than in previous decades, meaning they are more dangerous to pedestrians and bicyclists in a collision?

These are just a couple findings from the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's new Speed Management report, which explores how speed has contributed to the alarming rise in traffic fatalities in northeastern Illinois over the past decade. Slowing down is critical to improving traffic safety in our region. The report provides recommendations for street designs, speed limit policies, education, and equitable enforcement that can help keep all road users safe. Safer streets also start with YOU. We encourage you to understand the risks of speeding. Slow down. Share the road.



**Drivers must yield the right-of-way to a bicyclist just as they would to any other vehicle.**

When passing a bicyclist, motorists must do so slowly and leave at least three feet of passing space. Crowding or threatening a bicyclist is prohibited. A motorist should not park or drive in marked bicycle lanes.



## 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

Hampshire Outdoor Market  
3rd Saturday of the month  
June through October  
Hampshire Commons Parking Lot  
Rt. 72 and State St.  
9 am to 1 pm

Hampshire Township Park District  
Haunted Trail - A Night of Horrors  
Fri, Oct 25th, 7 pm - 10 pm

Chamber of Commerce  
Holidays On State  
Sat, Nov 2nd, 10 am - 4 pm

5th Annual Combined  
Friends Of The Poor Walk/Crop Walk  
Seyller Park  
Saturday, Sept. 28th  
Registration at 9:30 am

Village of Hampshire  
2nd Annual Pumpkin Smash  
Sat, Nov 9th  
Henpeck Park, 9 am - 12 pm

Chamber of Commerce Car Show  
Hampshire Commons  
Sun, Sep 29th, 10 am - 4 pm

Veterans Day Parade  
Mon, Nov 11th

Hampshire Township Park District  
Ella Johnson Library  
Trunk Or Treat  
Sun, Oct 13th, 4 pm - 6 pm

For a full list of activities for  
Seniors call 224-828-0303 or visit  
[hampshiretownship.org](http://hampshiretownship.org) or email  
[Seniors@hampshiretownship.org](mailto:Seniors@hampshiretownship.org)

## WINTER PARKING/YARD WASTE

Residents are reminded that the Village Winter Parking Ban goes into effect on November 1st and lasts until April 1st. Parking on the street is prohibited from 1 am to 6 am. Additionally, vehicles cannot be parked on streets or alleys for a period of 24 hours following the accumulation of 2" or more of snow.

By not parking on streets after a snowfall it allows the Village to plow the entire street effectively and efficiently. Vehicles parked on the street during the ban will be towed at the owner's expense.

**The last day for yard waste collection is December 15th.**

All yard waste must be placed in brown bags or 35-gallon plastic/metal cans and placed at the curb with your garbage and recycling carts to be picked up by Flood Brothers. Twigs and branches should be bundled and tied with twine or similar material.

Yard waste should not be blown into or deposited into the streets as it can get into the storm sewer system and cause clogging and back-up during rain showers.

Residents are reminded that yard waste burning is not permitted. Brush (tree limbs, branches, and twigs) are permitted to be burned between the hours of 10 am – 3 pm, but not when winds exceed 10 mph.

## ST. CHARLES BORROMELO FUNDRAISER



Please come support our local little school with these exciting events! Hope to see you there!

### “Dine and Donate”

Where: Jersey Mike’s Subs  
12860 Rt. 47, Huntley  
When: Tuesday, September 24th  
Time: 10 am - 9 pm  
Use Promo Code: DNS25 at checkout to donate 25% of your sale to SCB

### “A Fundraising Shopping Event”

Where: Platt Hill Nursery  
2400 Randall Rd, Carpentersville  
When: Saturday, September 28th  
Time: 9 am - 6 pm  
Use QR Code at checkout:



All proceeds received will support future social events for the kids. Your support by our wonderful community is appreciated. Let’s keep our little school Saint Strong together!

## HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Free Public Programs

September 26th  
The Lively History of Hampshire Cemeteries

October 24th  
Hampshire High School Sports Victories of the 1950’s, 60’s and 70’s

Hampshire Township Building  
170 Mill Avenue  
7:00 pm

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## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Proper yard waste disposal isn’t just a good idea, it’s the law.

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 known 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.

## PUMPKIN SMASH

The Village will be hosting a Pumpkin Smash composting drive on Saturday, November 9th, from 9 am to 12 pm at Henpeck Park. Stop over and see your pumpkin get smashed!

Did you know that pumpkins are over 90% water and produce nutrient-dense soil feed, including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. By smashing your pumpkins, you will be diverting them from landfills where the pumpkins go to waste.

Pumpkins should be free of any decoration before being brought to the event. Thank you to our sponsors: Flood Brothers for providing the dumpster and hauling service, and to our community partners SCARCE, Kane County Illinois Scrap and Composting Coalition and Go Green Illinois.



## COMBINED FRIENDS OF THE POOR/CROP WALK

For the 5th time, members of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, First United Methodist Church, and St. Paul’s and St. John’s United Churches of Christ are planning the Friends of the Poor Walk and the CROP Walk for Hunger. The Friends of the Poor Walk benefits the St. Vincent DePaul Conference which assists those in need in our area. The CROP Walk benefits the Burlington-Hampshire Food Pantry and addresses hunger world wide.

When: Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, Registration 9:30 am, Walk 10:30 am  
Where: Seyller Park, 400 E. Jefferson Rd, Hampshire  
Who to call for information on signing up or making a donation:  
Friends of the Poor Walk,: K. Nelson 585-329-0251  
CROP Walk for Hunger: B. Kamp 847-615-5242

## SCARECROW CONTEST

Downtown Hampshire will be decorated with scarecrows designed by local businesses. Their business logo or name will be on display with their respective scarecrows. Hampshire residents and visitors will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite scarecrow. The winner will have their photo posted on the Hampshire Chamber website & Facebook page and in the village newsletter.

Submit your vote for your favorite scarecrow between Sept 28th and Oct 13th. The winner will be announced at Trunk or Treat on October 13th.

Scarecrows will remain on display through October.



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.



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