



# Hampshire Hot Topics



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## **A Message From Village President Jeff Magnussen**



*"It's not a bad idea to occasionally spend a little time thinking about things you take for granted."*

Evan Davis, Plain Everyday Things

"To take for granted"....a commonly used idiom meaning to underestimate or undervalue someone or something, to not properly recognize someone or something.

Websters Dictionary

### **Dear Neighbors,**

**We are so blessed. We take so much for granted.**

**We assume that because something has always been there, it always will be there. We've never been without it, so we take for granted that we will always have it. Little thought is given to how it got there in the first place, or what it takes to keep it there.**

## Calendar of Holidays/Events



### Chicago Marathon Records

Male: Dennis Kimetto - 2:03:45  
(2013)

Female: Paula Radcliffe - 2:17:18  
(2002)

## **Oct 7 Chicago Marathon**

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## **Oct 8 Columbus Day**

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## **Oct 13 Navy Birthday**

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## **Oct 16 Boss' Day**

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When one sees that November 19th is World Toilet Day, their first reaction may be to say, "Are you kidding? What the heck!"

But further research into this will discover that this issue is not just a subject of a schoolboy joke. It is really a serious world issue. The fact is that the United Nations estimates 2.4 billion people in the world live without toilets. This has led to enormous sanitation issues that are directly connected with the spread of disease, loss of productivity and low standards of living.

Toilets and plumbing are among the most revolutionary inventions in history, and on November 19th we celebrate this human accomplishment.

We, in Hampshire, are blessed to be living in a community with an operational sanitary sewer system. Let us not take for granted the employees of the Public Works Department who keep our sewer system flowing. Give thought to them and their efforts when flushing your toilet. I personally thank each of them for the work they do for your benefit and mine.

On the subject of sewers, in the last issue of the newsletter, Public Works Superintendent Dave Starrett wrote an article on the storm sewer system. I sincerely hope that each of us heeds his advice. With Autumn among us, we'll need to keep the storm sewer drains clear of falling leaves. I ask all of our neighbors to be vigilant. Please help by keeping the drains on your street clear.

From toilets, let me switch to toilet paper....

You've heard the expression "I saw it



**Oct 20  
Sweetest Day**



**Last Farmers Market**

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**Nov 18  
Mickey Mouse Day**

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**Nov 19  
World Toilet Day**

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**Oct 31  
Halloween**

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on the Internet; it must be true!" Well, it seems that same philosophy held true for television decades ago, before the internet existed. Later in this newsletter you'll see an article about a nationwide scare that was ignited by Johnny Carson on the Tonight Show regarding, believe it or not, toilet paper. (If you heard it on television, it must be true.)

Among the things we take for granted....water. You need a drink, open the faucet and it's there. You need to water the roses, open the faucet and there it is. You need to wash off the days dust, open the faucet and get showered with clean, fresh water.

You need to soak your aching muscles, open the tub faucet and bathe in hot, relaxing water. We take it for granted that it will be there when we need it.

The water is there because we have a well maintained water distribution system.

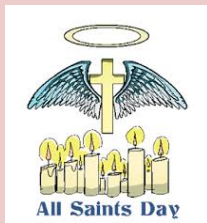
The heart of a water distribution system is the water tower. Water towers must be kept in good repair to ensure that we have a reliable good clean supply.

At the time of this writing, it is expected that the Elm Street elevated water storage tank project will be complete.

Jetco, Ltd. was contracted to repair and repaint the water tower.

The paint is not just cosmetic. Its purpose is to persevere this valuable asset by preventing rust and deterioration. Water towers are extremely costly. Money spent maintaining that asset is money well spent. Cleaning and repainting the water tower is important for preserving the structure and preventing the steel from rusting.

Our water towers are integral parts of



**Nov 1**  
**All Saints Day**

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**Nov 2**  
**All Souls Day**

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**Nov 4**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

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**Nov 6**  
**Election Day**

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**Nov 10**

the water distribution system. We need to keep them in top condition, inside and out. The village spent over \$450,000 on this project. Again, we have our Public Works Department employees to thank for keeping clean water flowing to our homes.

I am extremely proud to report that the Loves Truck Stop project, at the I90/US20 intersection, is rolling along.

The project includes an Arby's restaurant, a general store and a semi-truck dealership. It is expected that the truck stop and restaurant will be open in December. The village is working on a project to connect this parcel to our water system. It will probably cost over one million dollars to complete this job. Money well spent. The sales tax revenue from the businesses at this location will be a big boost to the village budget for many years to come.

To get a great view of the project take the westbound I90 off ramp. You'll get a good view of the size of this important development.



I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday Season. May the joy of the season stay with you throughout the year.

**Jeff Magnussen**  
**President, Village of Hampshire**

**The Autumnal Equinox**

The Autumn Equinox (which occurred on September 22) is one of two days a year when the sun is exactly in line with Earth's celestial equator.

As a result, Earth receives exactly 12 hours of

# Marine Corps Birthday

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## Nov 11 Veterans Day

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## Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day

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Nov 23



## Presidents Day Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

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## Dec 2 First Day of Advent

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light and 12 hours of darkness. The trick to remembering this is in the name: The word "equinox" comes from the Latin meaning "equal night."

## A Message From Village Clerk Linda Vasquez

### Winter Parking Ban goes into effect on November 1st.

#### NO PARKING-WINTER SEASON:

On all streets in the Village, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., each day from November 1st to April 1st.

The **last yard waste pick up** will be on **November 29th**. Yard waste must be placed in brown kraft paper bags or properly identified 32-gallon plastic or metal cans, weighing 50 lbs. or less. Branches must be bundled with natural twine and no longer than 4 feet in length and no heavier than 50 pounds. Bundles are not exceed 2 ft. in diameter. Individual branches are not to exceed 4 inches in diameter.

*Best wishes for the  
holidays and the  
coming year from our  
entire Village of Hampshire Staff.*



"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall."

Oscar Wilde

## BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION NEWS

We are excited about all the activities that are going on in the Business Development Commission. In the past 6 months we have fought for, and won, the approval of a \$100,000 beautification program for the downtown area. We have modified the ordinance defining the Business Development Commission to create a Beautification Committee for downtown that would focus solely on issues involved in the

**Dec 3  
First Day of  
Hanukkah**

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**Dec 7  
Pearl  
Harbor Remembrance  
Day**

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**Dec 8  
Feast of the  
Immaculate  
Conception**

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**Dec 10  
Last Day  
of  
Hanukkah**

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downtown area. Currently, led by Eileen Fleury, they are working on designing and eventually recommending to our commission a façade program that will jump-start their efforts.

In addition to the work focused on downtown, we have begun work on putting the results from the survey that we issued to good use.



We had over 500 respondents to the two different surveys that made us very pleased. Through that process we have identified over 200 businesses that we will be reaching out to inviting them to join in the renaissance that is just beginning to take place in our village. Our hope by using this process is that the companies that we reach out to will have a proven track record of success in offering high quality goods and services that our residents have already validated.

Finally, we have created a program whereby we will be highlighting businesses that are currently operating in town in an effort to help our residents connect to them and understand what they have to offer and the quality they bring to their business. We have enlisted the help of a professional freelance journalist, Jeanie Mayer, who has agreed to help us write these articles that will be posted on the village website and on Facebook. We are grateful for her service.

As promised, we are working diligently to bring about the change that people in town have stated they so desperately want. Eventually, we aim that you will be able to spend your hard earned dollars locally in high quality businesses that reflect the rural small town values that define our residents. Thank you all for your support.

**Ryan Krajecki**  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY NEWS**

Dear Neighbors,

The weather has been a real treat this year. With hot weather lasting deep into September, there seems to be a huge mosquito hatch. They are thick and hungry! The final mosquito spraying has been done. So the mosquitoes we see now will be with us until the



**Dec 12  
Feast of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe**

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**Dec 13  
National Guard  
Birthday**

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**Dec 21  
Winter Solstice**

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**Dec 24  
Christmas Eve**

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first frost.

Reminder: kids are back at school. Yield to the kids and the school buses. Let's keep them safe.

Later in this newsletter is an article about the effect leaves have on the stopping distance of trains. When at a railroad crossing, consider that trains take longer to stop when leaves are falling.

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**PUBLIC WORKS NEWS**

Our Public Works Department employees have been very busy the past few months with the removing of downed trees on Street Street, relining some sanitary sewer lines, and repairing water main breaks. At this time of year their attention is turned to equipment maintenance.

EEI, the village engineering company, has completed the assessment of the Highland sewer issues. They will make a presentation of the modeling results at the September public works meeting.

**Toby Koth**  
Village of Hampshire Trustee  
TKoth@hampshireil.org

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**PLANNING & ZONING NEWS**

As we move into autumn, football is in high gear, the baseball playoffs are just beginning, and we are all doing those final few things that need to get done before winter arrives. It is also a time to reflect on all the accomplishments that have occurred over the summer.

It has been a busy summer in Hampshire. One of the main things that was accomplished in town from the planning and zoning perspective was that many of the homes along Washington Avenue were rezoned to reflect the correct usage of the property. Many of the homes along Washington were previously zoned M-1 (Restricted Industrial District). The Planning and Zoning Committee worked to correct that zoning so that the homes along Washington Avenue are now properly zoned as residential properties. There are many advantages to the owner of the property and the village when properties are zoned correctly. The Planning and Zoning



**Dec 25  
Christmas Day**

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**Dec 31  
New Year's Eve**

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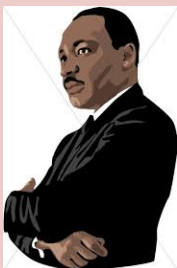
**Jan 1  
New Year's Day**

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**Jan 6  
Feast of the Epiphany**

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**Jan 21**

Committee worked hard in the best interest of the residents to correct the zoning issues on Washington Avenue.

Many more zoning issues were handled this summer, including work on the new Love's Truck Stop property and potential new home of PetAg. This work will continue in the future in order to keep Hampshire growing in a smart and responsible manner.

The Village of Hampshire currently has vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you are interested in serving our community in either capacity, please let myself or another Village Trustee know.

I want to wish you all a happy fall season. Please be safe, especially on Halloween when many children will be out trick-or-treating. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.



**Erik Robinson**  
**Village of Hampshire Trustee**  
**Planning and Zoning Chairman**  
**ERobinson@HampshireIL.org**

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

Things are moving in the right direction here in our little slice of heaven. There is action up at the truck stop at the new business park at I-90 and US-20 and in our downtown. We have been diligently working on our promise to you to not only communicate with the residents more, but to listen to your needs and do our best to take action.

I had the opportunity to tour the new restaurant on State Street and talk with the owners. The new restaurant will be called the Copper Barrel on State. It is absolutely beautiful, and a welcome addition to our downtown. I cannot wait to take my family there and enjoy a meal. They should be open in the next month or so.

Love's Travel Center, Truck Country, Speedco, Arby's and Dayton Freight will be among the first occupants to the new business park located at I-90 & US-20. We are excited to welcome them into the Village.



# Martin Luther King Jr Day



## Pumpkins, please!

Pumpkins, perhaps the most iconic image of autumn, are grown on six of the seven continents (sorry, Antarctica). Their name comes from the Greek word pepon, roughly meaning "large melon." The word traded hands from French (pompon) to British (pumpion) before colonial Americans dubbed it pumpkin.

## Estimated Water Bills Explained

VILLAGE OF HAMPSHIRE UTILITY BILL

Please check your utility bill. If you received an estimated read, that means there's an issue with your meter and you need to call the utility before or after 2:00 PM, 7:00 PM to schedule an appointment to have your meter checked.

Never be late again! Sign up for Auto Pay, the FREE! Applications are at the Village Hall 802 on the Village website.

Sign up to receive the quarterly Village newsletter at [www.villageofhampshireil.org](http://www.villageofhampshireil.org)  
 Trick or Treat will be Tuesday, October 31st, from 4 - 7 pm.

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION

BILL DATE: 09/08/17	ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0101004305
NAME: JOHN/JANE DOE	
SERVICE ADDRESS: 234 S STATE STREET	

METER INFORMATION		BILLING PERIOD	
Current Reading	178	Service From	06/27/17
Previous Reading	174	Service To	09/08/17
Consumption (1000 Gallons)	2	Type of Reading	ESTIMATE

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.

We have officially launched our new website. It is our hope that you enjoy it and find it much more user friendly. It is still a work in progress and we will continue to improve it and add more information to it. Did you know that we are on social media? Like us not Facebook, and follow us on Twitter and Instagram. The links to our accounts can be found at the top of our new website.

**Mike Reid**  
**Village of Hampshire Trustee**  
**MReid@hampshireil.org**

"A fallen leaf is nothing more than a summer's wave goodbye."

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## A Message From The Public Works Department

Dear Neighbors,



Autumn is upon us, and with it comes the array of reds, yellows, oranges and browns of the falling leaves. It's picturesque, postcard stuff as the leaves tumble to the ground and color the landscape. However, there is one potentially detrimental impact these leaves can have on our lives - the blocking of our storm sewer drains.

Our storm sewer drains are vital to our homes and businesses because they carry water away. Even a single blockage could cause unwanted issues, but a seriously blocked system could force water back out, flooding the surrounding area or backing up our sewer system indoors.

The Village of Hampshire does not have a leaf pickup program. Please do not rake leaves into the street. Leaves must be disposed of along with other landscape waste in recyclable bags put at the curb for Waste Management.



The long-term effect, and the main issue with fall foliage in a stormwater sewer system, is that leaf litter adds phosphorus and nitrogen into the water. In excess, these "nutrients" cause what is known

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!

as eutrophication which is an excessive richness of nutrients in a lake or other body of water, frequently due to runoff from the land, which causes a dense growth of plant life and death of animal life from lack of oxygen.

Thank you,

**David Starrett**  
**Public Works Supervisor**  
**Village of Hampshire**

## ■ 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

Building Department, Ext. 28

Street Department

847-683-9489

Water / Sewer Department

847-683-2064

Police and Fire Emergency

911

### Fall Leaf Colors Are Present Year-round

The gorgeous red, orange, and yellow pigments in fall foliage are actually there all year, just under the surface. Sunlight helps fuel plant cells containing chlorophyll, which gives leaves its vivid green color while working to turn light into energy. When sunlight diminishes in fall, chlorophyll breaks down, letting the plant's hidden red, yellow, and orange hues shine.

How do Christmas trees stay green? Thank the needles. Coniferous needles are compact, watertight, and generally harder for weather and insects to destroy. By slowing everything down, pine trees can photosynthesize year-round, keeping the chlorophyll at work and keeping the needles permanently green.

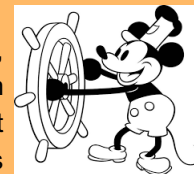
### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MICKEY

"When people laugh at Mickey Mouse, it's because he's so human; and that is the secret of his popularity."

Walt Disney

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On November 18, 1928, Mickey Mouse made his film debut in the animated short "Steamboat Willie." Since its New York premiere, the great mouse has gone on to win an Academy Award and earn his own star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He's gone on to star in many cartoons and several films. He has a series of video games. He even has his own club, TV show and apparel line! So this November 18th, we celebrate the great Mickey Mouse on Mickey Mouse Day.



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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.](#)

Walt Disney initially named  
Mickey Mouse "Mortimer," until  
Walt's wife, Lily, suggested  
"Mickey" was a better choice.

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Walt Disney wasn't satisfied with  
the first few actors chosen to  
provide a voice for Mickey Mouse,  
so he did it, and continued to do  
so, through 1947.

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Mickey Mouse was the first  
animated character to have a star  
on the Hollywood Walk of Fame,  
which was given on his birthday  
(November 18) in 1978.

With the great stock market crash of 1929  
looming, Mickey Mouse was born at time when  
the world most needed this mischievous mouse  
to lift their spirits. His endless optimism and  
good cheer made him an instant favorite of both  
children and adults. It's only right that we  
celebrate his birthday!

Take a moment to consider the implausibility of  
a cartoon mouse achieving fame. He's been a  
sailor, a musketeer and a mouseketeer, a prince  
and a pauper, a sorcerer and much more. And  
it's all due to the imagination of the humans that  
put him there. Thanks, Walt Disney, for your  
inspiring vision!

There have been a number of famous mice.  
There's Jerry (from Tom and Jerry), Speedy  
Gonzales, Mighty Mouse and Fievel (from An  
American Tail) to name a few. But none can hold  
a candle to the original mouse with a mission.  
He's a bona-fide legend, and we have to  
celebrate that.

Happy Birthday, Mickey!

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"I only hope that we never  
lose sight of one thing- that it  
was all started by a mouse."  
Walt Disney

"The flush toilet, more than any single invention, has  
'civilized' us in a way that religion and law could never  
accomplish."

Thomas Lynch,

### Toilet History and Trivia

It is a common belief that Englishman Thomas  
Crapper is responsible for the invention of the  
toilet. However, the flushing toilet was really  
invented by Queen Elizabeth I's godson, Sir  
John Harrington, in 1596, but the idea failed to  
catch on. People continued to use chamber pots  
or cess pits.

Joseph Bramah of Yorkshire patented the first  
practical water closet in England in 1778.  
George Jennings in 1852 also took out a patent  
for the flush-out toilet.

Crapper held nine patents, three of them for

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day."

Shira Tamir

"No king has a throne more beautiful than a bench covered with autumn leaves!"

Mehmet Murat ildan

### Train Stopping Distance



The average freight train is about 1 to 1¼ miles in length (90 to 120 rail cars). When it's moving at 55 miles an hour, it can take a mile or more to stop after the locomotive engineer fully applies the emergency brake. An 8-car passenger train moving at 80 miles an hour needs about a mile to stop.

According to the National Safety Council:

- A lightweight passenger car traveling at 55 miles an hour can stop in about 200 feet in an emergency - under perfect conditions - that is, if tires and brakes are in good condition and the road is dry.
- A commercial van or bus will need about 230 feet to stop.
- A commercial truck/trailer can stop in about 300 feet - that's the length of a football field.
- A light rail train requires about 600 feet to stop - the length of two football fields.
- Compared to this, the average freight train we mentioned above traveling

water closet improvements such as the floating ballcock, but none was for the flush toilet itself.

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Toilet paper wasn't commercially produced until 1857. Northern tissue, in 1935, began to advertise toilet paper that was "splinter free". Prior to that it was common to have splinters in the toilet paper roll (Ouch!) due to the production techniques used at the time.

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### Toilet Paper Scare

Johnny Carson inadvertently once started a panic in December 1973. He stated during his monologue on The Tonight Show,

Carson said, "You know, we've got all sorts of shortages these days. But have you heard the latest? I'm not kidding. I saw it in the papers. There's a shortage of toilet paper!"

This prompted Americans to go and buy as much toilet paper as they could - causing a shortage for almost a month in the United States. Following several days of shortages of toilet paper, Carson went back on air to try his best to explain it was just a joke and apologized.

He said, "I don't want to be remembered as the man who created a false toilet paper scare. I just picked up the item from the paper and enlarged it somewhat...there is no shortage."

However, the damage had been done, and the supermarkets' shelves were empty.

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Carson may have been responsible for causing the panic that created a brief toilet paper shortage, but he was not solely to blame. On 11 December 1973, Harold V. Froelich, a 41-year-old Republican congressman from Wisconsin, put out a press release warning the public about a possible toilet paper shortage:

"The U.S. may face a serious shortage of toilet paper within a few months... we hope we don't have to ration toilet tissue... a toilet paper shortage is no

at 55 miles an hour may take the length of about 18 football fields to stop.

Trains can't swerve - they can only follow the track. The only thing the engineer can do is apply the emergency brake.

### It's Closer And Faster Than You Think



Have you ever observed a jumbo jet coming in for a landing at O'Hare? Doesn't it seem that the jet is just floating? The fact is that a 747 needs to land at 166 - 172 mph.

In the same way that airplanes can seem to be moving slowly, your eyes can play a trick on you when a train is approaching - an optical illusion that makes a train seem farther away and moving more slowly than it really is. Don't take chances - it's easy to misjudge a train's speed and its distance, especially at night. If you see a train, just wait.

laughing matter. It is a problem that will potentially touch every American."

### Short List Of Favorite Holiday Movies

It's A Wonderful Life  
Miracle On 34th Street  
Holiday Inn  
How The Grinch Stole Christmas  
A Christmas Story  
A Charlie Brown Christmas  
National Lampoons Christmas Vacation  
Home Alone  
White Christmas  
The Polar Express



### Slippery Rail: Trains Take Longer To Stop

Autumn leaves are a nightmare for locomotive engineers.

Here's the scenario: leaves fall to the ground, and some inevitably land on the train tracks. A train runs over the leaves, and compresses them to the tracks where they stick to the rail due to leaf oils. More leaves fall, or get blown onto the track in the wake of the train, and the process of leaf compression and build up continues. The residue that results is remarkably slippery, and rainy weather adds to the problem.

The surface becomes so slick that trains have to accelerate and decelerate much more slowly than normal in order to avoid slipping, which could cause catastrophic accidents. If the locomotive detects that all wheels are not turning evenly (slippery rails can cause one or more wheels to spin faster than the others) will automatically apply the brakes which has the potential of locking the wheels, only making the problem worse. A locked wheel sliding along a track will create a 'flat spot'.

Commuter trains, with their frequent stops, are affected by this problem much more than freight trains.

At this time of year, when approaching a railroad crossing, be aware that the train may need more time and distance to stop. Observe all crossing gates and lights.

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