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2025 Special Census

Due to a hiring freeze at the Federal government level, the Village of Hampshire's Special Census project that was originally scheduled for Spring 2025 was delayed. The Village has been working with the U.S. Census Bureau since the delay was announced to identify when the Special Census project would begin. The Village was notified in mid-May that the Special Census project will be restarting with a new Special Census count date on September 15, 2025.

The U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing letters and postcards to each individual residence with a unique ID code that will allow you to answer the census questions online. The U.S. Census Bureau will also be hiring local residents to go to residences that do not respond online to gather information. These individuals will be vetted by the U.S. Census Bureau and will be carrying badges identifying them as U.S. Census Bureau employees. If you are interested in working for the U.S. Census Bureau for the Special Census look out for additional information on the Village's social media and website for job links to apply. Training will be provided for those hired by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Residents can expect to start receiving postcards and letters with their unique ID code in late July to early August. When you receive the postcards and letters you will be able to respond to the census questions online. In-person data collection will occur from August through September for those that did not respond online.

All responses to the Special Census are anonymous, private, and protected by law. Residents' responses cannot be used against them in any way. No individual or entity, including the U.S. Census Bureau, can track down your response. Even if you are not a U.S. Citizen you should still respond as you count towards the population of the Village.



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COON CREEK COUNTRY DAYS

Get excited by joining and meeting your Hampshire neighbors at Hampshire's Coon Creek Country Days.

The four-day community festival will be held from Thursday, August 7th through Sunday, August 10th at the festival grounds located near the intersection of North State Street and Town Place Road.

The festival opens at 6pm on Thursday, August 7th with food, live music, craft & vendor show, and a carnival full of fun rides. A fireworks show will be held on Saturday, August 9th at 9:15pm.





A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

Celebrating Our Accomplishments

Dear Residents,

As the summer months are here and we gather with family and friends to celebrate and enjoy the summertime, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect and share some of the accomplishments that the Village has achieved over the past year that makes Hampshire the great community it is for all. As Village President, and working with the Village Board, it is our responsibility that the decisions we make better the lives of the residents of Hampshire and make the Village the premier community it is.

Our Police Department’s focus is on creating and maintaining a safe community for residents, businesses and visitors. The Police Department recently launched the Frontline Public Service Solutions (PSS) portal to better and effectively engage with residents. Through the Frontline PSS portal residents can request overnight parking permission, vacation watch, register pets and bikes, and provide information for at-risk residents.

Sound and quality infrastructure is important to every community. The Village has been working hard over the past few years to maintain and improve aging infrastructure in the community. The Village has also worked hard to apply for, and receive, grants for these infrastructure projects so as to lessen the financial burden on Village residents. The Village is receiving over \$560,000 from federal grants for the North State Street Resurfacing and Safe Routes to School projects.

Village staff has identified that undertaking a Special Census will result in additional funds that the Village would otherwise have missed out on between the 2020 and 2030 decennial censuses. Look for mailings from the U.S. Census Bureau to respond to the Special Census online and be counted!

These are just a few of the many accomplishments that the Village has seen over the past year. To learn more about what the Village Board is taking action on, I invite you to attend Village Board meetings that are held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of month at 7 PM at Village Hall.

I wish you and your family a Happy 4th of July as we all celebrate our Nation’s independence.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org



FRONTLINE PUBLIC ACCESS PORTAL

The Hampshire Police Department is excited to announce and share that the Department has launched a new Frontline Public Access Portal - a simple and convenient way for residents and businesses to connect with the Police Department online.

Residents and businesses can use the portal to submit vacation watch requests, so Officers can keep an extra eye on your home while you are away. Users can also access the overnight parking portal, which allows you to request permission to park overnight on Village streets when needed, helping you stay in compliance with local ordinances. The portal is designed to make it easier for users to reach the Police Department for non-emergency matters without needing to call or stop by the Police Station.

The portal also offers several practical features to help residents stay connected. Users can register their bicycles, making it easier for us to identify and return them if they are ever lost or stolen. The Pet Management section lets you upload important details about your pets, which helps us reunite them with you more quickly if they ever go missing. There is also an At-Risk Resident registry, allowing families to provide helpful details about individuals who may need special assistance in emergencies. In addition, there is now a Compliment and Complaint submission portal, giving residents a direct and transparent way to share feedback about their experiences with Police Officers and services.

The portal is part of our ongoing effort to be more accessible and responsive to the community the Police Department serves. Every submission is routed to the right officer or supervisor so the Police Department can follow up quickly and effectively. Whether you are heading out of town, registering a pet, or submitting feedback, this system gives you a direct line to the Police Department.

The portal can be accessed online at any time at www.hampshireil.org/frontlinepss.



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

The Village of Hampshire and the Hampshire Chamber of Commerce 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 Township Park District
Music Under The Oaks
Seyller Park
Thursday, July 17th
5pm to 8:30pm
Live music food & drinks

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Outdoor Market
3rd Saturday of the month
June thru October
113 W Oak Knoll Dr
9am to 1pm

Rosemary L. Kesse Day
Bruce Ream Park
Saturday, July 26th
11am to 1pm
Ice Cream Social
Sponsored By Hampshire Lions Club

Hampshire Township Park District
42nd Annual
Coon Creek Classic 2K & 10K Runs
Sunday, August 10th
8am to 10:30am
560 S. State St.

National Night Out
Bruce Ream Park
Friday, August 1st
5pm to 10pm
Sponsored by Hampshire Police Dept,
Hampshire Park District &
Ella Johnson Library

Hampshire Township
Seniors On The Go
Free to join

For a full list of activities for
Seniors call 847 683-9464, X-5 or visit
hampshiretownship.org or email
Seniors@hampshiretownship.org

NORTH STATE STREET RESURFACING

North State Street from Allen Road south to the Creek will be undergoing a resurfacing project.

The project is expected to start on Monday, August 11th.

During the construction period, North State Street will at times be down to one-lane. Flaggers from the contractor will be on the road to direct traffic when the street is down to one-lane.

Please use caution and keep attention to road signs and workers when using North State Street to travel.



HOW TO HAVE A SAFE SUMMER

Bonfires/Recreational Fire Pits: Enjoying a fire on a cool summer night is a lasting tradition. Make sure fire pits are at least 15 feet away from and combustible materials. Limiting your fire to 3 feet in diameter and less than 2 feet high helps maintain safe conditions. Never leave a fire unattended and have a quick way to put out your fire if needed. Extinguish and cover your fire pit after every use to ensure the fire is full out. And lastly, call 911 if your fire becomes out of control.

Do you know the signs of heat-related illnesses?

During extremely hot and humid weather, your body's ability to cool itself is challenged. In most cases, you can help victims of heat-related illnesses by moving them to an air-conditioned room, applying cool wet cloths, and offering sips of water.

The signs of Heat Cramps include painful muscle cramps/spasms, usually in the legs and abdomen and heavy sweating.

Heat Exhaustion signs include heavy sweating, weakness/tiredness, cool pale clammy skin, fast weak pulse, muscle cramps, dizziness, nausea/vomiting, and headache/fainting.

Heat Stroke signs include throbbing headache, confusion, nausea, dizziness, body temperature above 103 degrees Fahrenheit, red, dry or damp skin, rapid and strong pulse, and fainting/loss of consciousness.



How to Help: Seek immediate medical attention if symptoms worsen or last longer than 1 hour by calling 911 or getting the victim to a hospital immediately.

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SAFE AWAKE ALARM

Hampshire Fire Protection District is proud to work with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and Safe Awake Alarm! The Safe Wake Alarm is designed for those that are hearing impaired.

How does the bed shaker alarm work? The bed shaker alarm is activated by a working smoke detector in the bedroom. The bed shaker alarm will vibrate the bed to wake you up to alert of a possible fire in your home. The vibration of the bed lasts for four minutes or until the smoke detector is no longer activated.

What does the bed shaker alarm cost? It is **FREE** to any Hampshire residents thanks to a partnership with the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance.

How can you get a bed shaker alarm installed? Please contact Jenny Misner at the Hampshire Fire Protection District at (847) 683-2629. Any questions can also be directed to Jenny Misner.

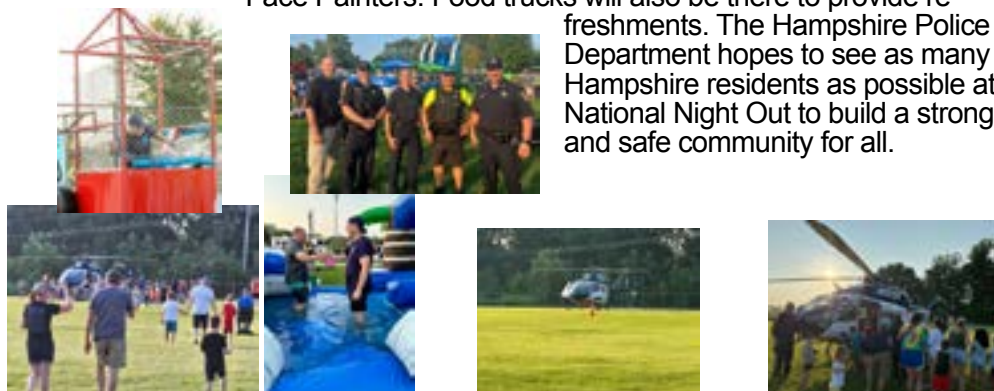


NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join your Hampshire neighbors and the Hampshire Police Department for National Night Out on Friday, August 1st from 5 to 8 PM at Bruce Ream Park.

National Night Out is an annual community-building event that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out provides a great opportunity to bring police and residents together under positive circumstances.

Events and activities planned for Hampshire's National Night Out include a K-9 demonstration, Touch-a-Truck, Dunk Tank, Movie in the Park, Live Music and Face Painters. Food trucks will also be there to provide refreshments. The Hampshire Police Department hopes to see as many Hampshire residents as possible at National Night Out to build a strong and safe community for all.



The Village Board meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month at 7 pm at Village Hall, 234 S. State Street in Hampshire. Village Board Meetings are public, and residents are welcome to attend.



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