



Village of Hopkins Park

From the Mayor's Desk

Mayor Mark A. Hodge

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Link to Village Consumer Confidence report:

<http://hopkinspark-il.gov/blog/category/Water-Department>

Check Our Face Book Page : For On-Going Community Updates

Contact Us:

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SPREAD THE WORD!!! (tell your friends & family) ***FREE Shots, One Day Dog Clinic Saturday, July 22nd***

10:00 am-2:00 pm :

Hosted by Village of Hopkins Park & Kankakee County Humane Foundation.

Location: Church of the Cross/Village of Hopkins Park

13043 E. 2260 S. Road, Pembroke Township, IL 60958

This is a 1st come 1st served event!

FREE Movies Every Thursday Night:

E-Z Outdoor Movie Theater presents the Pembroke/Hopkins Park Outdoor Movie Series for Summer 2017.

Movies are Thursday's at Rodeo Park beginning July 6th at dusk. This year's sponsors include: HomeStar Bank, People's Bank, Dave Baron - Author of "*Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes*", IL State Senator Toi Hutchinson, Kankakee County State's Attorney Jim Rowe and The Village of Hopkins Park.

July 20th will be Glow In The Dark Night; all children will receive a surprise give-away. August 3rd will be pajama night. **Popcorn is free.** Parents must accompany children. Residents are encouraged to **bring chairs, blankets, repellent** and create memories! In the event of rain, the movie will be rescheduled.

Village of Hopkins Park Land Purchase:

The Village Board of Trustees approved Ordinance No. 2017-O-04: Purchase of Real Estate. The Village of Hopkins Park will acquire the property located behind Village Hall. This parcel of land is the area that has been used for many years as the "Parking Lot" for staff and residents. The lot runs behind Village Hall, Pembroke Township and Pembroke Road District next to the water tower.

What Happened to Land Donated to Lord Lamb's Ministry? Hoekstra Will Donate Proceeds from Village Land Purchase and Vacant Lot:

Robert "Bob" Hoekstra has given to our community once again. The land originally donated to Lord Lamb's Ministry Food Pantry (Bruce & Lillian Spencer) for their new building would have been in the parking lot of Village Hall, creating an overwhelming crowd for the space. The Village of Hopkins Park agreed to purchase this land from Bob Hoekstra and he donated the proceeds of that land purchase to the food pantry. In addition to donating the cash proceeds, Bob Hoekstra also donated another parcel of land for their new facility. This site is east of the Village Hall.

This concludes heartfelt negotiations between the Village of Hopkins Park and Bruce & Lillian Spencer. Everyone has come out ahead! The pantry has a better space that will accommodate their needs, and additional money added to their building fund, while the Village of Hopkins Park will own the parking lot behind Village Hall. **We want to Thank Bob Hoekstra, Bruce & Lillian Spencer for their kindness and commitment to our community.**

Village of Hopkins Park Staff:

Clerk: Ieshia Shields
Deputy Clerk: Phyllis Goodloe
Treasurer: Kent Nichols
Water Clerk: Lorraine Rogers
Water Oper: Vermell Lockett
Code Enforcer/Building Inspector: Bruce Collins
Water & Sewer Operators:
Ollie Paino
Eugene Thomas
Grounds Maintenance:
Cleveland Brown

Board of Trustees:

Samanthia Baines
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Lonnie Jarrett
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Tonia Thomas

Attorney: James Bartley



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Recognizing Maintenance Staff for Outstanding Work:

The Village of Hopkins Park Maintenance Staff; Ollie Paino Supervisor, Cleveland Brown, and Eugene Thomas have done an exceptional job keeping the Village of Hopkins Park grounds clean and well groomed. Our park and properties are a prime example of how our entire Village should be maintained; please help our staff by doing your part. **Please don't litter or dump in your yard, community parks or on the roads.**

Congratulations Deputy Chief Willie Hunt:

Former Hopkins Park Police Officer Willie Hunt has been promoted from City of Kankakee Police Lieutenant to Deputy Police Chief. Please join us in congratulating him.

United States EPA Removal of Tainted Soil

Prime Example of Illegal Dumping in Our Community:

In early May, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began removing contaminated soil and drums at an abandoned site on 3000 South Road near 17000 East Road, Pembroke Township. The U.S. EPA believes the nearly 2-acre property which is wooded with few nearby residents, was used as an illegal dump site and tire burning.

During the first inspection of the site, numerous hazards were found including car parts, tires, and unlabeled drums and containers. Lab data from soil sampling showed concentrations of lead and pesticides that exceed the U.S. EPA safety standards. The U.S. EPA dug up the lead and pesticide contaminated soil, and replaced the excavated dirt with clean topsoil and restored the area.

This site is a prime example of what illegal dumping does to our community. Many outsiders and local residents abuse our land by dumping trash, tires, drums and all types of debris and/or garbage on our roads and vacant lots. This disregard for our community needs to stop, we encourage anyone who witness illegal dumping to write down the license plate number of offenders and report them to The Village of Hopkins Park and local authorities.

Water & Sewer Rates:

While no resident enjoys paying water & sewer bills, we all understand that it's a necessity. The Village of Hopkins Park has maintained our aging infrastructure keeping the residential rates at \$26.00 for water and \$24.00 for sewer, totaling \$50.00 per month if you have both utilities. This is far more bearable than our neighboring community that received a proposed rate increase published in a local newspaper which could raise water & sewer rates from \$107.43 to \$129.44. To our residents this is a prime example on how the current administration is committed to providing quality services at affordable rates.

AMAZON NOW HIRING!!

Warehouse Associates at their New Facility in Monee.

For More Information Contact

Kankakee Work Force

815-802-8960

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August 23, 2017 12:00 – 3:00 P.M.

JOB FAIR!!

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