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## 150 Years

The Village's 150th Celebration continues to roll along into 2026! Residents can expect to see many 150th Celebration-themed events this summer hosted by various organizations. The time capsule was unearthed in late 2025 and the items are now on display at the Hampshire Township Park District offices located in Downtown on State St. Join the celebration by repping the 150th Celebration with 150th branded merchandise and swag. The Hampshire-opoly boards are ready for purchase at The Vintage Hammer, 122 Washington Ave., or at the Hampshire Township Park District office. The 150th Committee wants to thank all those that purchased squares on the Hampshire-opoly board and have donated to the 150th Celebration! Old Fashioned Days will once again be a highlight of the summer. This year's Old Fashioned Days will be held from Friday, June 5th through Sunday, June 7th. Attendees can expect a jam-packed Old Fashioned Days including live music, a Fish Fry, line dancing lessons among many more activities.



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## Local Attractions

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**A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID** President,  
Village of Hampshire

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# Sesquicentennial Twist

**Dear Residents,**

**As we enter the summer months, I would like to share updates with our community on projects the Village has undertaken over the past year. The new Public Works Facility at 185 Town Place has been completed, and the Streets Division is starting to move in with vehicles, equipment, and staff. The new Public Works Facility project was a huge undertaking by the Village and its staff. With this new facility, equipment, and staff will be better protected from the elements, especially during the winter months, which will enable us to have a safer working environment for our employees as well as save our residents long-term on the cost of weather-related maintenance, and for the first time in many years we will no longer be renting additional space within the village for any public works operations or storage.**

**The Special Census has also been completed! The Village's new population count of 9,425 is approximately a 23% increase over the 2020 census count. I want to take the time to thank everyone who took the time to answer the Census survey. With the increased population, the Village will receive its fair share of state revenue.**

**The Public Works Facility and Special Census are not the only things to celebrate this summer! The Village of Hampshire will be 150 years old this year, and the Village is celebrating its sesquicentennial. Many of our Village's mainstay events, such as Old Fashioned Days, will have a 150th Celebration twist. Make sure to bring your family and friends and celebrate Hampshire!**

**Sincerely,**

**Mayor Mike**



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[hampshireil.org](http://hampshireil.org)

## POLAR PLUNGE

The Hampshire Police Department proudly participated in its first-ever Polar Plunge this winter, joining community members from across the region at the annual event in Crystal Lake to support Special Olympics Illinois.

Representing the department as Team Arctic Justice, the group included Mayor Reid, Chief Pann, along with other department personnel and community members who all took the plunge in support of the cause. The event, known for its icy conditions and high energy, brings together law enforcement and community members to raise funds and awareness for athletes with intellectual disabilities throughout the state.

In its debut year, Team Arctic Justice made an impressive impact—raising \$4,000 and finishing 7th overall in the region among participating teams. The strong showing reflects both the department's commitment to community engagement and the generosity of those who supported the effort.

The Polar Plunge continues to be a meaningful way for local organizations to give back while building connections within the community. The Hampshire Police Department looks forward to participating again in the future and expanding its involvement in this worthwhile tradition.



## 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  
Kids In The Kitchen  
May 16th, 1pm to 4pm  
Catherine B. Seyller Community Room  
390 South Ave., Hampshire, IL  
[hampshireparkdistrict.org](http://hampshireparkdistrict.org)

Hampshire Historical Society  
Hampshire Warrior Patriots  
Since the Civil War  
Township Admin Building  
170 Mill Avenue  
May 28th, 7:00 pm

Hampshire Township Park District  
Mystery At The Manor  
Teen Mystery Night  
June 12th, 5 to 8pm  
Catherine B. Seyller Community Room 390

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

Hampshire Township Park District  
Kites Over Hampshire  
June 14th, 11am to 3pm  
Bruce Ream Park 299 W Jefferson Ave,  
Hampshire, IL, United States

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

Sesquicentennial Celebration  
Old Fashioned Days  
June 5th thru 7th

For a full list of activities for  
Seniors call 847 683-9464, X5 or visit  
[hampshiretownship.org](http://hampshiretownship.org) or email  
[Staff@hampshiretownship.org](mailto:Staff@hampshiretownship.org)

## BDC SURVEY

The Village of Hampshire's Business Development Commission wants to hear directly from Village residents on what types of businesses you would like to see in Downtown Hampshire.



Whether that is a bakery, bookstore, more restaurants, or something totally new, the Business Development Commission wants to hear it all!

Take the online survey at  
[www.surveymonkey.com/r/SZHVKKG](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SZHVKKG).

**2025 Special Census Completed**

It is with great excitement that the 2025 Special Census undertaken by the Village with the U.S. Census Bureau has been completed. The Village was notified of its population count in April 2026. The official population count is 9,425, an increase of 1,758 (23%) over the 2020 Census count of 7,667. The new population count will result an increase in the Village’s share of state revenue. The Village would like to thank all its residents for participating in the Special Census and making sure you counted!



Building Safety Month, held each May, raises awareness about the importance of updated building codes in creating safe, sustainable structures. Led by the International Code Council, this campaign unites industry professionals and agencies to promote strong building practices that protect communities from hazards.

Safe, well-built homes and public spaces ensure durability and resilience, reducing risks from fire, severe weather, and structural wear. Sustainability also plays a key role, with energy-efficient buildings lowering costs and environmental impact through eco-friendly materials and waste reduction.

You can help by learning local building codes, supporting policy updates, and making home safety improvements. This year’s theme, “Built to Last” encourages everyone to get involved in building a safer, more sustainable future.

For more information, visit [www.iccsafe.org](http://www.iccsafe.org).



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**TREE CITY USA**

The Village of Hampshire has been designated as a Tree City USA for the past 8 years. Support of Tree City USA is shown through many actions such as an annual proclamation recognizing National Arbor Day, which was on Friday, April 24th this year, by the Village Board. Through the dedicated work of the Village’s Streets Division, trees throughout the Village in parkways and other public property are maintained and kept healthy.



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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