

## **Village of Hopkins Park**

### From the Mayor's Desk Mayor Mark A. Hodge

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Mayor Mark A. Hodge

Newsletter

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

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## SPREAD THE WORD!!! (tell your friends& family) PEMBROKE RODEO:

Saturday & Sunday May 27-28, 2017 @ 3:00 pm 12029 E. 5000 E Road, St Anne, IL Come out and enjoy a tradition of Hopkins Park and Pembroke Township!!! (for more info. 815-342-3777)

#### <u>VETERAN MEMORIAL SERVICE:</u> <u>HOSTED BY NABVETS:</u>

### Monday May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Service Starts @ 11:00 AM

Angel of Peace Cemetery, 12626 E. Central, Pembroke Twp. IL
Citizens & Veterans are welcome to attend the Grave Initiative & Memorial
Bench Installation Day Ceremony!!! Come out and show support for
Veterans who have served to protect our freedom.

# Congratulations; New Township Supervisor & Other Elected Officials

Township Supervisor Brenda Miles a lifelong resident of the community was sworn into office on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, along with Trustees: Lillie Spencer, Fred Carter, Phyllis Goodloe and Patricia Echols. The Village of Hopkin Park Mayor, Board of Trustees and Staff look forward to working with Supervisor Miles and the Pembroke Township Board of Trustees to provide the best resources and services possible for our community.

Pembroke Township special meeting held Tuesday, May 23, 2017 announced vacancies for the following positions: Head Cook for the Seniors; Maintenance/Janitorial for the Senior and Township buildings; Meter Reader and Maintenance for Water Department; and Accountant or CPA. Applications available at: Township, Village, Library and Post Office, return all applications to Township.

## Congratulations; Mayor Wells-Armstrong:

Mayor Hodge attended the ceremony as Chasity Wells-Armstrong was sworn into office as the 1<sup>st</sup> African American to serve as Mayor for the City of Kankakee. What an honor and pleasure to witness such a historic event.

#### Village Board Approves Audit:

For the first time in many years The Village of Hopkins Park Board of Trustees approved a completed audit. This audit includes: Statement of Activities and Revenue, Expenditures, Fund Balances, Governmental Funds and recommendations to improve the overall financial standing of the Village.

#### <u>Village of Hopkins Park</u> 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 Louis Barnes Rosemary Foster Lonnie Jarrett Ruthel Teague Tonia Thomas

**Attorney:** James Bartley



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#### Spanish Translation Error:

The Village of Hopkins Park would like to acknowledge a Spanish translation error made in a mailing regarding the Inter-Governmental Policing Agreement. Riding off road vehicles/ATV's, translated in error to; Horse riding of road vehicles/ATV's. IT'S OK TO RIDE HORSES ON THE ROADS IN OUR COMMUNITY. The Village now has someone to assist with translations when needed.

#### Amended Off Road Vehicle Ordinance:

For the safety of our children, Off Road Vehicles Ordinance # 2016-O-07 has been amended. NO Off Road Vehicles/ATV's ALLOWED AT RODEO PARK. You are not allowed to ride any MOTORIZED VEHICLE (Off Road, ATV, Motorized Bikes...) in the park or playground area. This Ordinance has a provision for a fine per offence not less than \$100 and no more than \$750. Please be mindful children should never ride motorized vehicles without an adult. Always use lights at night and be certain your break lights work. Many in the community, including the Mayor enjoy riding ATV's. Follow the IL rules of the road. For more information on the rules visit; http://law.onecle.com/illinois/625ilcs5/11-1426.1.html

#### New Loitering Ordinance in Effect:

As a result of numerous complaints from citizens regarding loitering at the CITGO station on Main Street, the Village of Hopkins Park Board of Trustees passed a new Loitering Ordinance #2017-O-03. To better protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

- No person shall park any motor vehicle on the property of CITGO unless purchasing goods from the establishment.
- No person shall leave any motor vehicle parked at any CITGO gas pump when not fueling the vehicle or paying for the fuel. The Ordinance along with the Agency Agreement allow for the following penalties:

Vehicle towing & impoundment, cost of towing & storage paid by owner of vehicle.

#### Water Quality for Hopkins Park & Pembroke Twp.:

Often our water customers ask about the quality of our water. The Village of Hopkins Park water system supplies water to customers in the Village and the Township. Our water system is monitored and tested based on standards required by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH). On February 23, 2017 The Village received an Honorable Mention Award from IDPH for our high degree of compliance and water quality. Our goal is to communicate to the community that our water is safe and meets all regulations. Full testing results available at the Village Office.

#### Samanthia Baines Appointed Trustee:

On May 4<sup>th</sup> 2017, The Village of Hopkins Park Board of Trustees approved the appointment of Samanthia Baines to fill the vacated seat of Jamol Robinson. Samanthia Baines has resided in our community for many years. She has an extensive background in mental health, youth mentoring, and management. Mrs. Baines holds a double master's degree in management and public administration respectfully. Mrs. Baines values the youth in the community and is passionate about uplifting and motivating community residents. Samanthia Baines is married to Fire Chief Mark Baines.

#### New Pump Installation

The Village will be installing a new sewer pump at the Spinning Wheel lift station. The pump being replaced is part of the original infrastructure and has been in need of replacement for some time. The cost for the new sewer pump is \$21,000.

