



Village of Hopkins Park

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September 29th Community Meeting @ 6:30PM:

The Pembroke/Hopkins Park Task Force is sponsoring a Community Meeting to discuss recent plans the Nature Conservancy and US Fish & Wildlife have for the area we call home. These plans were started in 1997 and then placed on hold until recently.

Nature Conservancy owns 290 parcels of land, about 2,522 acres throughout Hopkins Park & Pembroke Twp. Currently 247 acres are restricted for use by the community; this land is now considered "Dedicated Nature Preserves."

The meeting will be held at the Village of Hopkins Park (aka Church of the Cross) 13043 E. 2260 S. Road. Pembroke Township IL 60958, TO INFORM EVERYONE OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO STOP THEM!!

DeYoung Farms Mowing for Pembroke Day:

Special Thanks; to Scott & Tom DeYoung for their hard work in preparing the community for the Pembroke Parade; mowing the ditches along Central & Main



Awesome Job Pembroke Day Committee:

(Tonia Thomas, Terry Roundtree, Julia Brewer, Pearl Trigleth, & Supervisor Sharon White)

Thank you for preparing a wonderful weekend of events for the community. The parade was well organized; the children's events and activities captured their attention. The vendors were prepared for the public and the added security provided peace and calm throughout. The music and live entertainment was excellent, Sundays Gospel Fest outstanding. Resulting in a perfect weekend.

Also, congratulations to the Pembroke Township 2016 Royal Court:
Queen; Robreanna Chapman, King; Nazir Smith, Princess; Roniya Gibbs

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Farm Bureau Community Meeting:

On August 24th, 2016

Hosted by: Chad Miller, Manager, Kankakee County Farm Bureau,
Presenters: John Zumwalt, Ford-Iroquois Farm Bureau Board & farmer in Iroquois County; Lyndsey Ramsey, Illinois Farm Bureau Associate Director of Natural & Environmental Resources; Mark Hodge, Mayor Hopkins Park; Sharon White, Pembroke Twp Supervisor; Bob Thurston and Robert Inman from Southern Illinois who live and farm near the Cypress Creek US Fish & Wildlife Service's Refuge: Comments were made by others who attended a field trip to Cypress Creek and witness the devastation of a community as a result of the organization that created the Wildlife refuge.

This group like so many others oppose:

- State or Federal wildlife refuges, recreational or conservation area without clearly defining property for acquisition.
- Any effort to establish buffer areas without just compensation to affected landowners.
- The creation or expansion of local, state & federal refuges in the county of more than two percent of the total acreage in the county.
- The formation of state or national wildlife refuges that impede the existing natural & artificial drainage systems of landowners in the watershed.
- The continued encroachment of federal and state agencies and local government on agricultural forest and land/homeowners.

Tomika A. Talley-Smith Community Volunteer:

The Village of Hopkins Park would like to recognize Tomika A. Talley-Smith the owner of E-Z Outdoor Movie Theaters who presented an Outdoor Summer Movie Series for Pembroke Township/Hopkins Park residents.

Events sponsored by: Kankakee Auditor Deborah Willard Woodruff, IL State Senator Toi Hutchinson, HomeStar Bank, and Attorney Jim Rowe. This year all funds were donated to Lord's Lamb Ministry Food Pantry for their building efforts.

In addition to the movie series, she works with Empowered Men Network to organize a series of clinics designed to meet the needs of the men of Pembroke/Hopkins Park; such as driver's license restoration (held in June), Expungement of criminal records (being held in October), job search skills and resume writing (held in December).

She has hosted the Pembroke Day Talent Showcase, Motown Night at Lorenzo Smith, and more. She believes the people are the greatest asset of Pembroke Township." Thank you Tomika for your dedication to the community.

Main Sewer Plant Overhaul:

The main sewer plant is undergoing a major overhaul; the Village of Hopkins Park infrastructure will be receiving complete replacement of one water pump, rails and saddle. A much needed improvement to our aging sewer system.

The \$25,000 needed to fund this project will be provided through the Village of Hopkins Park Sewer Fund Savings Account, a result of excellent financial management over the past year.

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