

Hampton View

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CLOSED ALL STATE**HOLIDAYS****UPCOMING COUNCIL
MEETINGS**

All board meetings are held at
the Village Hall 520 First Ave-
nue, Hampton at 6:30pm unless
otherwise noted.

February 9th

February 23rd

Message from the President

Greetings fellow citizens,

I hope the winter has not been too hard on you. It's very exciting to see the sun out later and later every day it always feels like if we can make it to March then we've got it made.

We're going to be making a date change for Hampton Days this year. We're looking to do the concert on Friday night August 21st and our regular schedule events on Saturday, August 22nd. We will be posting more details as they become available.

I recently had the pleasure of representing the Heritage Center at the 2026 Jaycees Bridal Fair. I was actually surprised how many people came up and said that they had attended weddings, birthday parties, baby showers and other events at the center. They were well familiar with our facility. I believe the Heritage Center is the best kept secret in the Quad Cities.

Public Works has cleared out a lot of shoreline down by the river. They will be doing a lot of work on the beds around the building, so this spring and summer it's going to look as good.

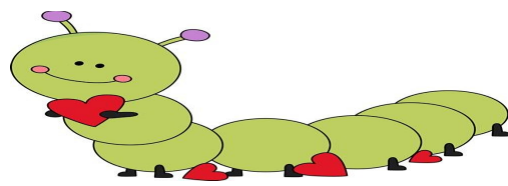
As far as Village business goes, we're starting budget talks at our February meetings and those will continue all the way up till the end of April.



Stay safe and Happy Valentine's Day.

Christopher Bornhoeft
Village President

DID YOU KNOW.....



150 years ago on the 22nd day of April, 1876, there were returns of an election held on the lawn of Hampton, voting “for or against Village organization under the General Law.” The Judge of the County Court, Samuel D Guyer, called to his assistance, M.L. Pinkley and S.F. Cooke, two Justices of the Peace of said County, the following is the result of the canvass: “For the Village organization under the general law, 74 votes, against Village organization under the general law, 9 votes.” Thus began the President and Board of Trustees!

The village was originally in territory claimed by the Sauk and Meskwaki Native Americans, and several Woodland era Native mounds are located in the village limits, and in the adjacent Illiniwek Forest Preserve.

The village in 1834 was platted as "Milan" (not the village 13 miles south-southwest in Illinois). The "paper town" did not sell initially because of the swampy riverfront, and being adjacent to the north end of the Rock Island Rapids. However, settlers drained the swamps by the end of the 19th century, and the village was founded as Hampton. Black's Store, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, was the first mercantile store to open in Northwest Illinois.

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Upcoming Events at The Hampton Heritage Center

- ♦ Valentine's Day Crafts February 12th 1:00pm
- ♦ Trivia at the Heritage Center March 12th 1:00pm
- ♦ Painting at the Heritage Center April 9th 1:00pm

For more information, please email eastmolinepl@eastmolinelibrary.org or call 309-755-9614



YOGA AT THE HERITAGE CENTER

Mike Tappero offers donation based yoga at the Heritage Center (donations benefit local animal welfare organizations).

Yoga classes are every Monday and Thursday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

