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HAMPSHIRE'S NEW POLICE CHIEF

Village President Mike Reid, Jr. appointed, and the Hampshire Board of Trustees confirmed, the appointment of Douglas Pann. He had been Hampshire's Interim Chief since the retirement of Chief Brian Thompson.

"Chief Pann possesses the skills and leadership qualities needed to prepare our department for our Community's growth and focus on our officers' and residents' needs. Over the last four months, Chief Pann has proven to be forward-thinking, inclusive, and creative, leading him to accomplish so much during his time as Interim Chief," said Reid. "And I'm excited to see what he will do for our community and department moving forward."



Chief Pann has had a distinguished career in law enforcement spanning 30 years. Beginning as a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy, he then moved to the Rockford Police Department where he served as a Patrol Officer, Detective, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Assistant Deputy Chief. Pann holds a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership, a Bachelor of Arts in Management & Leadership and an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice. Chief Pann also attended the FBI National Academy Leadership Program at Quantico.

"I am enthusiastic about this opportunity to work with President Reid and the Village Board to set the future direction of the Hampshire Police Department during this critical time in policing nationwide, and specifically in Hampshire during its recent and continued growth", said Pann. I am grateful for the experience I gained in Rockford, so that I can put that experience to good use serving the residents of Hampshire."

Pann was selected after a nationwide search by GovHR that generated 46 candidates from multiple States. After reviewing 16 candidate evaluations provided by GovHR, the Village Board interviewed five (5) candidates, narrowing the field to two for final interviews, after which Pann was selected.

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Throughout this issue, you'll find photos of the snowplow naming contest winners posing with the snowplows they have named.

On the Internet: Protect Your Systems and Data

Create a strong and unique passphrase for each online account you hold and change them regularly. Using the same passphrase across several accounts makes you more vulnerable if one account is breached.

Do not open any attachments unless you are expecting the file, document, or invoice and have verified the sender's email address.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Making Hampshire Better

Perspective Good Or Bad

What a unique start to the year; 2023 has really been an interesting year. Mother Nature has not remembered to send us much snow, which, depending on your perspective, could be a good thing or a bad thing.

There is always a lot going on at the Village, from the "normal" operations to special projects, and yearly tasks. We are just starting the budget process for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This task is always arduous for the staff, the budget committee, and the village board of trustees.

Our goal is always to provide a balanced budget, to provide essential services to our community, and to maintain and improve our systems and assets. It is always challenging to budget for what we know, and to plan for what we don't. Thankfully our staff has developed a capital plan (available for viewing on our website) which helps guide us through the long-term planning.

Aging Infrastructure

Infrastructure planning and funding is complex. We have a lot of aging infrastructure within the Village. Many projects need to be addressed sooner rather than later. Due to lack of funding, several projects have been waiting for repair for years. This has proven inconvenient to residents, and has resulted in making resolution more expensive due to the increasing cost of materials.

Our job as elected officials is to leave the Village better than we found it; we are "leaving no stone unturned." We are committed to doing our best to ensure that Hampshire truly becomes better than we found it. Our priorities this year will show that we recognize where we are, and where we need to be.

Garden Berry Cafe

I am excited to welcome yet another business to our downtown. The Garden Berry Cafe opened in the space where the Rose Garden operated for many years. I encourage all of you to visit the new Garden Berry Cafe and check out its vast offerings; I trust you will not be disappointed.

The impact and contributions that the Azizi family made to this community will always be remembered and can never be replaced. I am certain the Garden Berry Cafe will continue to manifest a sense of community in the Rose Garden tradition.

Metro West Council of Government

Hampshire is a part of the Metro West Council of Government - a council of municipalities serving a population of more than 750,000 people in Kane,



DeKalb, and Kendall Counties of Illinois.



Metro West has been a phenomenal resource for our Village and our residents. It is a critical link connecting our community to Springfield, and it ensures our Village and our region's voices are heard downstate.

I am humbled and honored to accept the nomination of Vice President for Metro West starting in April 2023. I am honored to take a more active role in this great organization.

I hope that winter has been as soft-spoken to you as it has to us and that we can all look forward to warmer weather very shortly.



Sincerely,
Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

VETERANS MEMORIAL PAVERS

Hampshire Veteran's Memorial Paver Information

The memorial is located at Seyller Park (East Park), on East Jefferson St.

You can purchase a paver to honor a veteran.

Anyone can purchase a paver to honor a veteran, regardless of where they were from or where they currently reside.

Pavers can be purchased for a veteran, in memory of a loved one who was not a veteran, a person or family that supports veterans or even businesses.

Pavers vary by size up to 6 rows of 26 characters each.

There are many pavers that are family pavers.

For more information regarding paver sales, contact a Hampshire Lion, or Roger Paddock at rrpaddock@sbcglobal.net



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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 list below and help spread the word about a charming weekend getaway in Hampshire.

Mark your calendar for these local attractions

Hampshire Park District
Easter Egg Hunt
April 1st

Tower Hill Stables
Riding Lessons
Petting Zoo
Trail Rides

Ella Johnson Library
Senior Bingo
March 16 & April 13 @ 1:30pm

Rackow Park Dog Run, Ice Rink and Pavilion

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

The Kave
Cinco de Mayo
May 5th

Hampshire Park District
Saint Patrick's Day 5K Run
March 18th

Hampshire Historical Society
Become a member
www.hampshirehistory.org

Pioneer Farm
Farm Fresh Eggs
Fresh Frozen Meats

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

COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS



ST. PAT'S 5K RACE

St. Patrick's Day 5K
March 18 @ 9:00am

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day right in the heart of Hampshire! This year's race begins and ends on State Street with the best post race party around at the Copper Barrel! Race starts on State St. at the Copper Barrel (172 S State St.) at 9:00am.

Runners will receive a bib number and a ticket for an ice cold green beer and refreshments after you make it through the finish line! Add your race Swag Pack for only \$10! You won't want to miss out on this year's custom long sleeve shirt and custom race socks! This race is timed with an award ceremony during the post race party once results can be obtained. The post race party award ceremony will include the best dressed contest! Make sure to come in your best St. Patrick's Day gear for your chance to win prizes!

Register Online <https://runsignup.com/Race/IL/Hampshire/StPatricksDayFunRun5k>



FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Trash carts: Please do not put trash carts in the street. This makes it difficult for Public Works to plow snow and sweep streets.

Yard Waste: Flood Brothers will begin picking up yard/landscape waste on April 6th.

Overnight Parking: Village ordinance allows overnight parking on the street from April 1st to November 1st.

Door-To-Door Soliciting: Village ordinance prohibits door-to-door soliciting. Report any violations to the Police Department.

Hydrant Flushing: The Public Works Department will be conducting fire hydrant flushing in the spring.



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Family Bingo night is back!

The Hampshire Elementary School HSO is excited to bring back this fun community event. Not familiar with this tradition? Way back when, Hampshire Elementary School hosted a family night and it became their largest fundraiser. It slowly dwindled away but we're bringing it back and it's better than ever!

Event details:

Hampshire Family Bingo Night
*Sponsored by the Hampshire School Organization (HSO)
Date: Saturday, March 18th
Time: 5:30-7:30 PM
Place: Hampshire Middle School
*Proceeds will support the HES music programs

Here's what to expect:

Raffle baskets, 50/50 drawing, community prizes, food, friends, and tons of fun!

Want to get involved?

We need sponsors for prizes and raffle baskets. Email hso-president321@gmail.com
*We are a non-profit and can provide tax documentation for your donation.

See you at BINGO!

Download the My Hampshire app from the iOS or Google App store now!

NEW BUSINESSES

Congratulations to these two new additions to the Hampshire Business Community. Best wishes for success!



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WALTER LEUCHT HONORED

Walter and Judy Leucht, who have dedicated 43 years of service to the people of Hampshire, were honored at their home and business: Frederick Funeral Home. Approximately 40 neighbors came with a banner and balloons, song, prayer, and cheers to thank Walter and Judy for their kind and loving service to Hampshire for generations.

Some of the praises posted on Facebook:

"Words cannot adequately describe what you both have done for our community."

"Thank you so much for gifting us with such love of our loved ones."

"...you have comforted us all..."

"...you have been so appreciated by our community."

"...(you have) provided so much support during very sad times."

"You are two very special people who are held dearly in the hearts of so many."

"Thank you Walt and Judy for all you have given to this community. You're truly loved!"

"You have been such a comfort to our family in the saddest times. We appreciate your kindness and compassion."

"Hampshire has been lucky to have two such special people all these years."

"Walt and Judy, you are two of the nicest and most compassionate people we have ever known. Thank you for always being there for our family."

"We are so very grateful for the time and care you have given our loved ones and the comfort you have given us. You are two very special people."

"...(they are) so supportive and loving to whomever they are near."

"There are really no words to express what you do for us in the toughest times that anyone can go through---it means so much."

"You've truly been a God send to our Community."

"It takes a special person to bring comfort and guidance to others at one of the toughest times of their lives. You both have made a beautiful team and been a true gift to Hampshire."

"Great examples of small town warmth!!"

HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY EVENTS

HAMPSHIRE COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS (all about Coon Creek and the local Coon Family), free admission to the public

Thursday, March 23rd, at 7:00 pm at Senator Syverson's Office, 115 W. Oak Knoll Dr.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCHES IN HAMPSHIRE

Thursday, April 27th, time and location to be announced

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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