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A Message From Village President Jeff Magnussen

It gives me goose bumps when I look at the red, white and blue, as I recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and think of those who gave their all to allow us to live freely! anonymous



Dear Neighbors,

The 4th of July is the most significant national holiday in the United States. It celebrates the Declaration of Independence, adopted on 4 July, 1776. The Thirteen Colonies of America declared themselves to be states and no longer part of t h e British Empire. Independence Day celebrates the birth of our nation.

Far too many people regard the 4th of July as just a day off work. Many people never give a thought to the true meaning of the day and why we Birth of the Bikini First Walk On the Moon Corn Consumption Hot Dog Consumption A Little Trivia

<u>Calendar of</u> <u>Holidays/Events</u>



Jul 4 Independence Day

Jul 6 National Fried Chicken Day



Jul 7 National Strawberry Sundae Day





Jul 13 National French Fry Day

Jul 15 National Pet Fire Safety Day



celebrate it.

We should all ask the question: "What does



What did it mean to our ancestors so many years ago, and why was it so important to

Independence Day mean to me?"

break the chains that bound us to British Rule?

Excerpt from the Independent:

While the relationship between the settlers and British was once amicable, tensions began to escalate over British laws and taxes, such as the Sugar Act, driven by British financial needs. There was also a growing sense of nationalism in the country.

From 1765, some settlers began to demand 'no taxation without representation', calling for their voice to be heard in the British parliament.

This tension sometimes erupted into fighting and acts of dissent, such as the Boston Tea Party in 1773. The event was a protest against the Tea Act, legislation which gave the British East India Company a monopoly on sales of tea in the Thirteen Colonies.

Further ill feeling was caused by the Coercive Acts - which became known as the 'Intolerable Acts' to American Patriots which were implemented in response to the Boston Tea Party. The laws took power away from semi-autonomous Massachusetts.

In response to these factors, Continental Congresses - a meeting of delegates from the Thirteen Colonies - were convened. At the second meeting, in 1775, a war of independence against Britain was declared.

The next year, the Declaration of Independence was signed by 56 representatives of thirteen self-styled states (previously the Thirteen Colonies). The signatories included future president Thomas Jefferson and Benjamin Franklin.

The conflict continued until the 1783 Treaty of Paris, which ended the war in favor of an independent America.



We will be celebrating the 243rd

anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. But what does that mean to each of us individually?

Certainly it means a gathering of family and friends to share some memories. Grilling hot dogs and hamburgers may be in the plan too. Jul 20 Farmers Market



Jul 27 National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day



Jul 28 Parents' Day



Aug 4 Coast Guard Birthday





Aug 7 Purple Heart Day

Aug 15 Assumption of Mary



Aug 17 Farmers Market



Aug 21 Senior Citizens Day

Aug 27 Lyndon Baines Johnson Day We have the freedom to golf, fish, swim, boat, hike, grill, ski, sun, gather or do anything else we choose because we have INDEPENDENCE! Let's take a moment during the festivities to thank our forefathers. Let us all proudly display the red, white and blue that signifies our nation's birth, and our patriotism to its colors.

Happy Fourth of July!

See you at the Coon Creek Festival!

Let me beg your indulgence to allow me to repeat a message from our last newsletter. The practice of blowing grass clippings into the street is a real issue. We have a Village Ordinance prohibiting this practice.

It seems that word has not gotten out to a lot of our neighbors. Driving around town, we see more and more evidence of this being done.

Grass clippings blocking storm sewer drains have been a problem year after year. Below are a couple of pictures to demonstrate.



Each of us can do our fair share to correct this problem by not directing grass clippings into the street. If you employ a landscaping service, ensure that they are not blowing grass clippings into the public walkways or streets.



We can all be vigilant in observing the storm sewer



Sep 2 Labor Day



Sep 8 National Grandparents Day



Sep 11 Patriot Day



Sep 18 Air Force Birthday



Sep 20 National POW/MIA Recognition Day



Sep 21 Farmers Market



Sep 23 September Equinox drains near our homes. If you see a drain blocked by grass clippings and/or leaves, please sweep up around the drain to clear it.

I sincerely hope you all have a great Summer!

See you at the Farmers Markets!

Sincerely,

Jeff Magnussen President Village of Hampshire

If you're stuck in a traffic jam and you move to the fast lane it will become the slowest lane, if you move back, that lane will stand still.

Murphy's Law



"Know the rules well so you can break them effectively." Dalai Lama



Roman Calendar History:

July was originally the month of Quintilis in the Roman calendar. It was the fifth month of the year ("quinque" meaning "five") until January and February were added in 450 BC. ... Later it was named by the Roman Senate in honor of Julius Caesar, it being the month of his birth. He was born on July 12th.

August was named after Julius Caesar's nephew, and the first Roman Emperor, Gaius Octavius Thurinus Augustus. Sep 27 Native American Day

Sep 29 Gold Star Mother's Day



Sep 30 Rosh Hashana



Oct 4 Feast of St Francis of Assisi



Oct 9 Yom Kippur

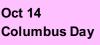


Oct 13 Navy Birthday



Oct 13 Chicago Marathon







Oct 14 Native Americans' Day The original United States of America was made up of a collection of East Coast states known as the Thirteen Colonies. Can you name them?

(Answer later in the newsletter.)

A Message From Village Clerk Linda Vasquez



Water Bill Payments

For your security "We do not accept payments over the phone".

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Pick-up is Thursday of each week except after certain holidays. The Holiday Schedule, which means everything is picked up one day later, is observed after: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Garbage Containers are to be placed on the parkway not more than 24 hours prior to scheduled collection. Collection hours are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Yard waste is collected April 1 thru November 30. Yard waste must be placed in brown kraft paper bags or properly identified 32 - gallon plastic or metal cans. Cans must weigh 50



pounds or less. "Yard Waste Only" decals may be picked up at Village Hall.

Branches must be bundled with natural twine, no longer than 4 feet in length, and no heavier than 50 pounds. Bundles are not to exceed 2 ft. in dia. & individual branches are not to exceed 4 in. in dia.

Call Waste Management at 800-796-9696 for a Recycle Container or to arrange a pickup for an appliance.

Oct 14 Indigenous People's Day

Oct 19 Last 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 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

Moving out of Hampshire

The Village does not require vehicle stickers, or transfer stamps if moving out. If you are a homeowner and moving out the Village we must be notified a week in advance so we may do a final water bill.

All homeowners are responsible for property maintenance and utilities to be paid on time.

Parking cars blocking the sidewalk is not allowed from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. all year round.

The Village Board Meetings in July and August will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month due to the 4th of July and Coon Creek celebrations.

The Village office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

Also, on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

"Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?"

William Shakespeare

Village Board of Trustees Report

Business Development Commission

The Business Development Commission continues to methodically move forward in an effort to improve the atmosphere for business in the village. We were able, with the help of my fellow trustees, to get 5 projects approved through the downtown façade programs. Those applications were Copper Barrell on State, Roy's Place, Chiro Plus, Peterson's Fuel, and Harvest Real Estate. Bill Swalwell, our newest member and leader of the beautification committee, is diligently Village President Jeffrey Magnussen

Village Clerk Linda Vasquez

Trustees

Aaron Kelly **Christine Klein** Toby Koth Ryan Krajecki Mike Reid, Jr. Erik Robinson

Village Phone Numbers 847-683-2181

Village Clerk, Ext. 0

Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22

Building Department, Ext. 28

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

working with each of the award winners to help them implement their project keeping with the village guidelines.

If you haven't already seen it check out Roy's Place's newly renovated building at the corner of State and Roy did an amazing job, and his Keyes Avenue. building is now one of the buildings in the downtown area of which we can be most proud. We are excited to see what the other projects will produce.



HAMPSHIRE On another positive note, moving into the new fiscal year, we have gotten the façade program approved in this year's budget again, and with the funding for

economic development that is coming from the places for eating tax we should be able to continue to do work like this long into the future. Our goal is to continue to radically transform the image of our town into something that reflects the quality of the people who live here.

We continue to put out articles promoting Hampshire Businesses called Hampshire's Very Own. Please keep an eye out for them on facebook and through your village e-mail. If you are not getting the articles please contact Mike Reid and let him know.

Finally, we have decided as a group to join the National Main Street Program. We are super excited about this and Susie Kopacz has agreed to lead up that effort. She has already taken the time to educate the group on the resources available and the objectives they suggest we should pursue. She brings a tremendous amount of energy and detail, and we expect many new things to report in future newsletters.

For now please don't forget when you have a choice, choose Hampshire establishments for your shopping, dining, fuel fill-ups, and anything else. Every effort we all make toward that end only increases those companies' ability to thrive and offer better services, but also helps to fund the work that we do. The more money we keep in Hampshire the better we all do! Thank you and we'll talk again next time.

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.

Kane County Recycles

Jul 13 - EXTRAVAGANZA Aug 10 - electronics, books & shred Sep 14 - electronics, books, shred & paint Oct 12 - electronics & books Nov 9 - electronics & books

Go to www.countyofkane.org for more info.



Happenings in July

5 July 1946: The bikini is showcased for the first time.

Showgirl Micheline Bernardini modelled the first bikini, designed by Frenchman Louis Réard, at the Piscine Molitor in Paris. The new item of swimwear was named the 'bikini' after the atomic test off of the Bikini Atoll by the US earlier that week.

The US was in a race against the Soviet Union to produce nuclear

Ryan Krajecki Trustee Village of Hampshire **Business Development Chairman**

Planning and Zoning

The Planning and Zoning Committee has been working to update the zoning map in our community as of late. We have been working on addressing properties that have businesses on the first floor and residences above in order to make sure that the zoning for these properties is correct.

The village currently has two openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals and we are looking for residents to serve on this board. If you are interested in serving, please contact me and we can speak further about the responsibilities that serving on this board entails.

Finally, I would like to thank the entire community for the support that you have shown to me by re-electing me to serve on the village board for



four more years. I am looking forward to continuing my service to you and and our community. I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Erik Robinson Trustee Hampshire Village Planning and Zoning Chairman

Public Works Report

WEED CONTROL

It shall be unlawful for any owner, lessee, occupant, or possessor of any parcel of real estate in the Village to allow or maintain any growth of 8 inches in height. Any weeds allowed to grow will be declared a nuisance, will be ordered to mow or the Village of Hampshire will weapons. In order to test their bombs, the US government cleared the Bikini Atoll islands in the Pacific.

Two-pieces had been worn prior to 1946 by women in the UK and US, but nothing made out of such a small amount of material: Réard used just 30 inches of fabric to make the bikini - much to the shock of many members of the media present at the unveiling - creating an explosion of his own.

20 July 1969: The first moon walk

After Apollo 11's launch on 16 July, watched by an estimated television audience of 530 million, even more tuned in as astronaut Neil Armstrong took the first ever step on the moon.

As he put down his foot on the moon's surface, television viewers heard Armstrong announce: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind". However, Armstrong is reported to have said that he has been misquoted, and that he in fact said: "That's one small step for a man...".

Labor Day

Labor Day, the first Monday in September, is a creation of the labor movement and is dedicated to the social and economic achievements of American workers. It constitutes a yearly national tribute to the contributions workers have made to the strength, prosperity, and

well-being of our country.



Astounding!

mow it at the owners expense.

MOSQUITOES

It's no secret that we've had the wettest May on record. The weight of our mowers won't allow us to get on rainsaturated turf without causing damage. Mowing, in some cases, had to be delayed due to the moisture content of the ground. We resumed our regular mowing schedule once the ground dried out enough. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Record May rains have also created the perfect breeding grounds for the dreaded mosquito population. The Village has a contract with Clarke



mosquito company to spray for mosquitos, but with the amount of these bugs, it might not be as effective as usual.

You may log onto the Clarke Mosquito website <u>www.clarke.com</u> to signup to get notifications of scheduled sprayings.

At the time of this writing, the first spraying will have already occurred on the night of June 26th. We will post on the village website the night of spraying to alert everyone.

Please use bug spray because the West Nile Virus will be rampant this year along with a explosion of ticks.

Please keep drainage structures in front of your home clear of debris to disperse water faster.

Look for the two new trucks this fall in Whippur colors?? Maybe.

Thank you,

Toby Koth Trustee Village of Hampshire Public Works Chairman



Corn: According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Americans consume 700 kg (1540 lbs) per capita a year.

Wow! Every man, woman and child consumes 1500 pounds of corn a year, or over 4 pounds a day!

Too impossible to believe? Read the column below.

There are over FOUR THOUSAND uses for corn

When most people think of corn, they may think of the delicious sweet corn on the cob we eat directly, but that actually only accounts for 1 percent of U.S. corn acreage!

The reality is that about one in four of these acres is grown for global export. When you think of field corn, you may think of processed food like high fructose corn syrup, although only about 12 percent of field corn ends up in the "junk food" market, which is pretty crazy when you think about it considering nearly 80 percent of processed foods contain some sort of byproduct from corn, soy, wheat, or other commodity grains.

But why?

The shelf life is long, and the product is inexpensive. Should we wish to feed the masses affordably, deliciously, abundantly, and conveniently, corn plays a huge role. Want to help the hungry by donating non-

Public Relations

The excitement continues in the Village of Hampshire, We have a lot good news and fun activities on the horizon.

On the heels of a very fun and successful Summer On State event, with summer's warmer months coming, we are gearing up for the Farmers Markets, Music Under the Oaks, the splash pad opening, and Coon Creek Days!

As of this writing, Love's Truck Stop is open for business. Other businesses will follow in the coming months.



Please get out and support some of our local businesses and have some fun at some of Hampshire's events over the next few months.

Mike Reid Trustee Village of Hampshire Public Relations Chairman

Village Services

Starting July 1, 2019, Waste Management, in partnership with the Village of Hampshire, is proud to offer the "At Your Door" recycling program to all residential customers in the Village. This new service will allow our residents to recycle hazardous materials with Waste Management from the convenience of their homes. By simply calling (800) 449-7587 our residents will be able to set up a time and date for Waste Management to come to their home and pick up items such as:

- Automotive Products like Antifreeze, batteries, brake fluid, motor oil, etc.

- Household Cleaners like Ammonia, heavy-duty cleaners, rust remover, etc.

- Electronics like TV's (tube TV's included) VCR's, Printers, etc.

perishable food items? Thank the almighty corn crop. Yes, "junk food" should generally be consumed in moderation, but it doesn't take away from the fact that the foods are selling everywhere we look. The average person eats 25 pounds of corn per year.

So besides human nutrition high fructose corn syrup and similar products - a vast majority of field corn goes to ethanol and livestock feed. Ethanol sometimes gets a bad rap from critics, but if you look at the byproducts from ethanol plants, we actually get very useful products like pet food, dry ice, road salt, livestock feed, and most importantly alcohol! (You can't get drunk without farmers!). Part of the reason for this is that made corn is of different components - starch, protein, All fiber. oil. of these components play a different role in products we use everyday.

On that note of livestock feed, we also get a ton of byproducts from the animals that eat the corn! There is 185 uses for a pig alone, from soaps, fine bone china, beer filtration, cement, renewable energy, and instrument strings, just to name a few. Corn really does make the world go round.

Aside from these major products, corn also makes up very handy products like tires, fireworks, plastics, pharmaceuticals, shoe polish, sandpaper, carpeting, diapers, toothpaste, and shampoo. Again, it keeps products more affordable, sustainable, biodegradable, etc.

The U.S. is the No. 1 producer of corn in the world. Planted on over 90 million acres, it is valued at a \$47.46 billion industry, according to the USDA and the National Corn Growers Association. We have the perfect growing - Paint Products like paint, caulk, glue, stain, etc.

- Sharps, needles, and lancets
- Mercury-containing items like light bulbs

The cost of this program will be included in your bi-monthly water, sewer, and trash bill for \$1.40 a month.



You can set up as many pick ups as you need, and can recycle as many items as you need. For more information on the program visit www.wmatyourdoor.com.

Aaron Kelly Trustee Village of Hampshire Village Services Chairman

Finance Committee

Chairing the Finance Committee for the past 2 years has been extremely challenging to say the least! We started this fiscal year on May 1, 2019. After a long and arduous process of balancing the budget, we have some exciting projects planned for the year. During this fiscal year, the Village is looking to replace some outdated equipment in all of our departments by purchasing new snow plow trucks to keep up with the development in our Village, a new police vehicle, new software for the Village finances, new components for our water treatment plant and more! We are also planning on adding to the Village staff by adding an additional Public Works employee and a Village Administrator! We have once again funded the façade program to allow our commercial properties to improve their properties and enhance our Village - we hope to keep this program ongoing by using the Places for Eating Tax for annually funding.



The Finance Committee has also been tasked with a complete re-write of our Employee Handbook. We have

conditions for it - the right soil type, rainfall, temperature, etc. It could be similar to growing coffee in Colombia for example. They're they leaders of coffee production, so it's everywhere.

The next time you're driving past a U.S. cornfield, be thankful for all the products we get from this very useful and affordable crop! Source: AGDaily

What famous Walt Disney character's first words were "hot dog"?

Answer: Mickey Mouse

The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that over seven billion hot dogs will be eaten by Americans between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

During the July 4th weekend alone (the biggest hot-dog holiday of the year), 155 million will be downed. Every year, Americans eat an average of 60 hot dogs each.

"No body puts ketchup on a hot dog."

Clint Eastwood as Dirty Harry

The Thirteen Colonies

Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts Bay, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North been working diligently through this tedious process over the past year and we finally have a first draft that will be soon reviewed and sent on to the Village Board for approval and adoption.

As our first quarter comes to an end, the Finance Committee will be busy once again reviewing the financial statements to ensure the Village is on track with the 2019-2020 budget.

Have a great summer!

Christine Klein Trustee Village of Hampshire Finance Committee Chairman

"Deep summer is when laziness finds respectability."

Sam Keen

Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days August 1 to 4

Planning for the 37th annual Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days has kicked into high gear!

The HCCCD committee thanks all festival-goers for your continued feedback - - about our new location at State Street and Allen Road, the music, the beer garden choices, fireworks, etc. These ideas, plus your thoughts from the in-person survey we conducted in 2016, continue to inform improvements from one year to the next.

Here are just a few of the ways we made advances in 2017 and 2018, based on your feedback - - we are more active on Facebook; the fireworks are more robust (and now with music!); the parade has a greater assortment of participants; we expanded the entertainment choices (and also went back to our roots by once again tapping great local talent like Zack Baumgartner); and completed additional changes such as enhanced lighting, a greater variety of food vendors and crafters, better placement of street signage around town, and more parking, seating and walking space.

Carolina, and Rhode Island

Trivia

In the heat of the summer, the iron in the Eiffel Tower expands, making the tower grow more than 6 inches.

Fun Fact:

Salt Water Taffy was created accidentally.

Legend has it that Bradley's candy store became flooded during a major storm in 1883. His entire stock of taffy became soaked with water from the Atlantic Ocean, so he began to call it "salt water taffy" as a joke.

Watermelon is one of summer's best summer treats. Did you know that watermelons are not a fruit, but a vegetable instead? They belong to the cucumber, pumpkin and squash family of vegetables.

Whether fruit or vegetable, watermelons are good for you. It is a summer staple because of its refreshing qualities. This is because it is made up of 92% water. It is also full of the antioxidant lycopene, as well as vitamins A and C and potassium. Plus, it is low in calories, has no fat, sodium or cholesterol. So eat up!

Frisbees, invented in the 1870's as a pie plate, but in the 1940's, college students began throwing them around. They have since stopped being used for pie plates and are now a summertime staple.

HAMPSHIRE COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 4, 2019

So what's in store for 2019? First off, now that we're nicely settled into our new digs and continue to overcome challenges that new space brings, our top priorities remain street routing, parking, security and your overall comfort. The police, fire and council members provide the HCCCD committee invaluable guidance in these areas. Additionally, last year you told us that we did not have enough handicapped parking, so for 2019 we've corrected this. Last year's inaugural BBQ cook-off was such a hit that we've expanded it to 10 contestants from six (pssst... and this year, wings will be the star of the show!). And we have some new bands for you - - Charlie Foxtrot, GooRoos and Semple Band - - plus a returning band that's become a fest favorite, Friday Jackson. Not to be outdone, our pyrotechnician promises us a surprise during the fireworks; he's keeping it close to the vest and not even sharing it with committee members!

Your voice does count, so please continue to provide us feedback. And solutions! We are a committee of 11 representing over 6,300 people in Hampshire, and we work diligently to showcase our village - - both to our own residents and to those in surrounding communities. More help and support is always needed. There are myriad ways to participate in Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days, such as checking out a meeting to explore whether you want to join the committee (we are currently looking for additional members); volunteering to work before, during or after the fest in any one of a number of capacities and shifts; attending the Coon Creek Classic to cheer on the runners and walkers; and, equally important, visiting the businesses of our sponsors. They are an integral part of your fest's success.

See you out at the fairgrounds from Thursday to Sunday, August 1 to 4! Opening ceremonies are at 6 p.m. Thursday. And don't forget the other favorite activities also on deck - - a pancake breakfast, pony rides, a petting zoo - - and one of the fest's featured attractions, the free corn boil. Get all the information you

In 1905, an 11 year old boy Frank Epperson named accidentally left a cup of soda and a stirring stick outside on his porch. The next morning, it was frozen. Seeing that it was a new way to enjoy the cold beverage, he began selling the frozen pop at an amusement park in New Jersey. In 1923, he launched "Epsicles" until his children persuaded him to change them to "Pop's sicles". Today, this summer favorite is made in various flavors, colors and shapes. Around two billion popsicles are sold every year.

need at the HCCCD website and keep checking back, as we are continually updating information. In the meantime, enjoy your summer... and we'll see you soon!

Hampshire Coon Creek Country Days Committee Carl Palmisano, president

"If you're going to live by the river, make friends with the crocodile." anonymous

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