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2025 Year in Review

The Village accomplished a lot in 2025 and it is a time for a wrap up and read about a few highlights of the past year.

The Village continues to see significant and steady growth with residential construction. In 2025, 224 new residential construction permits were issued by the Village, totaling an approximate investment of \$49 million by home builders into the Village. The development of Prairie Ridge North continues with multiple neighborhoods on both sides of Harmony Road being constructed. The Village also received notice of the construction of Tuscany Woods Phase 2. The Village also received concept plans of a new residential subdivision on the southside of IL-72/Oak Knoll Drive that will incorporate commercial space on IL-72/Oak Knoll Drive frontage.

In total, 764 building permits were issued in 2025 through the month of November representing a private investment of \$87 million.

If you are planning a building/construction project in 2026 make sure to check with the Village if a building permit is needed if you are unsure.

The Village's Utilities Division was busy with many public infrastructure projects in 2025. Projects included ultraviolet system replacement, variable frequency drives replacement and filter pump replacements at the wastewater treatment plant. Other projects included were the brine tank rehabilitation at the drinking water treatment plant for well numbers 10 & 13. In total, the Village spent approximately \$1.7 million in maintaining and improving the Village's utilities infrastructure.

The Village's Police Department launched its Frontline public access portal, which allows residents to submit multiple requests to the Police Department, including overnight parking, vacation watch, information about at-risk residents, and registering bicycles and pets. Also in 2025, the Police Department started the process of becoming accredited through the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). Currently sixty-nine Illinois police agencies are accredited through ILEAP.

The Village's Streets Department was kept busy with resurfacing projects of streets, including Jake Ln., East Jackson Ave., Highland Ave., Madison Ave., and West Jefferson Ave. The Streets Department also made repairs to 45 storm sewers throughout the Village. The biggest news for the Streets Department was the ground-breaking and construction beginning of the new Public Works Facility at 185 Town Place Rd. The Village's Streets Department is expected to move into the new facility in Spring 2026.

The Village looks forward to another busy and successful year in 2026!

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THE ELUSIVE TIME CAPSULE

In commemoration of the Village's 150th birthday festivities, plans to exhume the time capsule were laid in place with the help of community volunteers.

Participants and Village employees convened at Seyller Park early on the morning of November 10th to exhume the Village's 1976 time capsule which was last exhumed, then buried again in 2001 during the Village's 125th celebration.

Digging of the time capsule took over two days due to the unknown exact location of the time capsule. After two days of digging by volunteers and staff, the time capsule was found!

The time capsule contents will soon be placed on display for the next 12 months to celebrate and commemorate the Village's 150th anniversary since its incorporation in 1876.

The time capsule contents will be reburied (With GPS coordinates recorded) sometime during November 2026.

A special thank you to the volunteers, especially the Burklow and Herrmann families for their generous contributions in helping locate the "elusive time capsule".

More details to follow on the planned display of the time capsules contents.



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID President,
Village of Hampshire

Hello 2026!

Dear Residents,

I hope and wish everyone in our community had a happy and joyous holiday season. As we welcome in 2026, I am excited about everything that happened in the past year and look forward to what is coming for us as a community in 2026. In 2025, we saw our Village continue to grow, as in past years, with over 224 new homes constructed and more neighborhoods planned for construction. Fun Fact: Did you know that much of the building that you see happening now was approved and dedicated in the early 2000s, but was never built until now due to the 2008 economic collapse?

Downtown Hampshire continued to see revitalization with both private and public investment to improve the facades of downtown buildings. The Village supported façade renovation projects with approximately \$50,000 in funding in 2025. It is great to see all the hustle and bustle downtown. I sometimes need to remind myself that having to hunt for a parking spot is a good thing, considering how empty downtown was for so many years. Thank you to all of our local businesses that continue to invest in our community and thank you to all of our residents who support them!

The Village is nearing completion of its new public works facility at 185 Town Place Road and expects to move into it in Spring 2026. The new facility will house our Streets Department's operations. The facility will be key to protecting the Village's vehicles and equipment from outdoor conditions, helping to save our residents money in the long run. It will also ensure that our staff has a safe place to work. The badly needed facility will help us be prepared for the growth that our community has been on a path towards for the last 20 years.

The Village partnered with the U.S. Census Bureau to conduct a Special Census in 2025. The Village expects to receive its new official population count in 2026. By conducting a Special Census, the Village will receive its fair share of state funding that is based on the official population count.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org



WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Winter safety tips for your home from the Hampshire Fire Protection District:

Make sure you have a working Carbon Monoxide Detector (CO) on each floor of your home. Remember CO is colorless and odorless. Keep you and your family safe!

With the snow accumulating, check your exhaust pipes and dryer vent outside your home. If they are at ground level, the accumulating snow can cover these pipes and vents which can cause a build of CO in your home. The exhaust pipes also tend to have ice buildup which can limit or stop the furnace to properly vent out. This can lead to a buildup of CO. Make sure to keep ice off the pipe.



Space heaters need to be plugged directly into the wall outlet. Do not use an extension cord or power strip to make the connection! Make sure when using a space heater, you have three feet of clearance all the way around the unit to prevent a fire. Turn the space heater off when you leave the room.

Do you have a hydrant on your property? If you are willing and able, please clear the snow three feet around the hydrant. The department greatly appreciates the assistance in doing so. This will help speed up the hydrant connection in the event of a fire.



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 Chamber of Commerce
a fun sip and shop
Spring Stroll
Cookie Crawl
March 8th

Hampshire Township
Seniors On The Go
Free to join

Hampshire Historical Society
Legacy Families: Gustafson and Werthwein
January 26th

Hampshire's Centennial Farms
(100 years in one family)
February 26th

The Famous Red Hot Fires in Hampshire
History
March 26th

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

CONSERVE WATER PROGRAM

Kane County launched the Conserve Water For Kane County Program to help households cut water use and protect the county's water supply. Part of the program includes a toilet rebate program that offers rebates for replacing older, inefficient toilets with EPA WaterSense labeled models.

Kane County Residents who replace a high-volume toilet (>1.6 gallon/flush) with a U.S. EPA WaterSense-labeled high efficiency toilet (1.28 gallon/flush) toilet can receive up to \$200 per toilet plus installation costs for up to three toilets per household. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis while funding lasts.

For more information and/or to apply for the rebate, please go to <https://conservewaterforkane.org/residents/toilet-rebate>

SNOW PLOWING

Snow plowing and road salting operations can be hard to understand due to the number of agencies responsible for different roads in the Village.

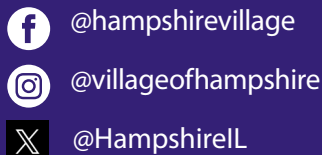
The Village is not responsible for plowing all the roads in the Village. Other agencies such as the Hampshire Township, Kane County, and Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) are also responsible for plowing and salting different roads throughout the Village. Additionally, if you live in a newer subdivision in the Village, the developer/home builder may be responsible for plowing and salting your roads until those streets have been accepted and turned over to the Village.

If your mailbox is damaged or destroyed due to Village snow plow operations, you can submit a request for reimbursement of up to \$40 for a replacement mailbox.



If you have any questions or concerns regarding your road being plowed, please call Village Hall at 847-683-2181.

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OFFICER STEVEN KORUS SWEARING-IN

The Village has been prudent in making sure that our Police Department is adequately staffed for our growing community. This means adding new police officers to the department.

On November 6, 2025, Officer Steven Korus was sworn-in as the newest police officer of the Hampshire Police Department. Officer Korus joins the Hampshire Police Department coming from working in the private sector as a recruiter in the construction and industrial field. Officer Korus has also been involved in the local community while coaching youth and high school athletic programs.

Please join the Village in welcoming and wishing the best for Officer Korus as he serves the Hampshire community.



SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

Trails are open from December 10th to March 15th when there is 4 inches of snow on frozen ground or 6 inches of snow on unfrozen ground.

Riding on any Village street is permitted **STRICTLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GETTING TO AND FROM THE TRAIL AT SPEED OF 15 MPH OR LESS.**

NO JOY RIDING IN THE VILLAGE.

When operating a snowmobile stay off sidewalks and grassy surfaces, such as parkways or lawns.

STAY OUT OF THE PARKS.

Riding on State Street is prohibited, however, crossing State Street is permitted except between Terwilliger and Washington (Downtown Business District) due to poor visibility.

Go to the Hampshire White Riders website to check on the current trail conditions.

<https://www.hampshirewhiteriders.com>



HWR
Hampshire White Riders
Snowmobile Club

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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