



Hampshire Hot Topics



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A Message From Village President Jeff Magnussen



**"How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light
and color are their last days."**

John Burroughs

**"Autumn days tell us to rejoice in what we behold,
and they tell us to look ahead at that which is to
come."**

Sr. Margaret Dorgan

Dear Neighbors,

Autumn is such a wonderful time of the year. No other season presents itself to us with such radiance. As leaves lose their chlorophyll, the green turns to a glorious spectacle of orange, yellow and red. We rejoice at the beauty we see, but that beauty is a harbinger for what is to come.

In the midst of such beauty, there are warnings about the need for preparation. Winter will be here soon. We had better think ahead to that stretch of ice and snow that lies ahead

Calendar of Holidays/Events



Oct 9 **Columbus Day**



Oct 13 **Navy Birthday**

All around us we see animals preparing for change. Squirrels store food for the Winter. Birds migrate South to a warmer climate. Even our household pets grow their Winter coats.

Autumn is the time for us to prepare also. We'll be doing such things as wiping the dust off the snowblower, changing the oil, and firing it up to be sure it will perform when needed.

We'll be giving our lawns their last feeding of the year, stacking firewood, stocking up on ice melt, sharpening the blades on the snow shovels, and checking the anti-freeze in all our vehicles.

There is so much to look forward to these next three months. Our children are going to go Trick or Treating on Halloween. We even get to celebrate chocolate on National Chocolate Day!

We'll celebrate Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa and the New Year.

And don't forget your better half on Sweetest Day.

During Autumn, the Navy, Marine Corps and National Guard will be celebrating their respective birthdays. On Veterans Day we will be honoring all those who have served under the Stars and Stripes. Certainly we should honor these veterans and these Armed Forces on these special days, but let us all remember each and every day as we lay on heads on our pillows, that there are many armed service members on guard to protect our freedom. Bless them all!





Oct 21 **Farmers Market Last Day**



I wish you all a happy and healthy Autumn season.

Oct 16 **Boss's Day**

**"Just before the death of flowers,
And before they are buried in snow,
There comes a festival season
When nature is all aglow."**

Author Unknown



Oct 21 **Sweetest Day**

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile."

William Cullen Bryant

Oct 28 **National Chocolate Day**



**A Message From
Village Clerk
Linda Vasquez**



Oct 31 **Halloween**



Don't forget Halloween is Tuesday, October 31st. Trick or Treat hours are 4-7 p.m.

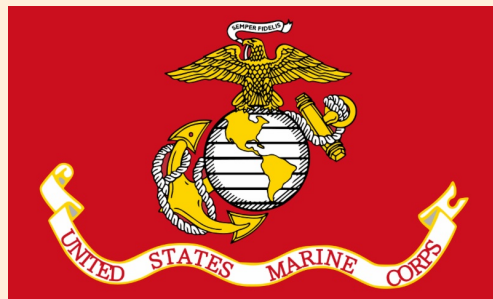
Nov 5 **Daylight Saving Time ends**



Please, when driving, watch out for our children.



Here are more informational tidbits:
November 1st : No Overnight Parking on the street until April 1st.



Nov 10 **Marine Corps Birthday**

Daylight Saving Time ends November 5th. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour.

Last Day for yard waste pickup is November 30th.

Village Hall will be closed for the holidays:
Thanksgiving - November 23rd & 24th.
Christmas - December 22nd and 25th.
New Year - December 29th & January 1st.



The last Farmers Market will be on October 21st. Come out to support the vendors.

Nov 11 **Veterans Day**



Nov 23 **Thanksgiving**



Dec 7 **Pearl Harbor Day**

Dec 8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

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



Dec 13 **National Guard Birthday**



Dec 13 **First Day of Hanukkah**

Dec 20 **Last Day of Hanukkah**

PUBLIC WORKS

Tree trimming, street sweeping, blacktop patching, fixing sewer issues, restriping, locating utilities, responding to the floods this summer and blacktopping some bad areas along with shoulder stone has kept the Public Works Dept., under Supt. Dave Starrett's direction, extremely busy this Summer.



The public works department doesn't get a lot of accolades for the great job they do to keep the Village of Hampshire functioning. So if you see one of them, tell them "good job" and "thanks", it goes a long way for morale. Give them a wave of gratitude when you see them on the street. Let them know that what they do is appreciated.

This year two summer helpers had their hands full keeping up with all the grass cutting (and did a great job). They did all the cutting and weed wacking giving the main crew a chance to get caught up with all the daily demands mentioned above.

We are planning to erect a pole barn to store all the plowing equipment and other machines out of the elements to protect our investment and to increase the life of the equipment.

Toby Koth
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VILLAGE SERVICES

Village Services has been working with AT&T on a lease agreement for the Klick Street Cell Tower. Also, I have been working with Vertical Bridge on their renewal of their lease agreement on the Klick Street Tower.

I have reached out to L.E.D. Rite, LLC on replacing the village's street lights and Commonwealth Edison has a rebate program that will save us money. They gave the Village Board a presentation on Thursday, Sept. 7th in regards to the street light replacements.

Just a reminder, the Village does NOT accept Used Oil anymore. Please do not drop off any oil or anti freeze at

Dec 21 **Winter Solstice**



Dec 24 **Christmas Eve**

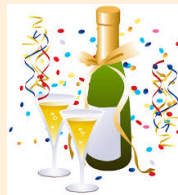


Dec 25 **Christmas Day**



Dec 26 **First Day of Kwanzaa**

Dec 31 **New Year's Eve**



Jan 1 **New Year's Day**

Jan 6 **Feast of the Epiphany**

anywhere. Please do not drop oil or anti-freeze at the maintenance facility. We now have video cameras that will show who is dumping their oil off at the gate and you will be fined for dumping there. NAPA AUTO will take your used oil if you need a place to take it or Kane County has a recycling program that you can take it to.



Jan Kraus
Village of Hampshire Trustee
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PUBLIC SAFETY

It has been an exciting summer around our little slice of heaven, and as we now look to fall, and ultimately towards winter, it is time to think about that dreaded four-letter word that chills everyone to the bone. Yes. I am talking about SNOW.

Please be a good neighbor and shovel your sidewalks. There are many people who still walk in the colder months, and many of them are forced into the street because the sidewalks are snow or ice covered. Also while you are shoveling this winter, try to clear the snow away from your fire hydrant, it can save the H.F.P.D those precious minutes if there were to be an emergency.

CUSD300 and the Village have met several times over the last few months about the traffic problems around the Hampshire Middle School campus. We have a few things that we are partnering on in an effort to help ease some of the congestion that occurs on a daily basis. Follow CUSD300 and the Village on Facebook and Twitter to stay up to date with what we are doing

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come and enjoy what Hampshire had to offer this summer! From music under the oaks to the farmers market, Coon Creek Days, and any of the other events that have taken place over the last few months, it warmed my heart seeing this community in action. This really is the greatest community in the USA.

When you change your clocks on November 5th, it's a good time to change the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Stay Warm!



Jan 7
Orthodox Christmas

Mike Reid
Village of Hampshire Trustee
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Jan 14
Orthodox New Year

FIELDS & TRAILS

The village is in the process of bringing the damaged trail that runs along the north side of Jake Lane between Centennial Road and Orris Ruth park into repair. We have received one bid to do the work already, and we will be collecting more bids in the coming days. Our goal would be to have the trail fixed before the snow falls this year.

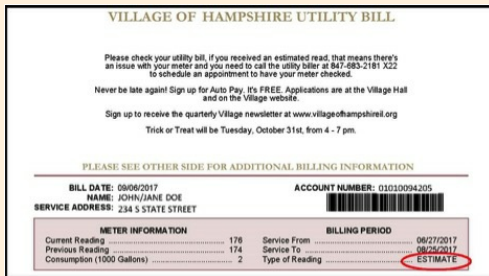


Jan 15 **Martin Luther King Day**

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Estimated Water Bills Explained

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT



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.

In the Building Development Commission, we continue to make strides towards improving the capacity of the village to work with businesses that want to come here. Our main focus to this point has been to modernize access to the critical pieces of information that new businesses need to know in order to evaluate the village as a prospective place to locate their operation. We are very close to adopting a mission statement, and we have voted on a vanity url web location, Choosehampshire.com. Furthermore, we have broken the village down into 6 sub areas and assigned each member of the commission a sub area to be responsible for. Their task right now is to go out and bring back an assessment of their area by defining the context. What this basically means is that they need to relay back to the board what the current challenges are that face that area, what are potential solutions, and what are some actions that we need to suggest to the village in order to achieve the full potential of that area. It is the beginning of a long process of transformation, but the diligent and capable people of the commission are continuing to work to bring that to fruition.

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 services from the Village water system be equipped

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 of Hampshire 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program



Following the destruction of the emerald ash borer, the Village of Hampshire ramped up its Parkway Tree Replacement Program by sharing the cost of planting trees with homeowners. The Village is committed to providing pleasing, environmentally sound and species-diverse streetscapes.

Over time, the Village has removed more than 800 ash and a number of other trees due to age, health or other considerations. If you are interested in participating in the Village's tree replacement program, it's time to complete an application for the spring planting cycle. A link to the program details and application is available on the Village website in the Village News section on the right hand side of the homepage.

Pre-planting approval of a 50/50 Parkway Tree

Planting Permit Application is required. Following planting, the Village will reimburse 50% of the tree and installation cost, up to \$150 per tree, upon submission of a Parkway Tree reimbursement form along with a copy of the bill/invoice at the Clerk's office at Village Hall.

Ryan Krajecki
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PLANNING & ZONING

I hope that everyone had a wonderful summer! My family and I really enjoyed all of the fun activities that were going on around town.

As chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, I just wanted to inform everyone about a change to a parking space on Washington Avenue. One parking space in front of the property at 120 E. Washington Avenue has been removed and deemed a no parking zone in order to accomodate the new driveway installed at the property. Please be mindful if you park your car on E. Washington Avenue. The no parking zone is directly in front of the new business' driveway/garage door.



I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe autumn,

Erik Robinson
Village of Hampshire Trustee
Planning and Zoning Chairman
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The village will be replacing the sign at the corner of Rowell Road and Allen Road at the industrial park, we have partnered with the Hampshire Area Chamber of Commerce to work with the businesses in the industrial park to coordinate this project.

Mike Reid
Village of Hampshire Trustee

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**From the CDC Centers For Disease
Control and Prevention**



Proper Leaf Disposal

The autumn leaves have already begun to fall, and the Village would like to remind property owners and landscapers that leaves must not be raked, blown or otherwise disposed of onto a street, alley or sidewalk. Often times these leaves make their way to the storm water drains and cause the drains to be blocked which can lead to flooding. The storm drains connect to our creeks, ponds and storm water basins. As leaves, grass clippings and other plant matter decompose in the water, they can cause water pollution. Burning of leaves or other yard waste is prohibited in the Village so if you chose not to collect your leaves for mulch or a compost pile, please take advantage of the Village's yard waste pickup program. Leaves can be placed in brown Kraft paper bags or in 32 gallon plastic or metal cans marked with an "X" and placed curbside with your garbage cans on Thursdays. Yard waste collection will continue this year through November 30th.



"Even if something is left undone, everyone must take time to sit still and watch the leaves turn."
Elizabeth Lawrence



"Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."
Norman Vincent Peale

S words, knives, and other costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.

A void trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.

F asten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.

E xamine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats you eat.

H old a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you. WALK and don't run from house to house.

A lways test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent possible skin and eye irritation.

L ook both ways before crossing the street. Use crosswalks wherever possible.

L ower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.

O nly walk on sidewalks whenever possible, or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.

W ear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.

E at only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.

E nter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Only visit well-lit houses. Never accept rides from strangers.

N ever walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

Message from the Public Works Dept.

1: Planning on putting in a new fence, planting a bush in your landscape or putting a stake in the ground for a party tent? Please call #811 for J.U.L.I.E so they can locate all the hidden utilities under our feet!

2: Fall is upon us and leaves are falling from the trees, please do not blow or rake your leaves and/or grass into the street or curb line.

Kwanzaa

(the name means "first fruits" in Swahili) was started by Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga in 1966. As noted by an article on MelaNet, Karenga wanted a holiday specifically for African-Americans; a celebration that would not supplant or replace any religious practices, but would rather focus on the heritage and strengths of black families—"to reinforce the bonds between parents and children, and to teach parents and children new views and values that will aid them in self-consciousness and providing support and defense for our people." Each night during the week between Christmas and New Year's, families light candles on in-home shrines (decorated, according to Roz Fruchtman, in the colors of "black for the people, red for their struggle, and green for the future").

■ **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

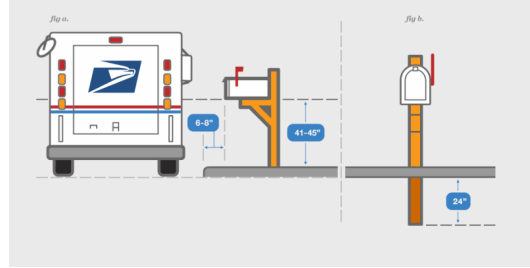
Finance Director, Ext. 25

Utility Billing Clerk, Ext. 22

Building Department, Ext. 28

Street Department

847-683-9489



3: Winter season is knocking on our door and we want to make sure that your mailbox is installed correctly so it doesn't interfere with snow removal. Link for US mailbox guidelines:

<https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>

Dave Starett

Superintendent

Street Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The National Highway Transportation Safety Administration tells us that 59 percent of child car seats are improperly installed.

The Academy of Pediatrics places the number higher.

They say that 95 percent of seats with newborns, 80 percent of rear-facing and forward-facing seats, and 40 percent of booster seats are being misused.

Officer Caitlin Meneely is the Hampshire Police Department's certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. She is qualified to inspect and install child safety seats. You may have seen her at several activities in Hampshire recently.



As a Child Passenger Safety Technician, Officer Meneely conducts child safety seat checks, where parents and caregivers receive hands-on assistance with proper use of child restraint systems and safety belts.

She is available by appointment and she can be booked for activities by calling the Police



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

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Village Board Meetings:
1st & 3rd Thursdays
of each month

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Department at 847-683-2629.



Brian Thompson
Hampshire Chief of Police

Marine Corps Turns 242

WHY THE MARINE CORPS MATTERS

excerpt from Marine Corps News | by Staff Sgt. Brian Kester

The time for celebration and pageantry is once again at hand with the 242nd Marine Corps birthday on Nov. 10.

What does the celebration mean to Marines across the globe? To Gen. John A. Lejeune, obviously, it meant a great deal. On Nov. 1, 1921, he issued Marine Corps Order No. 47, Series 1921, which provided a summary of the history, mission and traditions of the Corps. The illustrious Lejeune directed that the order be read to every command each subsequent year on Nov. 10 in

honor of the founding of the Marine Corps.

It will certainly be read in locations across the United States, Afghanistan and across the globe wherever Marines might be found. It might be a silent observation in a austere location, or perhaps a more ceremonial reading.

Either way it was formalized in 1952, by Commandant Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., who directed the celebration of the Marine Corps Birthday be formalized throughout the Corps. The details were included in the Marine Corps Drill Manual approved in 1956 and helped bring together the inclusion of a cake ceremony and other traditions still held every year at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

One key piece is the passing of the first piece of cake from senior to junior Marines; it is a symbolic gesture of the passing of experience and knowledge. That tradition begins in recruit training and at Officer Candidates School, where knowing where one comes from, knowing our past and living up to that example is emblazoned in the minds of those in training.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball
McCormack Place, Chicago
Nov 10, 1975:



"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree: the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other."

Burton Hills

"Autumn is a season followed immediately by looking forward to Spring."

Anonymous



On this 200th Birthday celebration, in Chicago, McCormack Place was scheduled for the day. Over 10,000 Marines and their escorts were present. The birthday cake was a sight to behold. It was a life-sized Iwo Jima Memorial - 2,200 lbs. of cake. It was adorned with white frosting sparkling with silver glitter.

2,200 lbs. of cake and only one piece was cut from it. The slice of cake was passed from the oldest Marine at the ball (a World War I veteran) to the youngest, a 17 year old recruit who was sworn in that day.

Navy Turns 242

The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental Navy on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America.

The legislation also established a Naval Committee to supervise the work. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. The Navy Birthday celebration is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents. Since 1972 each CNO has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration of this occasion "to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service."

THE NATIONAL GUARD TURNS 381

by Bill Boehm
National Guard Bureau

The military organization we know today as the National Guard came into existence.... on December 13, 1636. On this date, the Massachusetts General Court in Salem for the first time in the history of the North

"Fall is my favorite season in Los Angeles, watching the birds change color and fall from the trees."

David Letterman



"Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower."

Albert Camus

"I cannot endure to waste anything as precious as autumn sunshine by staying in the house. So I spend almost all the daylight hours in the open air."

Nathaniel Hawthorne



Calum, for the first time in the history of the North American continent, established that all able-bodied men between the ages of 16 and 60 were required to join the militia. Simply stated, citizen-soldiers who mustered for military training could be and would be called upon to fight when needed.

Leaders decided that a proactive and ready state of mind must be kept by all citizens, particularly those training in military tactics. Being part of citizenry in the small villages meant that a price must be paid for the freedoms that could potentially be enjoyed, were the colony to ultimately succeed. That price exacted meant taking responsibility for defending the settlements of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Massachusetts proved to be the first entity to have its government establish and raise a militia.

This distinction qualifies it as the birthplace of the militia in the United States.

Much has changed since 1636, but one thing has not: the National Guard still consists of Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen providing protection from natural disaster, training regularly to uphold high standards of readiness, and also deploying to far-away countries to protect the United States' national interests abroad. Although the country's growth and expansion has made it a large military force around the world, the National Guard still remains a community cornerstone - just as it did when it was given birth on December 13, 1636.

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STAY CONNECTED

