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Yes that's right! You can go directly to the iOS and Android App stores and download your very own My Hampshire app.

The Village Board and Public Relations Committee are making two-way communication with our residents a major priority in the coming weeks and months. Last year, including this newsletter with each water bill was the first step in improving "traditional communication". The My Hampshire app will dramatically impact two-way digital communication with Village residents.

YOUR VILLAGE IS NOW
IN YOUR HANDS



Using the My Hampshire app you can pay your water bill; apply for a permit, report a street light out, or a tree down, find a local business, or anything else for which you might otherwise wonder, "who do I call?". Our staff works hard responding to phone calls and emails and will continue to do so. But for the fastest response time,

you can't beat direct communication with the person who will address your concern.

When you report an issue or ask a question, using the My Hampshire app, your inquiry will go directly to the person who will respond. We call that cutting out the middleman, or in this case, our front office staff who usually transfer

you to someone who can help.

Hampshire Police and Public Works will also push important notifications out to our residents. These will be limited to emergencies, important information about upcoming weather alerts, serious traffic incidents that might delay travel, street closures due to construction or a tree down during or after a storm. And

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from time to time, we will let you know about new exciting events or a new business opening in town.

We look forward to this exciting new communication tool and to Hampshire becoming a SMART City. Come join us by downloading the My Hampshire app now.

Robert W Swalwell, SR Memorial Clock Dedicated

On August 28, 2022 Mayor Reid and Business Development Commission Chairman Ryan Krajecki lead the dedication of this beautiful clock in memory of Robert W Swalwell, SR. Chief Swalwell was a veteran of the Korean War, served the Illinois State Police for 27 years and was the Hampshire Police Chief from 1987-1998.



The clock located at the corner of State and Jefferson is the cornerstone of the recently completed Streetscape downtown development project and will be a landmark and in our community for decades to come. Members of the Village Board, the BDC, and the Beautification Committee participated in the dedication. Pictured are members of the Swalwell Family,



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Local Attractions



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Crackling Leaves and Flannel Shirts



75 and Lower Kind of Guy

Autumn is arguably one of my favorite times of the year. Sure, some people enjoy the 90-degree temperatures, but I'm a 75-degree and lower kind of guy. Leaves crackling under your feet, flannel shirts, and who doesn't love raking the yard over and over? Summer sure was fun around the Village; I hope you found some time this summer to get out and enjoy the many things we had going on around our little slice of heaven.

Hampshire Is Growing

Hampshire is growing, and will continue to do so. Before 2008, when development was booming, the Village approved the housing development you see progressing today. Unfortunately, when the economic downturn occurred in 2008, the rapid growth that Hampshire had been expecting came to a screeching halt. However, currently, housing construction is doing well, and we are welcoming new residents to the Village every few weeks.

We don't know what the future will bring, but we need to plan for what we know is occurring now, and what we know will occur in the next 20 years. We won't always be a village of almost 7,700 residents.

Chief of Police

It has been about a month since we welcomed interim Chief of Police Doug Pann to our Village. I think he is doing a great job and has been a great addition

to our Village.

The Village Board decided to start the process of conducting a search for the next Chief of Police for the Village. We have contracted with GovHR to help guide us through this process. GovHR has worked with several municipalities around the area, conducting searches for several positions, including Chief of Police.

The two individuals leading our search are themselves former Police Chiefs, and have vast experience with municipal government. This process started with interviews of staff, officers, command staff, community members, and other community organizations/taxing bodies to see what they would like to see in the next chief. All information will then be compiled along with the job description and requirements and will post the job. Finally, GovHR will screen all applicants and present the qualified applicants (internal and external) to the board of trustees. The board of trustees will select a final round of candidates, and will then conduct a final round of interviews and recommend a candidate for appointment.

Board Consideration

In our Village, the Chief of Police, Village Manager, Village Attorney, and Village Engineer are appointed with the consent of the board of trustees. Many mayors or presidents pick their person - the trustees, staff, and community may not get a say or be able to give input in the process. In my opinion, this

is our Village, and this appointment is not unlike any other decision. It needs to be made with the consideration and involvement of the entire board, not just the president.

We Deserve The Best

Contracting GovHR, speaking with the officers, communicating with the community, and involving other professionals in the field should allow us to find the best possible candidate for our growing community.

Our timeline is to have the new chief appointed by the first board meeting in February. So you should see that brochure/job posting on our website shortly. We hope to conduct the final round of interviews in December.

Thank you to the board, our staff, and the community for all of your support.

Stay warm this fall!

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org

COFFEE WITH A COP

On October 5, 2022, the Hampshire Police Department participated in a national event known as Coffee with a Cop hosted by Resource Bank. This was a great opportunity to have open dialogue with the community and enjoy a warm cup of coffee from Dunkin Donuts!



A few days later, officers decorated for the season at the Trunk or Treat event downtown. Even though our scarecrow didn't win the Chamber of Commerce contest, we loved putting her together and giving it a shot.

We plan to engage with the community more and more, establishing mutual respect and trust - and just getting to know each other. We love our community, want to be involved, and love the support we receive here!

Douglas Pann
Interim Chief of Police

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Encourage Family and Friends to Visit Hampshire for a Charming Weekend Getaway

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

Pioneer Farm
Farm Fresh Eggs
Fresh Frozen Meats

Tower Hill Stables
Riding Lessons
Petting Zoo
Trail Rides

Ella Johnson Library
Conversation w/Caitlin Doughty
Wed, Nov 16th, 7PM on ZOOM

Rackow Park Dog Run, Baseball Fields and Pavilion

Hampshire Forest Preserve
Model Aircraft Field

Hampshire Park District
Deck The Halls Paint Party
November 4th

Holidays On State
November 5th

Hampshire Historical Society
Farms To Neighborhoods
November 10th

Illinois Railroad Museum
Happy Holiday Railway
Train Ride With Santa

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

RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

The 2023 Consolidated Election for local officials will be held on April 4, 2023.

The Village of Hampshire will be accepting petitions for candidates for Village Trustee (3 seats, 4-year term). Nomination papers will be accepted for filing with the Village Clerk's office at Village Hall, 234 S. State Street, Hampshire, Illinois, during these times:

- December 12,13,14,15,16: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm
- December 19: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

See more information on the Village's website at www.hampshireil.org/2023-election.

Please contact the Park District, Library District, Fire District, Hampshire Township, and Kane County for information on any of their elected offices that may be up for election.

Additional information about the election may be found online from the Illinois State Board of Elections at www.elections.il.gov.

TREE TRIMMING

The Public Works Department manages an annual tree trimming program to promote the health of publicly owned trees and protect motorists and pedestrians from low hanging branches and unnecessary damage from branches falling during storms. Trimming typically occurs when the tree is dormant.

The trees are trimmed to promote upward growth and remove deadwood, prevent vehicles from striking branches, and allow clearance for safe passage on sidewalks.

The winter months are the best time to prune and remove damaged or dead branches from your trees. Wounds heal faster when they are done before the spring growth. Not only is it important to trim your trees at the proper time, it is also important to trim using the correct method. Proper pruning techniques ensure that the minimal amount of wounding and crown reduction are done.

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

Bag Leaves: Village Ordinance prohibits raking leaves into the street.

Keep trash carts behind the curb: Village ordinance prohibits placing trash carts in the street. Doing so prevents proper street sweeping and snow plowing.

Keep snow on your property: Village ordinance prohibits shoveling or plowing snow into the street.

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

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



HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Hampshirehistory.org
 Township Building
 170 Mill Avenue

Find out about our upcoming programs, become a member, and learn how you can support our efforts to preserve the history of our village and township. Join at www.hampshirehistory.org
 P.O. Box 434, Hampshire, IL 60140

COMING EVENTS

Emergency Preparedness Class

November 17th

6:30pm

Hampshire Township Bldg.
 170 Mill Ave.
 Hampshire, IL 60140



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

National Wreaths Across America Day is December 17, 2022. Fox River Valley Chapter, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will be placing wreaths locally in all four of the cemeteries within Hampshire Township and holding ceremonies at two. Our goal is to ensure each of the more than 430 veterans buried locally have a remembrance wreath placed on their grave.

Please help us further the mission of Wreaths Across America to Remember, Honor, and Teach by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.

To sponsor a wreath or volunteer at one of the cemeteries, scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/IL0212P



TRUNK OR TREAT

Sponsored by the Hampshire Township Park District, the 2022 Trunk Or Treat event was a huge success. Over 1,000 children dressed in costumes passed through the line to admire the trunk decorations and collect goodies in their Halloween buckets. With 48 trunk entries from businesses and residents, it took families nearly an hour and half to get through the line to visit each one. While in line there were added extras, the Hampshire Lion's Club was serving free hot dogs, The Kave was busy at their mobile bar with festive adult beverages, Nikks's Creative Designs booth was open to shop, the towering Grim Reaper may have spooked you, and at the end those who stayed enjoyed a Magic Show sponsored by the Ella Johnson Memorial Public Library District.



The Hampshire Township Park District collected for the Burlington-Hampshire Area Food Pantry and the Park District's bus was filled with donations by the end of the event. The Food Pantry also collected \$104 in cash donations. Thank you to everyone who helped stock up the food pantry!



A special thank you to our Sponsors: Heartland Bank and CKA Mechanical Inc. Heating and Air Conditioning.

Thank you to the Village of Hampshire for the idea of moving this event downtown, and to the Hampshire Police Department and the Hampshire Fire Department for keeping everyone safe.



COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

The Hampshire White Riders
 Snowmobile Club's Fundraiser
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19th
 Starts at 7:30pm at the Red Ox Restaurant & Bar

Tickets only \$10.00 each, with only 700 tickets sold

- 1st Prize \$2000.00
- 2nd Prize \$2000.00
- 3rd Prize \$1000.00

Drawing to be held Saturday, November 19th at The Red Ox Restaurant & Bar (129 E. Oak Knoll (Rt #22) in beautiful Hampshire's 200px, until 11:00)

We will also be having a raffle with over 40 great prizes & several dinner drawings. (Snack Packages, Park Chop Packages, Bonus Shirts, Hats, & Turkey!)

Hampshire White Riders

Coming Soon

The highly anticipated opening of these new businesses:

- Alfano's Pizza
- Garden Berry Cafe
- Hampshire Social

Hampshire Park District
 Deck The Halls Paint Party
 November 4th

HOLIDAYS on State

VENDORS MUSIC FOOD FUN!

Saturday, November 5th, 2022
 10am to 4pm

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- @HampshireIL

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REMEMBER HONOR TEACH

WREATHS across AMERICA

Hampshire Historical Society
 Farms To Neighborhoods
 November 10th



Illinois Railway Museum
 Train Ride With Santa
 Weekends Nov 25th thru Dec 18th

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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