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Coming Soon to Hampshire – New Public Works Facility!

The Village's new 34,000 square feet Public Works Facility is nearing completion. The construction of a new public works facility was much needed to protect and extend the longevity of Village vehicles and provide an effective place for Village staff to work out of. The new public works facility was designed and constructed with the future in mind. It has the space to grow to accommodate additional vehicles and staff as the Village grows. The new facility will replace the two facilities the Streets Department is currently operating out of on Klick Street and Allen Road. The new facility consists of a garage, fleet maintenance bays, shops, employee areas, and administrative offices. Look forward to details on the ribbon cutting ceremony on the Village's social media pages.

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LAWN AND GARDEN TIPS

As spring arrives, now is the perfect time to start preparing your yard for a healthy lawn and garden. Here are some tips for your lawn and gardens:

Spring Lawn & Garden Care

- Clear Out Leaves: Leftover fall leaves or debris blown in from the winter winds can smother and damage your grass. Rake the leaves or debris to allow for new growth.
- Fix Compacted Soil: If certain areas of your lawn show little to no growth, compacted soil may be the issue. Aerating your lawn can improve air and water flow, making it easier for grass to grow.
- Remember to Fertilize: While many remember to fertilize their lawns, both perennials and bushes need your attention too. A spring starter fertilizer can give these plants a boost for healthier foliage and flowers.

A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President,
Village of Hampshire

A Ten-Year Endeavor

Dear Residents,

I, for one, am excited for the warmer weather of spring after a very cold winter. Also in the spring months, the Village's new public works facility at 185 Town Place Rd. will be completed. The Village started on this endeavor over 10 years ago; this has been a need for a long time. Thanks to the dedication of our board, led by Trustee Koth, we evaluated every option and several sites, finally starting the design process and breaking ground for construction last year. The new public works facility will provide a great space for our Streets Department to operate from as they deliver the many services they are tasked with in an efficient and safe manner. Be on the lookout for the Village's social media page for the ribbon-cutting ceremony date.

Also nearing completion is the Special Census conducted by the Village with the U.S. Census Bureau. The Village expects to get its official count in the next few months. This project was undertaken by the Village to ensure an accurate count of the Village's population. An accurate population count is very important because it allows the Village to receive its fair share of state revenue, which is based on population.

Thank you to all of the residents who continue to support many local businesses. I look forward to seeing all of you out and about at many of our great local events as the weather starts to get warmer and we see the beautiful green buds on our trees.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

BUILDING PERMITS

Do I Need a Building Permit?

A Building Permit is required for most projects per the Village's Municipal Code. Examples of projects that require a building permit are fences, decks, window/door replacements, patios/sidewalks, roofs, solar panels, pools, sheds, water heater/HVAC replacement.

The Village uses a third-party firm, SAFEBuilt, for its building permitting and inspection services. All building permits can be submitted online through the CommunityCore portal. CommunityCore is a one-stop shop for the entire permitting process, from applying for the building permit to receiving your building permit and inspection card.

If you are unsure if a building permit is required for your project reach out to SAFEBuilt at ilinspections@safebuilt.com.

More information about building permits and building permit fees can be found online on the Village website at www.hampshireil.org/building/building-permits.

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 Township Park District
12th Annual St Patrick's Day 5K Run
Sat, March 14th, 9:30am
@ the Copper Barrel, 172 State St
for registration and more info:
hampshireparkdistrict.org

Hampshire Township Park District
Puzzle Palooza
Sat, March 21st, 5:30pm
Seyller Community Room
390 South Ave

Hampshire Township Park District
Easter Egg Hunt
Sat, Mar 28th, 10am
Seyller Memorial Park
400 E Jefferson Ave
Easter Bunny arrives at 9:45am

Hampshire Township Park District
Doggie Egg Hunt
Sat, Apr 4th, 10am
Rackow Park, 1363 Romke Rd

Hampshire Historical Society
The Famous Red Hot
Fires in Hampshire History
March 26th

All About Hampshire's
1976 Centennial Celebration
April 23rd

Hampshire Township Admin Building
170 Mill Ave, 7pm

Hampshire Township Bingo
Tuesdays at 11am
Township Admin Building
170 Mill Ave

Hampshire Township
Seniors On The Go
Free to join
Call 847 683-9464, Ext. 5

For a full list of activities for Seniors call 847 683-9464, X5 or visit hampshiretownship.org or email Staff@hampshiretownship.org

FIX A LEAK WEEK

Undetected water leaks can significantly increase the amount of water your household uses, causing your utility bill to increase.

Join the Environmental Protection Agency in their Fix a Leak Week (March 16-22, 2026) and check and fix leaks around the house to conserve water and save your money.

In toilets, old or worn-out flappers (valve seals) can cause your toilet to flush on its own or silently leak thousands of gallons per year.

Check under appliances for any pooling water, which could indicate a supply line leak.

Look and listen for drips when you turn off faucets and showerheads.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Hampshire School Organization (HSO) Family Bingo Night:

The Hampshire Elementary School HSO is excited to host this fun community event again!

EVENT DETAILS:
Hampshire Family Bingo Night sponsored by the Hampshire School Organization (HSO)

Date: Saturday, April 11, 2026
Time: 4 – 6:30 PM
Location: Hampshire Middle School

Here is what to expect:
Silent Raffle, 50/50 Raffle, Winner's Prizes, Snacks for Purchase, Friends, and Tons of Fun!

Want to get involved? Sponsors are needed for prizes and raffle baskets. E-Mail hsopresident321@gmail.com.

HSO is a Non-Profit Organization and can provide tax documentation for your donation.

Proceeds will support the students & staff at Hampshire Elementary School.

See you at Family Bingo Night!

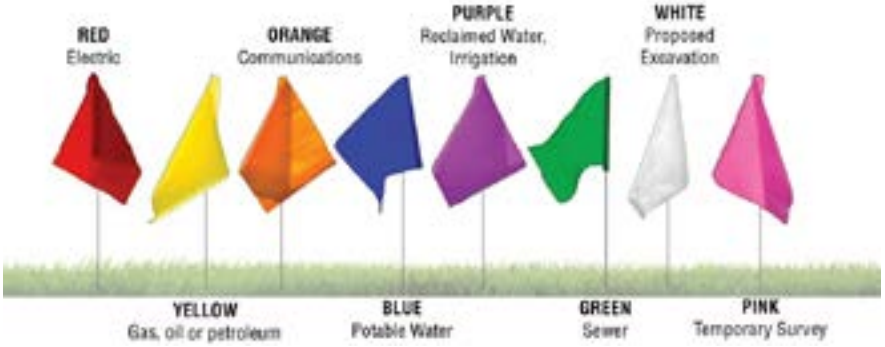
CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Think Before You Dig! Call JULIE at 811

As spring comes around and you are getting ready for some construction projects remember to Think Before You Dig! And Call JULIE at 811. JULIE is a free service that will coordinate with utility companies to mark by either a flag or paint the location of their underground utilities on your property and the nearby area. This is very important so that if you are digging, you or your contractor do not inadvertently damage any underground utilities that could cost money and disruption of services.

Many think that utility lines are buried deep below the ground, however, that is not necessarily true. Some utility lines are buried just below the surface that can be damaged by just a shovel. Whether you are installing posts for a new fence or a slab for a shed, make sure you know where the underground utilities are on your property to save yourself time and money.

What do the different flag colors mean? Each color represents a different type of utility line, whether electric, sewer, water, etc. See the image below that provides a flag color key for you:



More information can be found online at www.illinois1call.com.

WHEN TO START PLANTING

Hard frosts can still occur in the month of March, so be cautious to start planting then. In our area mid-April is a safer time to being planting perennials, trees, and shrubs. Annual flowers may need even warmer weather before those plants are ready for the outdoors.

CARING FOR NEWLY PLANTED TREES

Newly planted trees take time to establish their root systems. A good rule of thumb is that for every inch of trunk diameter, the tree needs about that many years to fully recover from transplanting. Be sure to water young trees regularly, especially during hot and dry months.

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Receive Village E-Newsletters in Your Email Inbox: www.hampshireil.org/newsletter

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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