

HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

The official newsletter of the Village of Hopewell



MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE

The Village of Hopewell is proud to share that it has taken the Mayors' Monarch Pledge, affirming its commitment to protecting Monarch butterflies and other important pollinators.

By taking this pledge, the Village recognizes the important role pollinators play in maintaining healthy ecosystems and supporting native biodiversity. We look forward to identifying practical measures that will help protect and encourage Monarch populations and other beneficial pollinators throughout the community.

Hopewell's natural setting is one of its greatest assets, and this pledge reflects an ongoing commitment to responsible stewardship of the landscape. Through thoughtful planning and actions, the Village hopes to help preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the community for current residents and for future generations.

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MULTIPLE VACANCIES

There are several open positions within the Village of Hopewell. Please see details below and send an email to president@villageofhopewell.com if you are interested. These positions are part-time/flexible.

Treasurer

The treasurer is appointed to the position by the Board of Trustees and has no set term. The Treasurer is responsible for providing trustees with financial reports monthly, accounts receivable/payable, and employee payroll. They also work with an outside accounting firm for the annual audit or other financial needs.

[View job description.](#)

Maintenance Manager

The Maintenance Manager is hired by the board of trustees, and is responsible for prioritizing roads/grounds work to be completed, scheduling maintenance staff, coordinating jobs with contractors, maintaining equipment maintenance logs, and other duties as directed by the board of trustees.

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Trustee (2 open seats)

Trustees are appointed by the President and confirmed by the sitting board members. Trustees agree to attend each board meeting which is held on the 3rd Tuesday every month. They will ensure that long-range planning is integrated into the board and committee decisions, and also protect the financial, physical, human capital, and other assets of the village.

[View job description.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Village of Hopewell is planning several upcoming events for the community.

Plant and Seed Swap

May 17th, 2026

We are inviting all of the community to come together to exchange, donate, or trade seeds, cuttings, and starter plants on May 17th at the park. There will be “butterfly mix” seed packets available for residents as well, to help strengthen our pollinator habitats throughout Hopewell (see Monarch Pledge on page 1). We are also asking for volunteers who would like to help clean up and replant the pollinator area around the sign in the park.

Garage Sales

June 6th 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Our annual village wide garage sales are scheduled for June 6th. Please email clerk@villageofhopewell.com if you'll be participating and would like to be put on the map.

Dumpster

June 13th Hours TBD

As part of Hopewell's contract with GFL there will be a dumpster available at Village Hall on June 13th. Residents MUST adhere to the rules and guidelines for dumpsters provided by GFL.

We are asking for any volunteers to help with the drop off process. If you are interested in helping please contact technologychair@villageofhopewell.com or president@villageofhopewell.com.

Paint night at the park

TBD

Paint a monarch butterfly with one of Hopewell's very own artists.



INVASIVE PLANTS

Invasive plant species can spread quickly and overwhelm native landscapes, making it harder for beneficial plants, pollinators, birds, and other wildlife to thrive. They often outcompete native species for sunlight, water, and space, which can reduce biodiversity and change the natural character of woodlands, prairies, ditches, and residential areas. Once established, invasive plants can also be difficult and expensive to remove.

Residents should also be aware that many invasive plants are regulated under the Illinois Exotic Weeds Act. Learning to identify these species is an important step in protecting local natural areas and private property. For more details on common invasive species found in Hopewell, including photos and management information, [please visit the website](#).

Common invasive plants in Illinois include:

- Tree of heaven
- Garlic mustard
- Roundleaf bittersweet
- Poison hemlock
- Teasels
- Russian olive
- Thorny olive
- Autumn olive
- Leafy spurge
- Lesser celandine
- Glossy buckthorn
- Giant hogweed
- Sericea lespedeza
- Winter honeysuckle
- Japanese honeysuckle
- Amur honeysuckle
- Morrow's honeysuckle
- Tatarian honeysuckle
- Purple loosestrife
- Japanese stiltgrass
- Amur corktree
- Kudzu
- Callery pear
- Japanese knotweed
- Giant knotweed
- Bohemian knotweed
- Saw-toothed buckthorn
- Common buckthorn
- Dahurian buckthorn
- Japanese buckthorn
- Chinese buckthorn
- Multiflora rose
- Salt cedars
- Black swallow-wort
- Pale swallow-wort