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HOLIDAY FEST

The Spirit of Christmas

The Spirit of Christmas came alive in a very special way at the Holiday Fest. Local businesses pitched in to make the day truly special. Special thanks go out to Village Clerk Linda Vasquez and the members of the Hampshire Community Events Committee for coordinating the festivities. The highlight of the day's events was the parade. What a beautiful parade it was. Each vehicle was lighted to provide an exciting display of Christmas spirit.

Local Businesses Pay It Forward

The spirit of brotherhood was truly alive as local businesses chipped in to support the Holiday Fest in a manner that is characteristic of the people and businesses of Hampshire. Juice and cookies were provided by The Rose

Garden Restaurant, the Ella Johnson Library and the Hampshire Park District made the Grinch available for photo ops with children, crafts and childrens' games were provided by Michelle and Fritz of Coon Creek, s'mores were provided by Century 21, face painting was provided by the Copper Barrel, the tree lighting was made possible by Village President Mike Reid, homemade cookies were provided by Weston Confectionery & Garden Club, décor items were provided by the Vintage Hammer, the giving tree was made possible by Newmans' Pub, Block's Market, the Copper Barrel, and V.H. Socks and Mittens and photography was provided by Gregory Dickson.

Donated Tree

For the first time in over 20 years Hampshire has a Christmas tree standing on State Street thanks to the

donation of a 15 foot tree by local resident Peggy Thompson.

Lighted Parade

The highlight of the day's events was the parade. The streets along the parade route were filled with families enjoying the procession of vehicles decorated and lighted in the Christmas spirit.

The Spirit of Giving

Donations were accepted for District 300 Food Pantry, coats for the needy, Elgin's Wayside Homeless Shelter, the Community Criss Center and Ane's Angels.

Questions? Please visit: hampshireil.org





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

New Year, New Tasks, New Goals

Happy New Year, Hampshire! Can you believe it is already 2022? Where did 2021 go, and what are you looking forward to in the new year?

We are doing our best to make life a little better for you in the Village and are optimistic about the coming year. Over the last several months, we have refocused our efforts to provide common-sense solutions to many of the issues that impact our residents.

We are excited to announce our newly formed partnership with the Hampshire Township Road District for snow removal operations. If you ever look at the boundary maps, you will see that some of our roads start in the Village, go through the Township, and end in the Village boundaries again. The Village and the Township only plowed within their borders, even if it was the same road. Often, this led to different sections of the same road being plowed and salted at different times, which seemed unsafe to us.

The Hampshire Township Road District Highway Commissioner, Stan Walker, worked closely with Dave Starrett, our Public Works Supervisor, to identify roads within our community that both the Village and the township plow. Together we calculated a way to “swap

miles” to ensure that one entity will be responsible for snow removal for each road within our community. Thank you to Mr. Walker and Mr. Starrett for going the “extra mile” to ensure our community is safe, our crews are more efficient, and snow removal is less confusing for our residents.

On December 11th, we held our Holiday Fest and parade. This was the 2nd year for our parade, but the first for the Holiday Fest. Among the participants, we were honored to have State Senator Dave Syverson and State Representative Jeff Kiecher. It is nice to see our elected officials take an interest in our community and visit from time to time. We continue to foster and improve the relationships with our many elected officials regularly and are always happy to show them what we love about our community.

You may notice that Senator Syverson and Representative Keicher have an office in the Hampshire Commons, near the Hampshire Cleaners & Dairy Queen. By the time you are reading this, their office should be open. They have committed to regular office hours. It is exciting that we will have a “direct line” to Springfield right in our community; it is also exciting that we will have two more advocates for our community! Thank you to Senator Syverson and Representative Keicher for choosing Hampshire.

With the new year come new tasks and goals for the upcoming year. In my first newsletter, I wrote about the forthcoming projects hoping that the downtown streetscape and the Route 72 & State Street intersection would

be complete. However, neither project has been completed due to economic conditions and scheduling. The State of Illinois has said that the intersection work should start in the spring, and we will re-bid the streetscape project in the coming months. I am hopeful that I will be sharing success stories and photos in our Fall newsletter.

Thank you for being the best part of our community. I am highly encouraged that 2022 will bring more good fortune



and success than Hampshire has seen in many years and I look forward to celebrating our successes together as we ring in 2023!

Sincerely,

Mike Reid
President, Village of Hampshire



Left to right: Sen. Syverson, Santa, Rep. Keicher and Mike Reid

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

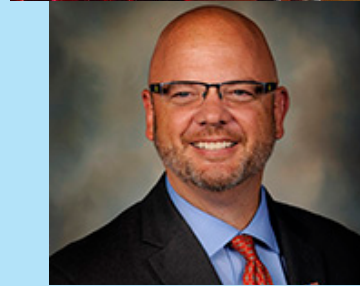
Sen. Syverson Rep. Keicher

State Senator Dave Syverson and State Representative Jeff Keicher joined Hampshire’s wonderful small town Christmas Parade. They took time out of their busy schedules attending campaign events to join in on the fun and accept Hampshire’s hospitality.

Senator Syverson and Representative Keicher have opened a satellite district office in Hampshire. They have planted roots in the Hampshire Commons center.

In their commitment to provide excellent constituent services, they have opened this office to better serve the district and allow citizens to more easily receive assistance on state issues.

Hampshire District Office
115 W Oak Knoll Drive
Hampshire, IL 60140
815-748-3494



SNOW SHOVELING/PLOWING

Village Ordinance prohibits shoveling, plowing or blowing snow into the street or to any public property. Doing so will result in ice packed sections of roadways.

TRASH ORDINANCE

2-15-3: COLLECTION TIME:
A. No garbage or refuse of any kind shall be deposited in any street, alley or public place, at any time, except as provided herein.
B. Containers of garbage or refuse, and any other household trash, refuse, or items to be discarded may be placed on the tree bank or parkway adjoining the public street or alley not more than twenty four (24) hours prior to scheduled collection, and shall be so placed that any contents will not be blown about or scattered by natural elements.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR TRASH CARTS IN THE STREET. PER THE VILLAGE ORDINANCE, THEY NEED TO BE PLACED ON THE DRIVEWAY APRON OR THE PARKWAY. PLACING THEM IN THE STREET MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO PLOW SNOW AND PREVENTS OUR STREET SWEEPER FROM REACHING THE CURB.

BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

Per Village Ordinance, parking is prohibited on any sidewalk or parkway, except that a vehicle may be parked over a sidewalk, and on any paved surface in the parkway (such as, for example, a driveway apron) between the hours of nine o’clock (9:00) P.M. on one day and six o’clock (6:00) A.M. the following day.

Parking a vehicle in such a manner as to block the sidewalk is extremely thoughtless. Children riding their bicycles and scooters must go into the street to get around a vehicle parked in such a manner. Mothers pushing strollers and buggies and people in wheelchairs must also go into the street.

Be a good neighbor - don’t block the sidewalk.



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!

- Hampshire Park District St. Patrick’s Day 8th Annual 5K Run, (to be announced)**
- Ground Hog Day In Woodstock, Wednesday, February 2nd, Downtown Woodstock**
- Tower Hill Stables**
Hampshire White Riders snowmobile trip to Mercer, WI, Jan 14 - 17
- Pioneer Farm**
- Hampshire Forest Preserve**
- Illinois Railroad Museum, in Union, IL**
- Tuscany Woods Park and Ice Rink**



FIRE HYDRANT ACCESS

Keep snow around the fire hydrants clear. Keeping fire hydrants clear prevents ice from forming around the hydrant, possibly freezing the hydrant caps.

Residents are encouraged to, as they are shoveling snow, clear the snow around the nearest fire hydrant. Doing so will enable our firefighters to go directly to the emergency and not spend unnecessary



time and effort clearing snow and ice away so that fire hoses may be connected.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Winter parking ban restriction is in effect until April 1st.

Trash carts must be kept out of the street to facilitate snowplowing and/or street sweeping.

Flood Brothers will collect Christmas trees during the month of January. Trees should be placed curbside on service day. There should be no lights or decorations on the tree.

Snowmobile trails are open from Dec 10 - Mar 15

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COLD WEATHER HAZARD

Frozen Pipe Preventive Measures

Water Freezes - Pipes Burst

Most often frozen lines occur in areas such as crawl spaces or outside walls, where unprotected plumbing is more vulnerable to the elements.

- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. This is especially important when the plumbing is located on an exterior wall.
- Keep garage doors closed. Plumbing in rooms adjacent to the entry/exit door into an unheated garage are susceptible freezing.
- Let the cold-water flow constantly from the lowest point in your home, usually a laundry room sink or tub. The stream of water should be approximately the width of a pencil. This can help you avoid a frozen water service line located outside your home as well as interior plumbing.
- If you are going out of town, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees and have a trusted neighbor check your house to see that the furnace is still running while you are away.



MAILBOX REPLACEMENT

Mailboxes Damaged During Snowplowing

Mailbox reimbursement information is located on the Village of Hampshire's website. Included with the reimbursement information are helpful guidelines on how to correctly install a mailbox under USPS Construction Standards. <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>.



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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