

HAMPSHIRE HAPPENINGS

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FROM THE TOWNSHIP

Supervisor – Jody Remakel

The Township sponsored our 2nd Touch a Truck this September. A special thanks to

the Hwy Commissioner, the Fire District, and the Police Department for participating. This year, we brought over the Senior Bus. I've been looking for more drivers and think I found a few great candidates.....

Our *Seniors on the Go* program continues to grow. We are meeting a bunch of new residents and now offering Sr. Yoga on Thursdays. We encourage you or your loved one to join us.

Calendars can be found at the banks, the library, and other various locations in town, as well as our website. On

November 26, we are heading to see *A Christmas Carol* in DeKalb. In December, we are looking at a trip to Christkindle Market in Naperville and an ornament exchange. Reservations are required and coming up soon. Please contact Addie if you are interested in any of these events at (224)828-0303.

We continue to transport our Senior population and disabled to medical appointments. It has become quite popular with many of the residents so we have implemented a route system. On page 5 you can see where we travel and on which days.

We will also be offering transportation to and from the Ella Johnson Memorial Library for early voting on November 2nd and 3rd between 12 p.m. – 2 p.m. Please let Patty know if you will like a ride. (Cont. p. 5)



HAMPSHIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT



Fall is here and winter is just around the corner! It is the time of year when many people celebrate holidays as well as decorate. And with that in mind, we have to consider the safety of the decorations that we put in and around our homes. Our goal is always to keep everyone safe from harm in whatever way we can. Just recently an article was put out regarding the safety of Smoke Alarms that have been purchased online.

Special Notice Regarding Smoke Alarms

It has been determined that many smoke alarms that were purchased online do not have the safety seals of the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) or the ETL (Intertek) per a news release by Kidde and Mr. Neal Zipser, Community Affairs Manager. The article states that products not tested to this standard may not accurately detect fire, alarm the consumer in a timely manner, operate for the desired time period or meet other critical performance standards.

If you have purchased one of the non-tested models, you may want to consider replacing it at your earliest convenience. Any products that are installed by a consumer not meeting the listing and testing requirements may be in violation of the law and subject to the prescribed penalties.

If you are in need of help determining whether or not your smoke alarms are properly meeting the requirements, you can generally see a UL or ETL marking on the back of the detector. (Cont. p. 2)



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If you are concerned and you have questions regarding the origin of your smoke detectors, err on the safe side and have them checked or replaced. Your safety and the safety of your loved ones are most important.

As we prepare for the winter season and the holidays, here are some safety tips to remember. If you decorate with lights or decorations that need to be plugged in, be sure the plugs are either waterproof or weatherproof if they are to be used outdoors and that they are not frayed or worn.



If you use live plants, whether it is a wreath, tree or garland, make sure they are properly watered, if needed, and once they begin to lose their needles, it may be time to remove them as they become more flammable. Remember if you use some of these decorations in your home, they may have been cut a month or more ahead of time, so be cautious and observant of the condition of your décor.

Candles can be beautiful decorations, but consider using battery powered candles or plug in candles, rather than true flame candles.



If you do use flame candles, be sure they are not near anything flammable and that they are not so low to the ground that small children can reach them.

Remember, small children are notorious for putting everything in their mouths, so don't be surprised if small ornaments, bright shiny objects and things that light up end up in their mouths causing them harm. Safeguard your home from the bottom up. Check your outlets and fireplaces. Be sure they are safe. If you have not had your chimney cleaned in a few years, you may want to add that to your list.

With the holidays, we also need to remember the health and safety of our elderly population. If you have neighbors that may be in need of help shoveling their driveway or walkway, please keep that in mind.

And if the weather becomes extremely harsh, check on your elderly neighbors who may not be able to get out or they may not have adequate heat. Be sure to have your furnace cleaned and checked annually. The winter is when there are increased cases of CO poisoning because people may use space heaters. If you must use a space heater, be sure it is at least three feet away from anything combustible. If your CO detector goes off, be sure to evacuate the premises immediately and call 911! For more information about CO and CO detectors, please visit our web-site at www.hampshirefire.org or contact us at (847) 683-2629 for information or brochures.

Here's wishing everyone a very happy, safe and healthy holiday season from the Hampshire Fire Department!

From the Hwy Commissioner Stan Walker

With the changing of the seasons, the Road District is preparing the vehicles, and yes....getting ready for that winter season. Before too long, the snow plows and salt trucks will be on the road. It is always our goal to have the Township Roads cleared by 6 a.m. after a snowfall. However, winds and the timing of the storm can make that difficult. Please keep in mind the direction of travel of the snow plow when clearing your driveway. This will save you time and frustration as we continue to try and keep the roads clear. Our wing plow does extend 5 feet beyond the edge of the road into the easement. While we try our best to avoid items that may be within that area, sometimes they can be difficult to locate in heavy storms and are unavoidable. It is recommended that any decorative rocks, etc. be moved so that we there is no damage done to your property or our vehicles. A copy of the resident's responsibilities regarding easements, mailboxes, etc. can be obtained by contacting our township offices at (847)683-9464, or you can contact my office for more information at (847)683-4485.

Lastly, it is always important to remember roads near open fields can be very different than those within the Village. Plan accordingly and always be cautious of ice patches that form on the roads beneath the branches of trees that extend over the road way. (Cont. p. 5)

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In this last month or two before the snow starts to fall, we will be out trimming trees. If you are aware of a tree that has become a problem and it is on Township property, please give us a call, (847)683-4485.

SUPERVISOR from p. 1

Elgin – Monday, Tuesday – mornings

Wednesday – mornings & afternoon

Sycamore – Thursday – morning

Huntley – Friday – morning

Tuesday - afternoon

St. Charles – Thursday – afternoon

Hampshire – Monday, Friday – afternoon

We ask that you make your morning appointments between 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., and the afternoon appointments between 1p.m. and 3 p.m. We have also added a Friday trip to the Huntley Wal-Mart for those of you that just need to get out and do a little light shopping. We leave around 8a.m. on Friday and return by 10:30 a.m. If you, or someone you know could benefit from our program, please call Patty at (224)828-0446.

Lastly, we love our Seniors here in the Township and one of our residents/employee has brought to my attention the increasing number of Alzheimer diagnoses. She is an incredible advocate for educating the community about this illness. She has arranged for some experts to come and provide a presentation here at the Township. Please join us. While reservations are not required to attend, we strongly encourage you to let us know if you are interested in attending so we have plenty of handouts and more importantly DONUTS! There is no cost for this program. We hope to see you there.

DEMENTIA

What Is Dementia?

What Do I Look For?

How Does It Affect Other Diseases?

With the growing number of people being diagnosed with dementia, these are very



real questions that need answers. 50% of all Seniors 85 years old or older will have some type of dementia, but many people in their 40s, 50s, 60s, & 70s are being diagnosed with it today.

Everyone knows someone who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's, the #1 Dementia. But there are so many other diseases attached to it. Parkinson's, Lewy –Bodies, Vascular, & Huntington Disease are just a few.

If a loved one is showing these signs, it's time to see a neurologist:

-Withdrawal from social activities

-Losing track of dates, times, & locations

-Have difficulty completing familiar daily tasks

Please join us on **December 3rd** for a free educational meeting on **"The 10 Signs of Alzheimer's"** courtesy of the Alzheimer's Organization.

Hampshire Township Building

December 3, 2016

170 Mill St. Hampshire

10:00 AM-11:30 AM

Coffee & Donuts @ 9:45 AM

Burlington Hampshire Area Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open Monday, November 14th from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. and on Saturday, November 19th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for our Thanksgiving distribution. Our Christmas Distributions will be on Monday, December 12th from 8:30 a.m. until 10:00a.m. and on Saturday, December 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Clients are welcome to come either time, but just once each month. New clients need to bring a picture ID and a utility bill to prove residency. We are a faith-based Pantry; if you need food, we are more than glad to help you by giving you food. If you have questions, please call (224)400-7130.



HAMPSHIRE-HENPECK HCE

Our mission is to enhance the lives of individuals and families through quality educational programs and experiences, encouraging responsible leadership and service to the community.

Our activities and Lessons for Learning include guest speakers, lectures, and handouts on a variety of subjects, including health issues and safety concerns, and always popular field trips. We also do craft and Christmas projects. This year we will enjoy an Ecuadorian International Luncheon at La Humita Restaurant on November 9th. These events provide ample time for question and answer sessions and an opportunity to enjoy conversation and refreshments.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month and most meetings are at the Heartland Bank, Route 72 and Warner, Hampshire, IL at 12:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the free presentations and meetings.

For more information, please contact Geraldine Rizik, (847)683-2784 or Barbara Janicak, (847)946-4696.

St. Charles Borromeo

St. Charles Borromeo School Raffle Calendar Fundraiser opens November 1st. Buy a \$25 calendar and have 365 chances to win up to \$1000! All funds raised directly benefit our students. Call the school office at (847)683-3450 or Jodi Heine at (847)376-1628 for more information and to purchase calendars. On November 11 there will be a Veteran's Day Breakfast. We are asking our Veterans to help teach the next generation about selfless service to our country. Call the St. Charles Borromeo School office for more information and to register to attend.

January 10, 2017 is Culver's Scoopie Night. Eat to donate at Culver's in Huntley between 4 p.m.-8 p.m. A portion of the sales goes directly to St Charles Borromeo School. January 29 is Catholic Schools Week.

There will be an open House at St. Charles Borromeo School following 10:45 a.m. mass at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

THE SALVATION ARMY GOLDEN DINERS PROGRAM



What Is It?

The program is twofold:

1) Congregate Sites

2) Meals for Homebound Seniors

Congregate Sites: The program offers not only an opportunity to have a good meal, but it also encourages seniors to come out and enjoy lunch with their peers at one of our community dining sites. Some sites have activities surrounding the meal times.

Although there are several sites in Kane County, the two closest are in Elgin. If you are interested in having lunch, please contact Golden Diners at (630)232-6676 four days prior with the location you would like to attend:

Elgin Senior Services

101 S. Grove St.

Elgin Mon-Wed-Fri (11:30 AM)

Judson College

1151 N State St., Elgin

Mon-Fri (11:00 AM)

Meals for Homebound Seniors: Those who are unable to get out, or who are unable to shop or prepare meals on their own, can have meals brought to their homes. Delivery of the meal also provides a "well-being" check on the senior each day. To start the process for home delivered meals, please contact Elgin Senior Services @ (847)741-0404.

What is the Cost? The actual cost of the meal averages \$6.50. We suggest a donation of \$3.50 per meal, but **no one is turned away due to an inability to pay.**

If you have any other questions please call The Salvation Army Golden Diners @ (630)232-6676.

Children's snowmobile safety class –

Saturday, November 12, 2016

7:30 a.m.

Call Linda Gustafson at (847)683-2671



NOVEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Sr. Yoga	4 HHS – fall play 7:00 p.m.	5 HHS – fall play 7:00 p.m.
6	7	8 HHS -Wind Ensemble 7:00 p.m.	9	10 Sr. Yoga HHS – orchestra concert 7:00p.m.	11	12 Lion’s Club meat raffle Snowmobile safety class
13	14 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry	15 Hampshire Henpeck	16	17 Sr. Yoga	18	19 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry Snowmobile Meat raffle
20	21	22	23	24 Thanksgiving	25 VA Mobile Clinic – Del Webb	26
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Sr. Yoga HHS – band concert 7:00 p.m.	2	3 Dementia/Alzheimer presentation
4 HMS -Santa comes to town	5	6	7	8 Sr. Yoga	9 HHS – Madrigal dinner 7:00 p.m.	10 HHS – Madrigal dinner 7:00 p.m.
11 HHS – Madrigal dinner 7:00 p.m.	12 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry	13	14	15 Sr. Yoga	16	17 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry
18	19	20 Hampshire Henpeck	21 Spaghetti Dinner 12:00 p.m.	22 Sr. Yoga	23 VA Mobile Clinic Del Webb	24
25 Christmas	26	27	28	29 Sr. Yoga	30	31 New Year’s Eve

JANUARY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 Sr. Yoga	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Sr. Yoga	13	14 Lion's Club Fund Raiser
15	16 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry	17 Hampshire Henpeck	18	19 Sr. Yoga HHS – jazz concert 7:00 p.m.	20	21 Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry
22	23	24	25	26 Sr. Yoga	27 VA Mobile Clinic – Del Webb	28
29	30	31				

CALENDAR ACTIVITY LOCATIONS:

Hampshire Burlington Food Pantry – 147 Mill Ave. Hampshire, IL

Monday 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM Saturday 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Hampshire Henpeck HCE – Heartland Bank 12:30 p.m.

VA Mobile Clinic Del Webb – 12860 Del Webb Blvd - 9:30 AM– 1:30 PM

Dementia/Alzheimer's Presentation – Township Office 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

170 Mill St.

Sr. Yoga - Hampshire Township Community Room – 10:00 a.m.

170 Mill St.

Lion's Club Meat Raffle - 4:30 p.m. - ???

Corkshire, The Kave, Red Ox

Proceeds donated to help those with Autism

Lion's Club Fund Raiser – Eagle's Club –

Gilberts, IL

Proceeds to help the Gehringer family

Hampshire Snowmobile Club Children's Safety Class – 7:30 a.m.

Township Building

Meat Raffle -7:00 p.m.

Corkshire

Spaghetti Dinner - Faithway Baptist Church

195 Washington Ave – 12:00 p.m.