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HOW TO PREPARE YOUR HOUSE FOR WINTER

Whether you are going on vacation or staying at home this winter, it is a good idea to prepare your house for the cold winter weather that we are accustomed to in Northern Illinois.

Single-digit temperatures and freezing water can cause significant damage to your house and property. Most insurance claims during the winter are due to freezing and burst pipes, especially when you are away on vacation or visiting family and friends for an extended period.

Here are some tips to prep your house for the winter:

1. **Insulate Indoor Pipes:** Use insulation to protect indoor pipes especially under sinks, attics and crawl spaces, pipes along exterior walls, and in basements, where more than 35% of all burst pipes occur.
2. **Service your fireplaces, chimneys, and furnaces:** We all use these to keep ourselves warm during the cold winter days. Make sure to service your fireplace, chimneys, and furnaces at least annually. This will make sure your fireplace, chimneys, and furnaces are working effectively and safely.
3. **Remove dead and damaged tree limbs:** When heavy and wet snow comes to the area in can cause dead and damaged tree limbs to break away and potentially damage your house if in close proximity. Take the time during November to remove any dead and damaged tree limbs.



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Gift Card Scams

Gift cards have become popular among scammers to steal your money. Scammers will often contact you by email or phone call telling you to purchase a gift card to pay a fine or fee and will often impersonate a friend, family member, or a bank. How can you avoid this scam?

1. Do not share any personal information with anyone over email or phone.
2. Do not purchase gift cards from online retailers you have not heard of.
3. Contact the person or business directly to confirm details of the email or phone call.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Like Painted Kites

Dear Residents,

As I write this, it's hard to think that Halloween is this week! As Frank Sinatra sang, "Like painted kites, those days and nights they went flyin' by." We had so much fun this summer in the Village, and we are already looking forward to the Holidays On State celebration this coming weekend and the lighted holiday parade on December 7th.

As we brace ourselves for the cold, let's take comfort in the fact that we're all in this together. The yearly ritual of preparing for the change in seasons (unhooking hoses, bringing in furniture, ensuring our homes are all sealed up, stacking wood for the fireplace) is a shared experience. But did you know we've also been completing tasks around town to ensure our Village is ready for winter? It's this collective effort that makes our community strong and resilient.

Our dedicated staff has been working for weeks preparing our equipment, our systems, and all other things to make Hampshire ready for the change in season; even though it is going to be 65 degrees today, we do not doubt that the snow and cold are coming, and we need to be ready.

Please remember that the winter overnight parking ban starts on November 1st and will remain in effect until April 1st.

Thank you for allowing me to be the Village president of the best Village anywhere. This job could not be done without the support of our community and our incredible community partners, volunteers, residents, staff, and fellow elected officials from other taxing bodies and other levels of government. Together, we are making a difference, and you should be proud of your role in impacting our community.

On behalf of myself and the entire Village of Hampshire staff, I wish each of you a very happy and healthy holiday season. I pray each of you share your respective holidays joyously and safely with family and friends. Bless you all!

Sincerely,
Mayor Mike

**Winter Overnight Parking Ban
November 1st
to April 1st**

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

OFFICER MUNOZ SWORN IN

Please join us in welcoming Police Officer Jerry Munoz to the village.

Officer Munoz is joining the Hampshire Police Department as a lateral transfer with over 28 years of law enforcement experience.

Officer Munoz graduated from Aurora West High School and earned an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice at Waubensee Community College.

Officer Munoz was previously employed with the College of DuPage Police Department and the Campton Hills Police Department. Officer Munoz has extensive experience as a Bicycle Officer, Field Training Officer, Evidence Technician, Forensic Photographer, Firearms Instructor and Traffic Accident Reconstructionist.

Officer Munoz is also certified in Crisis Intervention. As a Police Officer at the College of DuPage, he researched, authored, and implemented a new 12-week Field Training Program.

Attending the Village Board Meeting where Officer Munoz was sworn in was his son Tyler and daughter-in-law Emily. His son Tyler honored his Dad by pinning on Officer Munoz's badge.



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

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

Veterans Day Parade
Mon, Nov 11th

Last Yard Waste Pickup
Dec, 12th

Wreaths Across America
Dec, 14th

Small Business Saturday
Sat, Nov 30th
Support Local Businesses

Hampshire Jingle Fest
Tree Lighting Ceremony
Starts at 5:00 pm
Christmas Parade
Starts at 5:30 pm
Sat, Dec 7th

Santa Visiting With Children
at The Copper Barrel
from 1 pm - 5:15 pm

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

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY & PARADE

The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony and Parade will be held on Saturday, December 7th.

Come join your fellow Hampshire residents and guests in the holiday festivities.

Decorate an ornament for the Village Christmas Tree at the Ella Johnson Memorial Library from 9 am – 3:30 pm.

Children can visit Santa at the Copper Barrel from 1 – 5:15 pm. The Village will be providing hot chocolate and cookies at Village Hall from 5 – 6 pm. Musical Owl will be singing holiday music at the Christmas Tree starting at 5 pm.

The Holiday Parade will start at 5:30 pm. We cannot wait to see all of our residents and guests at this holiday event!



SCARECROW CONTEST WINNERS

The Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce Scarecrow contest results are in!

We received 1,162 individual votes spread among 30 scarecrow entries.

Our winner was St. Charles Borromeo School's 7th & 8th grade class Scarecrow with 500 votes. (Photo below).

Second place was W. R. Meadows with 179 votes.

Third place was Christina Michelle Salon with 101 votes.

Many thanks to our contest sponsor: Manny Pena Agency - American Family.

Thanks to all our businesses who entered the contest and made our community look very festive for the month of October!



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 14, 2024. Fox River Valley Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will be placing wreaths locally in all four of the cemeteries within Hampshire Township and holding ceremonies at two: Hampshire Center at 11am and St. Charles Borromeo at 2pm. Our goal is to ensure that each of the more than 450 veterans buried locally have a remembrance wreath placed on their grave.



Please help us further the mission of Wreaths Across America to Remember, Honor, and Teach by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

To sponsor a wreath or volunteer at one of the cemeteries, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IL0212P



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HOLIDAYS ON STATE

The 5th annual Holidays on State celebration was on Saturday, November 2nd in Downtown Hampshire.

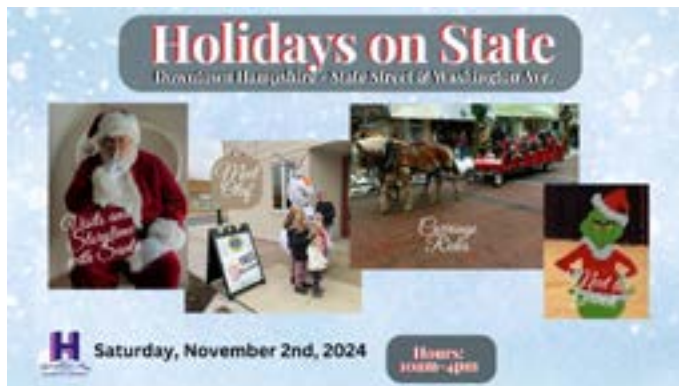
This fun family event was free to the public. The Guardian Angel Basset Rescue was once again transformed into Santa's Workshop. Children were able to stop in for a photo op with Santa and his elves. Donations to the Chamber's high school scholarship fund were received and horse-drawn sleigh rides were available near First American Bank.

Attendees enjoyed meeting Olaf while shopping at dozens of vendor booths. Talented kids at Musical Owl performed under the canopy at James Motors.

Stopping in at the Ella Johnson Library allowed those in attendance to visit with the Grinch and enjoy holiday tunes provided by DJ Mustang Sally.

Our local restaurants and food trucks offered fabulous food and drink. The Kave's outdoor bar served their signature drinks.

This event was made possible by the business community of the Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce!



SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Saturday, November 30, 2024 is Small Business Saturday. It is a day to celebrate and support our local Hampshire small businesses. This is our opportunity to support and learn about the services and goods provided by our small businesses to our local residents and visitors. In 2022, an estimated \$17.9 billion was spent at small businesses. Check out the many small businesses, mainly located, along State St. and then enjoy a coffee or lunch at one of our many eating establishments.



VILLAGE HOLIDAY INFORMATION

Village Hall and Public Works will be closed on the following days:
 Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th
 Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th
 Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th
 New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31st
 New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st

Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day are designated holidays for Flood Brothers on which garbage and recycling collection service will not be provided and delayed by a day.

Yard Waste Service collection will go through the last Thursday in November. Flood Brothers will collect Christmas trees curbside the last week of December and the entire month of January at no additional charge.

HAPPY HOLIDAY RAILWAY

Illinois Railway Museum will be hosting the Happy Holiday Railway event on Black Friday, November 29th, and on Saturdays and Sundays from November 30th through December 22nd. Opening weekend includes a fireworks display at 5:45 pm each day. There will be 7 train rides each day. Children can see and visit with Santa on each train.



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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