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HOPEWELL HAPPENINGS

The official newsletter of the Village of Hopewell



FALL GATHERING AT THE PARK

Join your neighbors at the park on Saturday, October 17th, for an evening of food, games, and fall fun!

The festivities kick off at 4:00 p.m. with a bounce house, yard games, kids' games, fresh popcorn and music.

Around 5:30 we'll have brats, burgers, and hotdogs. There will be chips, water, and soda available as well. Feel free to bring your own beverage of choice, and if you'd like, a dish or dessert to share with neighbors.

Straw bales and picnic tables will be set up, but we encourage you to bring a lawn chair or blanket for extra comfort

Come out, enjoy the crisp fall air, and connect with your neighbors.

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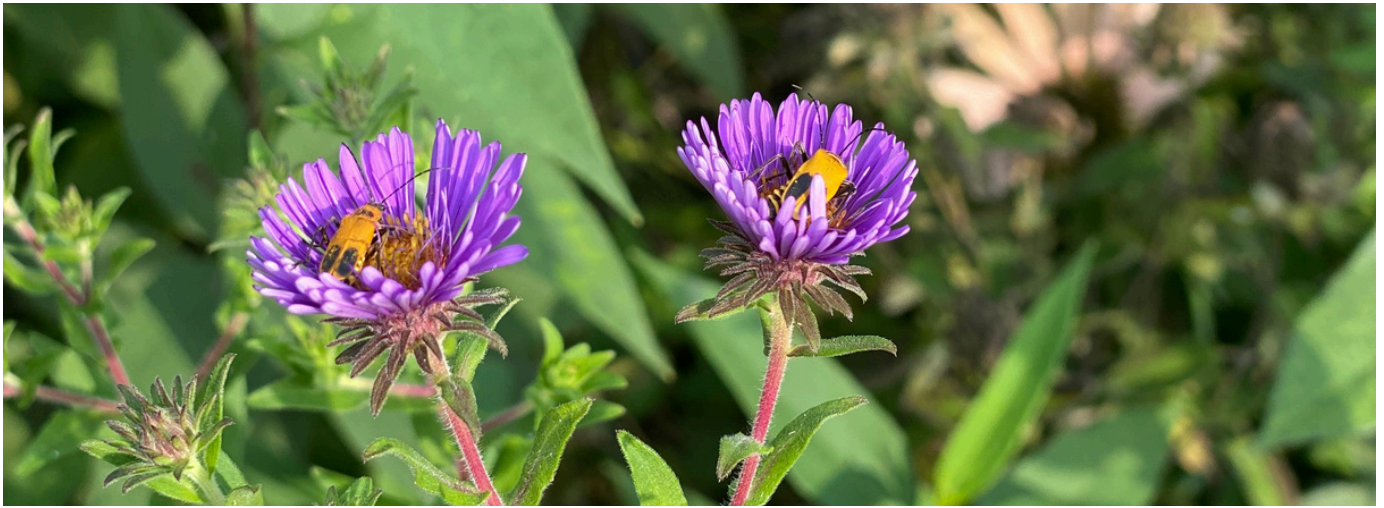
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SPRING 2027 ELECTION INFORMATION

Election petitions are now available for the upcoming Village of Hopewell Consolidated election on April 6th, 2027. On the ballot are three Trustee seats and the Village Clerk.

A Town Hall meeting will be held at Village Hall on October 20th at 6:30 pm for those who are interested in learning more or getting on the ballot.

A few important things to know:

1. Candidates must have been a resident of the Village for at least one year to serve on the Board.
2. Each candidate must complete an election petition and have it notarized.
3. Candidates must collect at least seven signatures from qualified Hopewell voters.
4. Hopewell is nonpartisan, so there is no caucus--candidates may circulate petitions independently.
5. The current Village Clerk will not be seeking re-election, so the Clerk position will be open at the end of the current term.
6. November 16th, 2026 – November 23rd, 2026 is the period to file nomination papers with the Village Clerk

Serving as a Trustee or Clerk is a great way to have a direct voice in the future of our community. As a small municipality, we depend on residents who are willing to give their time and experience to help make decisions about our roads, water system, finances, and the overall direction of Hopewell.

You don't need to have all the answers or be an expert in local government. A willingness to learn, participate, and contribute your time can make a meaningful difference.

More election information and petition packets are available on our website:

<https://villageofhopewell.com/election/>



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.

Maintenance Manager

The Maintenance Manager oversees the Village's day-to-day maintenance needs, including prioritizing roads and grounds work, coordinating maintenance staff and contractors, and keeping equipment and maintenance records up to date. This is a hands-on leadership opportunity for someone who is organized, dependable, and interested in helping keep the Village's roads, grounds, and equipment safe and well maintained. The position pays \$22.50 per hour.

Clerk

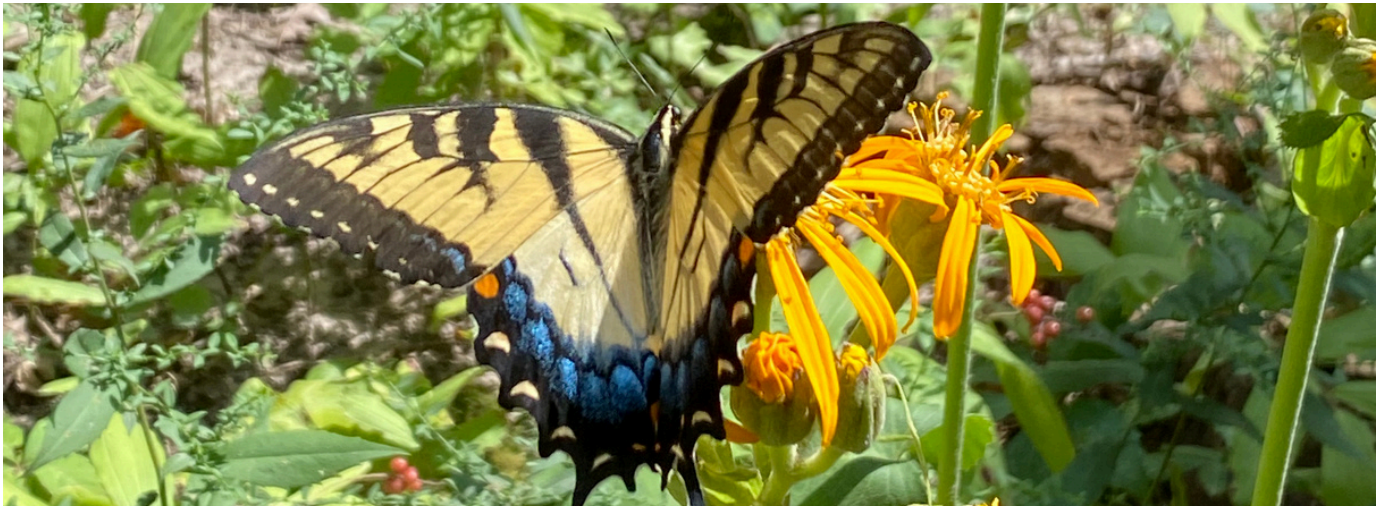
The Village Clerk is responsible for supporting the day-to-day administrative operations of the Village, including maintaining records, preparing meeting materials and minutes, preparing and sending correspondence, and assisting residents with questions and requests. This is a great opportunity for an organized, dependable individual who enjoys working with the community and wants to play an important role in supporting your local government. Compensation is set at \$350 per month by village ordinance.

The Village Clerk position is on the ballot for Spring 2027.

Trustee

Village Trustees work with the Village President and fellow board members to help guide the community and make decisions on local issues, services, and projects. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to get involved, contribute ideas, and play an active role in helping shape the future of Hopewell.

Two trustee positions will be on the ballot for Spring 2027.



A NEW TOOL FOR TACKLING ROADSIDE BRUSH

The Village is testing a new rotary drum brush cutter that attaches to the front of our tractor. We're hoping this will make it much easier to clear the invasive trees and brush that have been growing along our roads and in the ditches.

Because the cutter is mounted on the tractor's loader, it can be adjusted to follow the different slopes and terrain throughout Hopewell. It can also reach branches up to about 15 feet off the ground. The cutter shreds the trees and brush as it works, which means we should be able to avoid the extra work of hauling away and burning the larger piles of limbs.

If the test goes well, this could save the Village a significant amount of money and reduce the amount of time our workers have to spend clearing trees by hand.

For everyone's safety, please stay away from the front of the tractor while the cutter is operating, as it can throw debris. And as always, please slow down and use extra caution when you see our work crews along the roads. We appreciate your help keeping everyone safe!

