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Public Works Facility Groundbreaking

The Village of Hampshire elected officials and staff, along with project contractor Lamp, Inc., held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Village's new Public Works Facility to be located at 185 Town Place Road on April 4th.

The new Public Works Facility is a result of careful planning and consideration for the current and future needs of the Village as it continues to grow with both new residential and commercial areas. Currently, the Streets Department is located at two facilities on Klick Street and Allen Road.

The new Public Works Facility, designed by Kluber Architects, meets the needs of the Village for the next couple of decades, with opportunity to expand the facility if and when needed. The new 33,000-square-foot facility will house the Village's Street Department staff and equipment. Providing indoor parking for the village vehicles and equipment, that are worth more than a million dollars, will increase their service lifespan by shielding them from rain, snow and other elements that cause corrosion. Construction will begin in early May 2025 with a construction end date of January 2026.

The new Public Works Facility consists of a garage, fleet maintenance bays, shops, employee areas, and administrative offices for the Streets Department staff. The Village is excited for the construction and completion of the new Public Works Facility as it continues to provide the best service possible to the residents of Hampshire.



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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Garden Club Is Looking For New Members

As you walk or drive down State Street and admire the beautiful flower planters, do you wonder who is responsible for them?



Well, for more than 50-years it has been the Hampshire Garden Club. We are looking for members to help us with our beautifying efforts for Downtown Hampshire. If you are interested in joining us, please call Audrey at 847-683-4072 or Bonnie at 847-683-2963.

The Hampshire Garden Club would love to have you help beautify Hampshire!



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE REID
President, Village of Hampshire

The Theme Of Renewal

Dear Residents,

As we enter the Spring and Summer months of May and June, I think about the theme of renewal. Renewal cycles that our lawns, trees, and vegetation go through after every winter, and the renewal of community pride as we get together as neighbors and friends for the various spring and summer events held throughout the community.

As Village President, I want to renew my commitment, and that of the Village Board, to leading effectively, efficiently, and transparently for the Hampshire residents and business community. With your trust, each of the Village Board members sits at the dais to make decisions that will impact both the residents and businesses of today and tomorrow. These decisions include approving the construction of a new Public Works Garage, implementing a 1% non-home rule sales tax, and seeking alternative revenue sources, such as applying for state and federal grants.

The construction of a new 33,000-square-foot Public Works Garage will provide indoor parking for critical Village assets worth over \$1 million. A 1% non-home rule sales tax was implemented, primarily paid by non-residents shopping and dining at businesses along the US Route 20 and I-90 corridors, to raise additional revenue for critical projects. The Village Board and Village staff work to ensure that the Village applies for grants and other funding sources to lessen the burden on residents. An example of a grant awarded to the Village is the Safe Routes to School Grant, which provides funding to install sidewalks for our students to utilize as they walk to and from school.

For those wanting to learn more about the decisions being made by your Village Board, I encourage you to attend Village Board meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7 PM at Village Hall, 234 S. State Street. Downloading the MyHampshire App also lets you stay connected with the Village and report concerns and issues such as property maintenance violations, downed trees or utility lines, or just general inquiries.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank you all for your support during my first term, and thank you for electing me to a second term. This is the most incredible job in the world, and it is a lot of fun working alongside each of you to make our community a better place.

With the election certified, I can congratulate Trustees Heather Fodor and Laura Pollastrini on their reelection to our board and welcome Trustee Erin E.D. Jarnero to our board. I should also thank trustee Lionel Mott, who is stepping away from the board after 4 years of steadfast and dedicated leadership. Thank you, Trustee Mott, for always being that calm, impactful voice, especially in challenging conversations.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike

Questions? Please visit:
hampshireil.org



A MESSAGE FROM CHIEF HERRMANN

In May, I will retire from the fire district after 36 years of service.

Dave Schmidt will be my replacement, and he will do an outstanding job! Dave comes with a great deal of experience as he was Fire Chief in Elgin and has almost 40 years of experience in the fire service. I wish Dave the best! I couldn't be prouder of the members of this department from the board of trustees and commissioners to my administrative staff and our firefighters. The district has accomplished so much these last 5 years to enhance the services to the community. 2024 was no exception as we responded to the most incidents in our department history, the most multiple calls in progress in our history, the opening of fire station 2, remodeling station 1, increasing our staffing, taking delivery of a new fire engine, completing our ISO evaluation, and finalizing a union contract that so deservingly increased the pay of our firefighters.



I am so grateful that I spent my entire full-time career with this organization. It wasn't always easy but as I get close to the end of my time, I reflect on all of the friendships, memories, family history, progress and organizational accomplishments, and I am so glad I got to be a part of it. I look forward to watching the members of this organization continue providing the best services to this community. From the bottom of my heart, Thank You and God Bless the members of the department and the citizens of Hampshire!

Chief Herrmann, Hampshire Fire Protection District

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
Lip Bar & Beauty Event
Catherine B. Seyller Community Room
390 South Ave
May 9 @ 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Design your own custom blend lipstick

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

Hampshire Township
Multi-Purpose Event
Plant Sale, Electronics Recycling and
Shredding
170 Mill Ave.
Sat, May 31st

Advocate Sherman Hospital
Cancer Center & Breast Cancer
Prevention Center Open House
Thurs, June 26th
4pm to 6pm
1425 N Randall Rd

Hampshire Township
Seniors On The Go
Free to join

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce
Home & Business Expo
Hampshire High School
Sat, May 17th
10am to 1pm

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

WHAT HAMPSHIRE TOWNSHIP DOES

Many people confuse the Township with the Village, but for those that don't look much further, they are missing out on all kinds of services. The Township goes all the way north to Getty Road, east to Ridgcrest Drive or Brier Hill Road, south to Lenschow Road and west to Engel Road. Therefore, while most Village residents are within the Township, there are many people from the community rural areas that are also Township residents, to include some Huntley residents from Del Webb, which are all eligible for our services.

Hampshire Township has a robust Senior program for our residents. It is not unusual, to find something going on every day, and many days there are 2 things scheduled. We provide transportation to almost all our events. For more information about our events, you can go to SchedulesPlus.com/Hampshire or email Sue at Seniors@HampshireTownship.org to get our latest calendar or call us at 847-683-9464 #3.

Medical Transportation – Did you know we provide transportation to and from medical appointments up to 20 miles for those residents over the age of 65? Call Maureen to get more information 847-683-9464 #4 or email Dispatch@HampshireTownship.org

Medical Lending Closet – Did you ever need a knee scooter, walker, or wheelchair for a short term? We have a closet full of medical equipment for you to borrow at no cost. Contact Ashley at 847-683-9464 #6 or email Rentals@HampshireTownship.org

Community Room Rental – The Township offers a room for the community to rent for special events. To get more information contact Ashley at 847-683-9464 #7 or Rentals@HampshireTownship.org

VILLAGE UTILITY BILLS

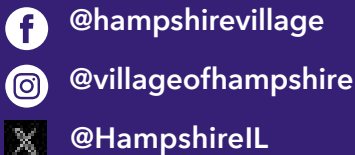
The Village is on a bi-monthly cycle and issues utility bills during the first week of the month in odd-numbered months. Utility bills are due the first Friday of the even-numbered months.

If payment is not received by 4:30pm on the due date, a late penalty of 10% is added to the account. The Village will mail a late notice bill reflecting the additional charge and include a due date for payment of all outstanding charges. Approximately 7 days after the issuance of the late notice bill, the Village hangs delinquency notices (door hangers) that are hand-delivered to the service addresses of any unpaid accounts.

If the customer has not made payment by the due date included on the delinquency notice, the Village will assess a \$50.00 fee and schedule the water service for shut off. To restore service, the customer must pay the outstanding charges or make a payment arrangement with the Village. Please note that restoration of disconnected services happens only between 7:30am and 3:30pm Mondays through Fridays.

Payments can be made at Village Hall or online through the Village's website. We encourage you to enroll in the Village's automatic payment program to assure your payment arrives on time.

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FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING PROGRAM

The Village's Public Works crews will be in your neighborhood this Spring to flush the hydrants on your streets. Hydrant flushing involves flowing fire hydrants to create high water flows that will scour out fine sediments from the water mains. This work is being done as a part of the Village's ongoing efforts to deliver the safest and highest quality water to you.

What do you need to do?

1. Expect temporarily discolored water
2. Avoid washing clothes
3. Clean faucet screens if you experience low pressure or low volume

Hydrant Flushing Neighborhood Schedule:

1. Old Mill Manor Subdivision, Hillcrest Ave, Highland Ave, and Panama St. April 28-30
2. White Oak Ponds and Highlands Subdivisions. April 30, May 1-2
3. Tuscany Woods Subdivision. May 5-7
4. Historic Part of Town East of State St. May 7-9
5. Historic Part of Town West of State St. May 12-14
6. Parkside and Stonegate Subdivisions. May 14-16
7. Hampshire Prairie and Meadows, May 19-21
8. Lakewood Subdivision, week of May 26-30

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Why is Hydrant Flushing Necessary?

Hydrant flushing enhances water quality by flushing sediments from the water mains, verifies the proper operation of hydrants and valves, and maintains firefighting capabilities.

2. What should I do when Public Works crews are flushing hydrants in my area?

When hydrants are being flushed in your area avoid running tap water, using the washing machine, and running the dishwasher until the flushing is done.

3. What should I do after hydrant flushing is complete?

If tap water is used during flushing, it could come out full of sediment that cause discoloration. Shut the water off and wait several minutes. After waiting, check the clarity by running cold water for a few minutes, allowing new water to work its way into your pipes. If the water is clear, it is OK to use. If not, wait a few more minutes and check again. In some cases, there may be slight discoloration for a few hours. This discoloration only affects the appearance of the water; it does not affect water quality. There are no health hazards associated with discolored water. Avoid washing laundry during scheduled flushing times. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap, then wash a load of dark cloths first. If pressure or volume seems low, check your faucet screens for trapped particles.



BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

Building Safety Month, held each May, raises awareness about the importance of updated building codes in creating safe, sustainable structures. Led by the International Code Council, this campaign unites industry professionals and agencies to promote strong building practices that protect communities from hazards.

Safe, well-built homes and public spaces ensure durability and resilience, reducing risks from fire, severe weather, and structural wear. Sustainability also plays a key role, with energy-efficient buildings lowering costs and environmental impact through eco-friendly materials and waste reduction.

You can help by learning local building codes, supporting policy updates, and making home safety improvements. This year's theme, "GAME ON!" encourages everyone to get involved in building a safer, more sustainable future.



For more information, visit www.iccsafe.org.

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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