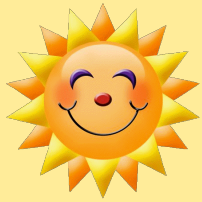




# Hampshire Hot Topics



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*"Sun is shining. Weather is sweet. Make you wanna move  
your dancing feet."*

*lyrics by Bob Marley*

Dear Neighbors,

We spend a lot of time glorifying all of our national and religious holidays, but none is as important to us, as a nation, as is the most spectacular holiday of Summer - the Fourth of July.

There has been a lot of attention given to the athletes that choose to kneel during the national anthem. I will not debate the controversy, but I'd like to tell you what makes me glad about the situation. What makes me truly glad is the dialogue and the spirit that has resulted. These athletes have sparked conversation that needs to take place. Americans are becoming more open about their patriotism.



## July 4 Independence Day



## July 21 Farmers Market



## July 22 Parents' Day



## July 27 Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

In the spirit of patriotism, I'd like to ask all our neighbors to take a moment to ponder on how precious our freedom is, and how special this fantastic country is that we are fortunate to live in.

Let me share some facts and trivia about Independence Day:

The Declaration of Independence was originally named, "A Declaration by the Representatives of the United States in General Congress Assembled."

Not only was the name different, but the actual date the Continental Congress voted to declare independence from Great Britain was July 2, not July 4.



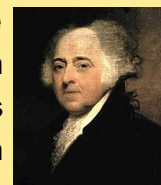
However, it took two more days to have it written down on paper for delegates to sign. From that day forward, July 4

would commemorate the birth of America's Independence.

Interestingly, John Adams, a Continental Congress Delegate and future president, argued July 2 should remain the true birth date of Independence and refused to attend any Fourth of July event.



In a strange coincidence, John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the two men most associated with



the Declaration of Independence, died only a few hours apart on July 4 in 1826, the 50th anniversary of the country they helped found.

Benjamin Franklin's signature on the Declaration caused an irreversible split with his son William, who at the time was the British appointed governor of New Jersey. This split demonstrates how divided the fledgling country was over seeking Independence.



## Aug 2 thru 5 Coon Creek Country Days



## Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday

## Aug 7 Purple Heart Day



## Aug 18 Farmers Market

The Pennsylvania Evening Post was the first newspaper to print the Declaration on July 6, 1776.

The first public reading of the Declaration took place on July 8, 1776, in Philadelphia.

On July 4, 1778, George Washington ordered a double ration of rum for his soldiers to celebrate the holiday.

A fictional story written in the 1840's suggests that the Liberty Bell was rung the day of the signing, but historians doubt the accuracy of this tale, since the steeple that housed the famous bell was in such poor condition.

July 4 wasn't declared a national holiday until 1870, and didn't become a paid holiday until 1941.

Fireworks were not a July 4th staple until after 1816, when Americans began producing their own pyrotechnics.

Fourth of July celebrations only became important after the War of 1812, and it wasn't until the late the early 1900's that the Fourth of July became more of a family celebration, and not just a day centered around political party rallies.

When the Declaration was signed, the country had 2.5 million residents. In fact, the population was so small that seven of the Declaration signers were married to their cousins.

However, one fact remains indisputable, the Declaration of Independence, even after 242 years, still serves as a shining example to people everywhere to rise up against tyranny wherever and whenever it exists.

Other countries, including Denmark, England, Norway, Portugal and Sweden also celebrate the Fourth of July as a way to bring in American tourists.



**Aug 21  
Senior Citizens Day**



**Aug 27  
Lyndon  
Baines  
Johnson  
Day**



**Sep 3  
Labor Day**



**Sep 9  
National  
Grandparents Day**

"Yankee Doodle," a popular American patriotic song, was originally sung prior to the Revolution by British military officers in mockery of the unorganized and buckskin-wearing "Yankees."

That trivia could fuel our conversations when we gather around the grill on the Fourth of July. Speaking of gathering around the grill.....Americans consume around 155 million hot dogs on the Fourth of July each year. They also spend \$92 million on chips, \$167.5 million on watermelon, and \$341.4 million on beer.

Have a great summer and don't forget to mark your calendar for the Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days to be held from Aug. 2 through Aug. 5. I hope to see you all there.

**A Message From  
Village Clerk  
Linda Vasquez**

At this time of year, our newsletter is appropriately titled "Hampshire Hot Topics".



**Visa Now Accepted**

In addition to Mastercard, Discover, and American Express, the village now accepts Visa for utility payments.

Credit and debit card payments can be made on the village website at [www.hampshireil.org](http://www.hampshireil.org) or at the Village Hall.

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Thanks to the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce for a great Summer On State event on June 9th.

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**See you at the Coon Creek Country  
Days Corn Boil on Sunday, August  
5th.**



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**Sep 10  
Rosh Hashanah**

**Sep 11  
Patriot Day**



**Sep 18  
Air Force Birthday**



**Sep 19  
Yom Kippur**



**Sep 21  
National POW/MIA**

**Please visit the Farmers Market every third Saturday Through October. Support our local vendors.**



"Yellow butterflies look like flowers flying through the warm summer air."

Andrea Willis

## **PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS**

Dear neighbors,

Kids are out of school for the summer. Please slow down and watch out for our children.



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### **Take The Bite Out Of Mosquitoes**

Mosquito season is among us. Because of the exceptionally warm and wet spring we've experienced, this is predicted to be one of the worst mosquito seasons we've had in recent years.

In an effort to heighten awareness to the mosquito problem, we've published a special issue newsletter in conjunction with this regular quarterly issue of Hampshire Hot Topics.



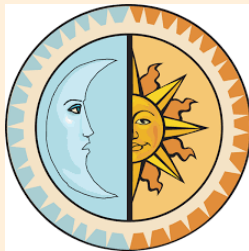
Please check it out. There you'll find useful information to help make your summer outdoors safer and more comfortable. Don't let mosquitoes send your family and friends back inside on an otherwise pleasant summer evening.

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## Recognition Day



Sep 22  
Farmers Market



Sep 23  
September Equinox



Sep 30  
Gold Star Mothers  
Day



Oct 8

## VILLAGE SERVICES NEWS

Recently, Hampshire residents received notice that ComEd was switching to Smart Meters. Some residents have expressed concern about potential health risks associated with smart meters, including the effects of radio frequencies emitted from these meters. Although smart meters use radio technology, under typical circumstances a person would receive less radio frequency exposure from a smart meter than from many other electronic devices

that are used daily, including cordless phones, cell phones, microwave ovens, wireless computer networks (Wi-Fi) and even baby monitors.



I have scheduled our ComEd Representative to speak briefly about these smart meters at our Village Board Meeting on July 19th. Anyone interested may come and ask questions if they have any concerns.

Jan Kraus  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
Village Services

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS

*Happy summer!*

I hope this newsletter finds you well; there are a lot of exciting things happening this summer in the village. Our village website has been redesigned we will go live in the coming weeks. The new website supports mobile viewing, point your browser to [www.hampshireil.org](http://www.hampshireil.org) and check it out, send any comments to [webmaster@hampshireil.org](mailto:webmaster@hampshireil.org).



We would like to welcome Love's Travel Centers and Truck Country to the Village of Hampshire, we expect this development to close in July. In the coming weeks after they close on the property you will

see some action on the property to the west of the IDOT facility and across the street from the Road Ranger in between I90 and US20 at the Hampshire Truckstop. Loves Travel Centers will be breaking

# Columbus Day



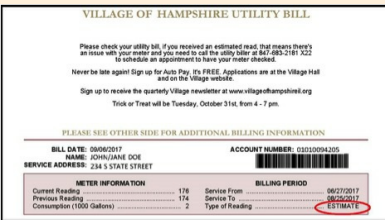
## Oct 13 Navy Birthday

## Oct 16 Boss' Day



## Oct 20 Farmers Market

## Estimated Water Bills Explained



Generally water meters are read every 60 days or so, and the Water Department works hard to obtain an accurate reading from your water meter each and every billing period. On occasion, however, there may be an issue with the MXU (for remote reading) or the meter and we are

ground with the hopes of being open in the Fall and Truck Country will soon follow. We are very excited for them to join our Hampshire business community.



Hampshire is full of events this summer! Coon Creek days is coming up - it will be the first weekend in August (2nd-5th). The Farmers market is every 3rd Saturday until October, and the 38th Annual Suds and Fun Car Show is coming up on Aug 12th.

Thank you all for being such a great part of our little town!

Mike Reid  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
MReid@hampshireil.org



"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability"  
Sam Keen

## A Message From The Public Works Department



not able to obtain an actual reading.

When that happens we will estimate usage. If a customer's water consumption is estimated, "ESTIMATE" will appear on the right-hand side of the bill as shown above. If you received an estimated bill, we are asking you to contact Village Hall at 847-683-2181, extension 22 to arrange for an appointment to have your meter checked.

Village code requires that all premises using water service from the Village water system be equipped with an accurate water meter. If we are required to estimate your bill on a regular basis and we don't hear from you first, we will let you know by door hanger that your water meter equipment is malfunctioning and in violation of village ordinance. Please call us if your current bill shows an estimated read!

## ■ Village Officials

### Village President

Jeffrey Magnussen

### Village Clerk

Linda Vasquez

### Trustees

Christine Klein

Toby Koth

Ryan Krajecki

Jan Kraus

Mike Reid, Jr.

Erik Robinson

### Village Phone Numbers

847-683-2181

Village Clerk, Ext. 0

Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22



Dear Neighbors,

It seems that some homeowners have been discharging their grass clippings into the Village's streets. I've attached 2 pictures to show why we shouldn't do this, and a copy of the Hampshire ordinance that prohibits this practice. Not only does it clog the storm drain, and as a result floods the roadways, but it also collects in our system and eventually into our creeks and rivers.

Any grass clippings generated from an individual's property needs to stay on that property or be disposed of with the normal weekly landscape waste pickup. With each homeowners cooperation we can avoid potential flooding.

### Village Ordinance:

"D. Deposits, Deliveries On Sidewalks:

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit, or to permit to be deposited, upon any public way in the village, including any public street or sidewalk, any rubbish, trash, or debris; any mud, dirt, cement, concrete, gravel, stones, plant matter, including grass clippings; any snow from snow removal operations; or any material which may cause damage to said sidewalk or street, which may be a hazard to persons, animals, property or vehicular traffic, or which may impede the flow of storm water.  
"

Thank you,

David Starrett

Street Supervisor

Village of Hampshire



Building Department, Ext.  
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Street Department  
847-683-9489

Water / Sewer Department  
847-683-2064

Police and Fire Emergency  
911

Non-emergency  
Police Department  
847-683-2240

Non-emergency  
Fire Department  
847-683-2629

Building Inspector  
B&F Services  
847-428-7010

Waste Management  
1-800-796-9696

OFFICE HOURS  
Monday - Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Board Meetings:  
1st & 3rd Thursdays  
of each month

If you would like to see  
something put on our  
newsletter or if you would like  
to be put on our emailing list.

[Please email.](#)

"You're not supposed to be so  
blind with patriotism that you  
can't face reality. Wrong is  
wrong, no matter who says it."  
Malcolm X



## Coon Creek Country Days Schedule

### Thursday, August 2

Festival Hours: 6pm-10pm  
Carnival: 6pm-10pm  
Beer Garden: 6pm-10pm  
Entertainment: 6pm-10pm

### Friday, August 3

Festival Hours: 6pm-Midnight  
Carnival: 6pm-11pm  
Beer Garden: 6pm-Midnight  
Entertainment: 6pm-Midnight  
Q98.5: Introduce Modern Day Romeo

### Saturday, August 4

Festival Hours: 1pm-Midnight  
Carnival: 1pm-11pm  
Beer Garden: 1pm-Midnight  
Entertainment: 1:30pm-Midnight  
Petting Zoo: 1pm-5pm  
Q98.5 Live Broadcast: 2:30pm-4:30pm  
97ZOK Live Broadcast: 4pm-6pm  
Engel Awards: 7pm  
Fireworks: 9:10pm

### Sunday, August 5

Hampshire Lions Pancake Breakfast\*: 7:30am-11am  
HPD 34th Annual Coon Creek Classic 2K/10K\*: 8am  
HCCCD Parade: Noon  
Festival Hours: 1pm-5pm  
Carnival: 1pm-5pm  
Beer Garden: 1pm-5pm  
Entertainment: 1:30pm-4pm  
Petting Zoo: 1pm-5pm  
Pony Rides: 1pm-5pm  
Corn Boil: 1pm- 'til its gone  
Raffle Basket Winners Announced: 4pm  
Parade Award Winners Announced: 4pm

\*Lions Club Breakfast and Coon Creek Classic are

"Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the president or any other public official, save exactly to the degree in which he himself stands by the country. It is patriotic to support him insofar as he efficiently serves the country. It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country. In either event, it is unpatriotic not to tell the truth, whether about the president or anyone else."

Theodore Roosevelt

"Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."

Mark Twain

"If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a nation gone under."

Ronald Reagan

"For me, summer hasn't really started until tomatoes reappear in local farmers' markets."

Jose Andres

"Let a man walk ten miles steadily on a hot summer's day along a dusty English road, and he will soon discover why beer was invented. "

Gilbert K. Chesterton

"It's a sure sign of summer if the chair gets up when you do"

Walter Winchell



## Dog Days of Summer

"The "dog days of summer" refer to the weeks between July 3 and August 11 and are named after the Dog Star (Sirius) in the Canis Major constellation. The ancient Greeks blamed Sirius for the hot temperatures, drought, discomfort, and sickness that occurred during the summer."

Richard Heinberg, Celebrate the Solstice

"My air conditioner has been keeping me awake at night. No. Not the noise. The thought of what this month's bill will look like. "

Maxim

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