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SUMMER WATER CONSERVATION

Water is essential to our daily lives yet it is a limited natural resource. The goal of water conservation is to sustainably manage the natural resource of fresh water to meet current and future demand. Each of us can make an impact in protecting our water supply through conservation. The Village offers these summertime tips to conserve water resources:

- Observe an odd/even watering schedule when watering your lawn and landscaping or filling your pool. Properties with even-numbered street numbers (those ending with 0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) may use water on even-numbered calendar dates while properties with odd-numbered street numbers (those ending with 1, 3, 5, 7, 9) may water on odd-numbered calendar dates.
- Lawn and other landscaping should be done in the early morning before 9:00 a.m. or evening when there is less evaporation.
- Utilize drought-tolerant plants throughout your landscaping and mulch your plants. Mulch not only reduces water needs but has the added benefit of feeding the soil through decomposition, preventing erosion and soil compaction, and reducing weed growth.
- Water your yard rather than the driveway or sidewalk by assuring sprinklers are directed properly.
- Repair leaking hoses and faucets and utilize a hose nozzle that can be adjusted to the task you wish to accomplish.
- Use a broom or leaf blower to remove debris from your sidewalks and driveways rather than hosing them down.
- Use the car wash rather than handwashing in your driveway. Handwashing uses about 150 gallons of water vs. 50 gallons at an automatic car wash.
- Fill a bowl of water to wash the produce from the Farmer's market, garden or store instead of rinsing under the faucet, and when you're done rinsing, use the water on your outdoor plants rather than sending it down the drain.
- Shorten your shower by 2 minutes and save 150 gallons of water per month.
- Cover the pool to make sure the water stays in and doesn't evaporate.
- Get a rain barrel to collect water that comes off of your roof to water your outdoor plants.

Challenge yourself and implement some of the water-saving tips found above and make a difference in helping assure water for current and future needs. (See water usage fun facts on page 3)

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FREE WATER CONSERVATION PRODUCTS FOR RESIDENTS

Did you know one of the most common household water leaks is from toilets?

These leaks are both silent and visibly undetectable, wasting water and wasting money.

The Village is providing free toilet water leak detection kits to residents, available while supplies last in the lobby of Village Hall and Ella Johnson Library. Each test kit comes with 2 tablets, 1 tablet per toilet and only takes 10 minutes.

Nicor Gas offers free water-saving kits for customers. Each kit comes with; low-flow showerhead, bathroom faucet aerator, dual-spray kitchen faucet aerator, shower timer and plumber's tape. Visit www.nicorgas.com



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Making An Impact

Dear Residents,

Since our Village Board made the hard decision in mid-April to raise water and sewer rates, as well as water and sewer capital improvement fees, the Village has provided many ways to help you understand why this was a critical choice for the future of Hampshire. In addition to numerous Enewsletters and social media communications, we held an in-person Open House in early May and a virtual Open House in late May to share information on why these increases were needed as we work to ensure we all continue to enjoy a high-quality life, now and into the future. If you have any questions about the rate and fee increases and critical repairs or replacements needed for our water and sewer infrastructure, please visit our dedicated FAQ page or reach out directly via email at utilitymasterplan@hampshireil.org.

We often talk about the weather and look forward to warmer temperatures, but realistically, this 90-degree thing can slow its roll here soon! Sure, it is better than shoveling snow, but I am more of a 75 and sunny guy. Here is to hoping that the weather cools down a bit for the street dance, music under the Oaks, Coon Creek Country Days, and the Suds and Fun Car Show.

In the blink of an eye, summer seems like it is winding down already, and I feel like it just got started. I hope that you have a chance to take part in at least one of the many summer events that will take place; one of my favorites was the Sock Hop that the Hampshire Historical Society put on at James Motors; it was an event that even Dick Biondi would have been proud of! I also really enjoyed the visit from the Canadian Pacific 2816; the sheer size and sounds of that magnificent machine are things I will never forget.



Photo by Lorraine Matti

I hope that you share the excitement that we have about our downtown taking shape. It has been a labor of love, and it has taken a lot of time, but it is nice to see the buzz all the time. We just

finished the overhead lights that so many looked forward to seeing as a part of the original design. These lights were over \$300,000 as they were originally designed; for the sake of being able to comply with our grant, we cut them with the intention of trying to find a way to do something at a later date.

Thanks to March Industries (a local Hampshire business), we were able to find a way to put up what you see downtown for a fraction of the original cost, and I think they look great. I also look forward to the new businesses coming to town soon, two of which are even hoping to open by the end of July.

I need to thank our community, staff, elected officials, partners, and, lastly our residents for sticking with us through all of the work and changes; we could not do this without you; we are making an impact.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

WATER USAGE FACTS

A typical sprinkler using a standard 5/8" garden hose for one hour uses about 1,020 gallons of water. If you water three times per week, that's about 12,240 gallons per month or \$163.48 per month in additional charges on your water bill.

Each American uses an average of 82 gallons of water a day at home (the United States Geological Survey's Estimated Use of Water in the United States in 2015).

Installing water-efficient fixtures and appliances can reduce water usage by at least 20%.

Turning off the tap while brushing your teeth can save 8 gallons of water per day.

If the average-sized lawn in the US is watered for 20 minutes every day for 7 days, it's like running the shower constantly for 4 days or taking more than 800 showers.

Top 5 water wasters in your home:

- Your toilets – Toilets are responsible for 24% of your household water use. Upgrading to a low-flow toilet can save up to 75%.
- Your washing machine – Washing clothes in a conventional top-loading washer can take up to 54 gallons of water per load while the most efficient front-loading washes require only seven gallons. An average family doing eight loads of laundry a week could save more than 10,500 gallons of water switching to an efficient front-loading machine.
- Your shower – The EPA reports that if every showerhead in the United States were WaterSense models, 260 billion gallons of water would be saved annually.
- Your faucets – Adding water-saving aerators to your taps can reduce water flow by 77%.
- Leaks – In addition to leaky faucets and toilets, check the rest of the house for drips and puddles. Inspect the pipes under your sinks, around your hot water heater and around hose bibs.

Is your flapper leaking? It is estimated that 1 in 5 toilets leak. A running toilet may waste up to 200 gallons of water per day or more! Add food coloring to the back of the tank. If after 30 minutes you see color in the bowl, you know your flapper needs to be replaced.

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.
9am to 1pm

Hampshire Township Park District
41st Annual Coon Creek Classic
2K/10K Race
Sunday, August 11th, 8am

Coon Creek Country Days
August 8th - 11th
State Street

Hampshire Township Park District
Music Under The Oaks
July 18th
5pm - 8:30 pm

Illinois Railway Museum
Day Out With Thomas
July 13th and 14th
July 20th and 21st

Chamber of Commerce
Support local businesses

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Street Dance & Festival
July 19th

Suds and Fun Car Show
Sunday, August 18th
Seyller Park

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY SOCK HOP

By all accounts, the Sock Hop presented by the Hampshire Historical Society on June 8th was a complete success. Great music, great food, great beverages, great antique cars, a 50/50 raffle and music and a DJ that would make Dick Biondi proud.

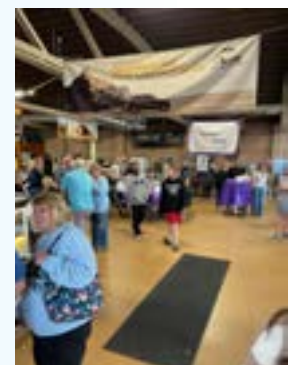
Many thanks to James Motors for offering the use of their showroom.



Kudos to Double R Dogs, Newman's Corner Pub and Ice Cream Overload for providing the food and beverages.

Special thanks go James Motors, Beans Farm, Heartland Bank, First American Bank, Guardian

Angel Bassett Rescue, KB Inc. and Auto Paint Plus for their sponsorship.





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Veterans Memorial at Ralph H. Seyller Memorial Park has received the following donations:

The Hampshire Burlington American legion Post #680 generously funded the newly installed flagpole, American flag and solar light. The previous flagpole was a source of continuous maintenance challenges due to its age. The new flagpole ensures our community will proudly fly the American Flag to honor all those that have served for years to come.

The Hampshire Lions Club, District 1-J generously donated funds raised from their 50/50 meat raffle to cover Military branch flag replacements.

Thank you to.....

Toby Koth and the Hampshire Township Park District maintenance staff for organizing and removing the old flagpole and installing the new military branch flags.

John of Gehringer Brothers for kindly donating his services to cut up the 53 foot old flagpole and repurposing the steel, diverting this non renewable resource from the landfill.

John McCall of the Flag Store in Crystal Lake for installing the new Flagpole and solar light. John went above and beyond by customizing the flagpole so we could reuse existing footings, saving a piece of the flagpoles history and reducing cost.



MY HAMPSHIRE APP

Code Enforcement / My Hampshire App

Did you know you can use the My Hampshire app to report code enforcement violations? Just download the app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, find the Report an Issue button on the home screen, and select one of the many types of issues you see in town to report. The report will be sent directly to the appropriate department for investigation and enforcement. Issues you can report include:

- Tall grass/weeds
- Illegal parking
- Unkept structures
- Junk vehicles
- Streetlights out
- Down trees
- Water main breaks
- And more!



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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