

REGIONAL DOG OFFICERS/POUND

(Serving Hampden and Monson)

DOGS PUT DOWN (EUTHANASIA) 3
DOGS ADOPTED ?

Why is there a question mark on the last statistic? Well, it's kind of hard to figure. Let's see, we had litters of puppies with mothers..and litters without mothers..dogs adopted out 2 or 3 times each..or dogs that were given away because someone was going to put them down (and we couldn't watch that happen). There is always a long story connected to each dog. For the last 3 years I have tried to keep a running total in my head of how many dogs we helped find a home for. In 1991, I remember 53 dogs that found homes through our efforts.

Well, let's go back to statistics:

DOGS PICKED UP AND CLAIMED BY OWNERS 18
DEAD DOGS FOUND AND DELIVERED TO VET TO BE BURIED 2

I would also like to report that in 1991 there was a major change (for the better!!) at the Regional Dog Pound. An office was built onto the pound, done mostly by volunteers with donations of materials. Future Dog Officers will never know the agony that every Hampden and/or Monson Dog Officer has gone through in the past by "running the show" out of their homes. The citizen that I would like to thank the most in this office construction project is Brian "Mushy" Mushenko. I would also like to thank all of my crazy friends who helped me, and the towns - we thank you from the bottoms of your wallets!!

Dog Pound Fines and Charges currently are:

\$50.00 for no proof of current rabies vaccination
\$15.00 for no proof of dog being licensed
\$10.00 for temporary license
\$10.00 for leash violation (increases each violation per year)
\$ 3.00 per day for care and custody of dog

So, you're looking at, at least, an \$85.00 fine if your unvaccinated, unlicensed dog (or dogs - \$85/each) is found loose off of your property. You can bet that this will be strictly enforced in the future. For those thinking, "Well, they can keep the dog for that much.." THAT is abandonment, which is a \$500 fine, plus all other charges that apply on top of it. Take my advice: license your dog, and take care of your dog and your family!

Sincerely submitted,
Richard "Oak" O'Connor
Debra O'Connor
Regional Dog Officers

As the Animal Inspector for the town of Hampden,
I would like to report the following for the year 1991:

	GRADE	PUREBRED	
Number of Dairy Cows over two years	<u>13</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Heifers one to two years	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Calves under one year	<u>13</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Bulls	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Steers	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Dairy Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	<u>1</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Beef Cows over two years	<u>11</u>	<u>20</u>	
Number of Beef Heifers one to two years	<u>8</u>	<u>19</u>	
Number of Beef Calves under one year	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	
Number of Beef Bulls	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	
Number of Beef Steers	<u>7</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Beef Herds (one animal constitutes a herd)	<u>12</u>	<u> </u>	
Number of Oxen	<u>0</u>	Number of Swine	<u>3</u>
Number of Horses (work & saddle)	<u>167</u>	Number of Swine Herds	<u>1</u>
Number of Ponies	<u>39</u>	(one animal constitutes a herd)	
Number of Goats	<u>13</u>	Number of Poultry	<u>0</u>
Number of Sheep	<u>41</u>	(Farms consisting of 25 birds or more)	
		Number of Poultry Flocks	<u>0</u>

There were 8 dog bites and 1 cat bite reported.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Warner
Robin Warner

BRIMFIELD
HAMPDEN
HOLLAND
MONSON
WALES

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
DISTRICT OF EASTERN HAMPDEN COUNTY
MONSON, MASSACHUSETTS
01057

VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT
ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN OF HAMPDEN

In 1991 there were five families aided by the Veterans' Services Department.

The total amount expended during the year was \$7,676.64 of which 75% is reimbursed by the State, the towns share being \$1,919.16.

Under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the General Laws as amended, veterans and their dependents were granted financial assistance.

As a result of service work performed by the area office in Monson, veterans and their dependents in Hampden received a total of \$391,024 in Federal Benefits. The awards cover veterans non-service connected pensions, service connected compensation, retroactive awards and burial benefits.

Not only does the Veterans' Service Office process applications for financial assistance but also assists in filing applications for all VA Benefits which can result in bringing thousands of dollars in Federal Funds to applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn F. Bolaske
Director of Veterans'
Services

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

The Commissioners met several times during the year to take care of cemetery business. During the year twenty two interments were performed and several grave markers set. Several lots were sold in Old Cemetery with some graves still available there.

The Historical Society and several volunteers reset several of the older stones which had fallen over in Old Cemetery on Chapin Road. They are to be commended for a job well done.

This year again we are requesting that all winter decorations and all dead plants and old planters be removed from the graves by April 15 in preparation for the redecoration of the graves on Memorial Day.

Quarterly meetings of the Cemetery Commissioners are held at the Town House on the second Tuesday of January, April, July and October at 7:30 pm. Commissioners may be contacted at this time or at the telephone numbers listed below to conduct cemetery business.

Respectfully submitted,

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS:

Robert Sazama	3304
Richard Hatch	3963
Henry Dunwoody	3357

DUTCH ELM REPORT

A total of 7 diseased elm trees were cut down and removed from the following roadsides during the year 1991: Main Street, Scantic Road, Somers Road, Allen Street, Mountain Road, and Glendale Road.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
James A. Reardon
Superintendent of Insect Pest
Control

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

During the year 1991, the Town of Hampden showed a sizeable decrease in both the damage done to shade trees by gypsy moth and the number of egg clusters that were found and destroyed.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
James A. Reardon
Superintendent of Insect Pest
Control

REPORT OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks and Recreation Department experienced a transitional year in 1991. We wish to thank Maureen Coughlin for her many years of dedicated service to the Board. The Board welcomed two new members in 1991: Sandi Rovelli was elected in May and Patti Reardon was appointed in October to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Joy Delina.

Reservation requests for Memorial Park were very high this year. Hampden residents are using the Pavilion for birthday parties, anniversaries, family reunions and other special occasions. The Olde Engine Show, RAH Picnic and Town Fair were also held at the Park. The Board recommends that anyone wishing to reserve Memorial Park for an event should contact the Board as early as possible to avoid conflicts. The Park is available to all Hampden residents.

Vandalism at the Park was a serious problem in 1991. The baseball scoreboard suffered severe damage. Preventive measures have been taken to safeguard it from this type of senseless abuse. Also the pool had to be drained a second time to remove broken glass from the bottom. Playground equipment has had to be replaced or repaired due to abuse throughout the season. As vandalism causes an annoying and needless expense to the taxpayers, we hope that parents will remind children to respect the facilities and equipment they are using.

The pool was open for July and August. Jane Budynkewicz was our Swim Director and, together with her terrific staff of lifeguards, made sure all enjoyed a safe summer of pool fun. A total of four saves were made this summer. It is always reassuring to know that the pool was staffed by friendly and caring lifeguards. Our thanks to Jane and team - Rylan Grant, Sarah Hsaio, Vail Mosier, and Chris Hanrahan. A reminder to parents - Please do not leave any child at the pool unattended.

Larry Smith came on board as the Park General Maintenance person. The beautiful new lifeguard stands are thanks to Larry. He has done a terrific job of continuing to ensure Memorial Park is neat and tidy.

Tom Brennan assumed the job of Programs Coordinator. We have been researching past programs offered by the Parks and Rec Department and developing new ideas together. We hope to have some new programs available for town residents of all ages, such as Skating, Band Concerts, Swimming programs, etc. We welcome any suggestions.

The Memorial Park Summer Camp was a big success. Thanks to wonderful weather, the camp ran for five weeks without any cancellations. Attendance for the five weeks totaled 151 children. Each week had a different theme - Nature, Picnics, Wet & Wild, Camp Olympics, and Carnival. Jan Kibbe was the Camp Director. She assembled a great staff of enthusiastic counselors and counselors-in-training. Everyone involved was a Hampden resident. They made the camp a very fun place to be.

Camp was open to all Hampden residents four years old and up. It was held from 9AM to 12 Noon Monday through Friday. Arts and Crafts, Nature and Science, and various field activities were offered. There was also pool time each day. One of the most unique aspects of the Camp was "Sit in the Shade and Read" time. At snack time each day, books were available for the older children to read and stories were read for the younger children. Our camp tried to offer a well-rounded experience for the campers. We would like to thank everyone who was involved in the Summer Camp. It was a success thanks to your help!

The Commission thanks RAH for another fine year of sports programs for the children of Hampden. Due to the volunteer efforts of many people, baseball, basketball, soccer, and softball programs were successful.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7:30PM in the Town Hall. We encourage any and all interested residents to attend. We welcome any volunteers or suggestions for existing or new programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Glennice Flynn, Chair
David Kingsbury
Jim Hughes
Sandi Rovelli
Patti Reardon

RECREATION ASSOCIATION OF HAMPDEN

BOARD MEMBERS

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RUSS MORTON.....WAYS & MEANS
DICK DE SOUSA.....WAYS & MEANS

OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:30 PM IN THE TOWN HOUSE AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO ATTEND.

R.A.H. CURRENTLY SPONSORS JUNIOR T-BALL, INSTRUCTIONAL T-BALL, BASEBALL, SOFTBALL, SOCCER AND BASKETBALL.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL R.A.H. PICNIC WILL BE HELD IN JUNE. WE ARE AGAIN LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT. THIS FUND RAISER HELPS SUBSIDIZE THE PROGRAMS WE OFFER.

ON BEHALF OF THE R.A.H. BOARD I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL COACHES, COORDINATORS, ASSISTANT COACHES AND PARENTS FOR THEIR TIME AND HARD WORK WHICH HAS MADE OUR PROGRAMS AN OVERWHELMING SUCCESS.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

VIN VILLAMAINO
PRESIDENT

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

1991

BUILDING;

Houses:	16
Additions:	14
Alterations:	9
Sheds:	4
Barns:	0
Pools:	14
Porches:	10
Decks:	8
Stoves:	2
Commercial alter- ation:	1
Garages:	4
Renovations:	2
Handicap ramp: (Post Office)	1
Total:	85

INSPECTIONS BY FIRE CHIEF:

Smoke detectors:	45
Oil burners:	24
Propane Inspection:	12
Underground tank inspection:	1
Total:	82

ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS:

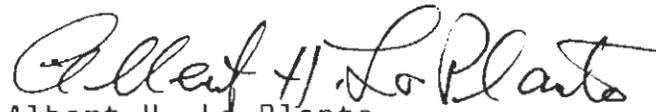
Total: 115

PLUMBING/GAS INSPECTIONS:

Total: 73

AHL/tb
1/92

Respectfully submitted:


Albert H. La Plante
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

The Computer Study Committee is an ongoing task committee organized by the Board of Selectmen in 1986. It was charged with the purpose of evaluating municipal functions to see if they could be helped by adding some level of computerization. In 1991, we made a recommendation that the Town invest in a Tax Collection system comprising of hardware and software that would assist the Tax Collector in tax collection and coordinating commitments and receipts with the Assessors and the Town Treasurer.

We surveyed 52 cities and towns in Massachusetts that were roughly equivalent to Hampden to see what they were using for this function. After evaluating the responses and reviewing them on-site and at installations in other towns, the Collector's System from Computer Productivity Associates of Amherst was chosen. In addition, a computer from Gateway 2000 was purchased for this function. This system provides good value and power for our present requirements, yet allows for future expansion. In addition, the computer system is also being used for the Town Clerk's census work that used to be done at a private firm.

Also during the past year the Committee has assisted other Town departments with their computer questions. Both the Council on Aging and the Hampden Public Library have purchased and installed computers this year to expand the range of services that they can provide their patrons.

The Committee has a master plan which we feel represents a prudent, fiscally responsible path for the Town to follow. In these tough economic times, it is sometimes difficult to recognize the advantages of capital investment in computers and software. We are always available to respond to any questions or inquiries that residents may have. We wholeheartedly welcome any suggestions and advice. We can be contacted through the Selectmen's office.

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Flynn, Chair
Robert Azar
Barbara Meyer
Jim Moriarty
Richard Rediker

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY 1991

Happy Birthday Hampden Public Library! The Hampden Public Library celebrated its 100th anniversary this year and many events were included in the year long celebration.

Anniversary events were coordinated by the Library staff and Trustees and the Friends of the Library. The year long celebration officially began at the opening reception in March. At the reception over 100 visitors were entertained by local resident, Joyce Libby, who performed a very special historical retrospective of the library's 100 year history. Visitors were also able to view historical newspaper clippings and listen to audiotapes from the library's oral history project. The media display and Mrs. Libby's presentation were made possible by an Arts Lottery grant.

Other highlights of the Library's Centennial Celebration included a poster and essay contest, a t-shirt and totebag sale, a family night musical program, and marching in the Memorial Day Parade. The celebration culminated with a lovely brass quartet concert at the gazebo at Thornton Burgess Middle School.

Winners of the anniversary essay contest were: Ryan Tynan, Nick Rooney, Jared DeSousa, Megan Lynch and Stephen Clines. Due to the overwhelming number of posters created by Green Meadows students the poster contest became a poster display and all entries were hung in the library. Many thanks to Green Meadows art teacher, Carol Gauthier, for her enthusiastic coordination of the poster "contest."

The theme of the 1991 Summer Reading Program was "The Summer Birthday Party." 167 children registered for the Reading Program and over 100 boys and girls read and reported on 950 books. Weekly programs included sidewalk art, clown magic, cake decorating and a wonderful adaptation of the Wizard of Oz play created and performed by the Young Adult Summer Reading Club.

We would like to thank Kerry Cesan for her fine job creating our "Birthday Bulletin Boards" for the Summer Reading Program. We would also like to thank the Friends of the Library for sponsoring many of the weekly programs and for providing paperback books for participants who completed the Summer Reading Program.

Many thanks to all our patrons for their continuing donations and support during 1991. We would also like to especially thank Dorothy Hauser and Bernice Margeson for all the many hours of volunteer service they gave to the library in 1991.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY P2

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM Thursday 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Wednesday 11:00 AM to 8:30 PM Saturday 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The library is closed Saturdays from June 15 to September 15.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

General Services

Circulation:
Print materials..... 27,414
Non-print materials..... 8,697
Inter-library loan..... 343

36,454

Volumes added..... 970
Volumes discarded..... 446
Total collection..... 17,605
Magazine subscriptions..... 62
Bookmobile..... 1,491

Finances

Receipts
Municipal appropriation..... \$47,058
State Aid..... 2,332

\$49,390

Expenditures
Wages..... \$35,429
Books and materials..... 11,028
Supplies..... 2,933

\$49,390

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Burger, Trustee Chair
Mary Barkhuff, Trustee
Elaine Kingsbury, Trustee
Marta Willey, Librarian

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department responded to 73 calls this past year. 16 of these calls were false from automatic alarm systems. If you have an automatic dial fire alarm in your home, please make sure that it is clean and working properly at all times. The call from your automatic alarm must be answered by the Fire Department and cause expense to the town and loss of time at work for the volunteers to answer these calls.

In 1991, we received 6 calls for mutual aid help from surrounding towns and we received mutual aid help from our neighboring towns twice in 1991.

In November the Hampden County Mutual Aid Association held their monthly meeting in Hampden. In 1991, I was again elected Secretary and Treasurer of the county association.

When you sell or refinance your home, you must have your smoke detectors inspected before the closing. Please make sure they are properly installed and in working order before you call for inspection. For information on where to install smoke detectors or to make an appointment for inspection please call 566-3314 between 8 am and 4 pm.

The new fire truck which the town voted for at the 1990 Annual Town Meeting and Special Election was delivered this past July. It is a very fine addition to our equipment.

I would again like to remind everyone to PLEASE number your house. We still have several houses with no numbers or numbers which cannot be read very easily.

This past year we awarded 5 scholarships to firemen's children who are furthering their education. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our flower sale and raffle, whose profits go to the scholarship fund.

Anyone who is 19 years old and a Hampden resident and can pass a physical exam eligible to join the Fire Dept. We work hard, but we also have lots of good times.

This past year I turned in \$1,505 to the Town Treasurer for inspections and permits.

I wish to thank the Police and Highway Departments for their cooperation in helping the Fire Department this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

As in the past, outdoor burning is permitted from January 15th through April 30th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. This is for the burning of brush and forest debris only. There is NO burning of grass, hay, leaves, stumps or construction materials. Burning permits are issued on a daily basis, depending on the weather conditions. You can obtain a permit by calling 566-3314 after 9:00 am on the day that you wish to burn.

Last year 1,243 burning permits were issued during the burning season.

In 1991, we responded to ten brush fires. We were again very fortunate to have had a wet late summer and fall season which kept the number of forest fires down.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence W. Hatch
Forest Fire Warden

REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

For the Highway Department, the year 1991 ended with four separate sections of roadway being completely reconstructed. The first was a 1,600' section of South Road, which ended at the state line. This section was reconstructed with four culverts, a two foot foundation of blasted stone, topped with gravel, graded, and sealed with asphalt and peastone. The second location for reconstruction was the first 800' of Bennett Road, from the intersection of Glendale Road. This section was over-laid with a recycled material called hardpack, graded, and sealed with asphalt and peastone. The third project was the reconstruction of 800' of Mill Road, from Evergreen Terrace to Fox Run Lane. Again, this area was over-laid with hardpack, graded, and sealed with asphalt and peastone. Driveway entrances were adjusted to the new road level and repaired, as well as all lawns being loamed, raked and seeded. The final project of the year took place on Scantic Road. This 1,400' long section of road, from Prospect Hill Cemetery towards South Monson Road, was completely removed. New grades were set out to greatly improve the line of sight, and the travel surface was widened to match the surface widths at either end. The base coat of pavement was installed and curbing was set where needed. Driveway entrances were adjusted and repaired, as well as lawns being loamed, raked and seeded. This spring, the final layer of pavement will be installed to complete this project.

Again this year, we completed various rehabilitation projects. The most significant, was the paving of Main Street from Somers Road, East, for a total distance of 7/10 of a mile. Other projects were: repairing a drainage line on Wilbraham Road; installation or repair of curbing on Charles Street, Thorton Burgess School and Somers Road; a catch basin was rebuilt at Green Meadows School; two culverts were replaced on Rock-A-Dundee Road; at the Town Hall, 234' of concrete sidewalk was replaced and the benches on the Town Common were rebuilt.

Maintenance jobs were performed as well. Ditches were cleaned and shoulders were cut as needed. The two miles of dirt road were graded and all paved roads were patched. Most catch basins were cleaned and some street sweeping was done. The Highway Department equipment was repaired and maintained as needed. All cross-walks and stop lines were painted. With illegal dumping of debris a real problem, several loads were cleaned from the back roads. Fill was hauled to the Landfill on a weekly basis, and trees and brush were trimmed along several roads. Hurricane "Bob" resulted in the highway crew working one week to clean fallen trees and branches from the town's streets.

I would like to thank the Board of Selectmen and their secretaries, the many members of the Town House, the Police and Fire Departments along with the members of the Highway department (Patrick Markham, Raymond Balser, Robert Kibbe, Robert Richards and Albert Rosati Jr.) for their continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Highway Superintendent

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

The year 1991 ended on a bright note, with the planting of four sugar maple trees at various locations around the town. In 1990, the Tree Planting Account was eliminated from the annual budget. Consequently, no trees were planted. However, in 1991 the Hampden Garden Club responded to this budget reduction with the generous commitment to fund this account in its entirety. I would like to thank the members of the Garden Club for the support they have shown. It is greatly appreciated, not only by myself, but all who enjoy public shade trees along the streets in town.

As new trees are planted, the dead and diseased trees must be removed. The Highway Department, with the occasional assistance of a tree service, ended the year with a total of 64 large trees being cut down and cleaned up. Trimming of dead wood from very large trees was done on a limited basis.

Trees removed by the Highway Department were as follows; Ames road - 1, Bayberry Road - 1, Carmody Road - 2, Main Street - 2, Mill Road - 1, North Road - 1, Somers Road - 14, Wilbraham Road - 1.

Trees removed with the assistance of a professional tree service were as follows; Allen Street - 1, Chapin Road - 5, Colony Drive - 1, Crestwood Drive - 1, Hollow Road - 4, Main Street - 2, Mill Road - 1, North Road - 4, North Monson Road - 3, Old Coach Road - 1, Pinewood Road - 1, Sessions Drive - 2, Somers Road - 8, South Road - 2, Wilbraham Road - 5.

Once again, stumps were ground on a limited basis as follows; Carmody Road - 2, Chapin Road - 1, Main Street - 4, Mill Road - 1, Pinewood Drive - 2, Somers Road - 1, Stony Hill Road - 1, Thorton Burgess School - 3, Wilbraham Road - 2.

The Massachusetts Tree Wardens Association is again offering to the public various species of 1-2 year transplants at very low costs. These must be purchased in lots of 250 or 500. Anyone interested in purchasing through this program, may contact me at 566-8842. Also, should anyone wish to report a public tree in poor condition, please feel free to contact me at the Highway Department office.

Sincerely yours,

Dana S. Pixley
Tree Warden

REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

I submit herewith, the Annual Report for the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1991.

During the year, the Police Department recorded 4,130 log entries. Of these, 1,682 required further investigation. The calls received by the department were for assistance, complaints, and for reporting crimes. The following is a general breakdown of the types of complaints received and investigated by the Police Department.

B&E forcible entry	28	B&E attempted forcible entry	1
Larceny over \$250.00	16	Larceny under \$250.00	49
Vandalism	161	Ambulance assists	99
Fire department assists	150	Family problems	60
Buildings found open	87	Burglar alarms answered	245
Stolen cars reported	6	Stolen cars recovered	8
Stolen motorcycles reported	1	Stolen motorcycles recovered	1
Stolen merchandise recovered	4	Missing persons	18
Obscene phone calls	1	Annoying phone calls	25
Dog complaints	62	Dog bites	4
Animal complaints	55	Motor vehicle complaints	166
Citizen assists	101	Suspicious activity	263
Assist other police departments	122	Protective custody	15
Highway department assists	95	General services	737
Aggravated assault	2	Armed robbery	1
Suicide	1	Weapons, carrying, poss., etc.	26
Liquor law violation	1	Noise complaint	38
Disturbance	33	Arson of a m/v	1
Death	6	Recreational vehicle complaint	42

During the year, 203 persons were arrested and a total of 455 complaints were filed against them in the following categories:

Possession of cocaine	1	Possession of Marijuana	1
B&E daytime, int. com. misdemeanor	1	Larceny over \$250.00	2
Larceny under \$250.00	6	Receiving stolen property	12
Minor in possession of alcohol	5	Procurring alcohol to minors	3
Minor transporting alcohol	4	Warrant arrests	40
Wilf. & Mal. Dest. Per. Property	4	Failure to stop for police off.	6
Failure to inspect m/v	14	Fail. to yield right of way	1
Operating m/c without headgear	1	Reckless operation of m/v	1
Bald tires	1	Altered inspection sticker	5
Improper passing	1	Leav. Sce. m/v acc. prop. dam.	2
Stop sign	3	Oper. under infl. of alcohol	31
Operating without a license	26	Oper. m/v with no lic. in poss.	1
Operating m/v without authority	3	Oper. m/v after suspended lic.	36
Operating m/v after revoked lic.	3	Speeding	35
Operating unregistered m/v	45	Operating uninsured m/v	40
Attaching plates	15	Failure to Stay in Marked Lane	37
Operating to endanger	4	Tresspassing	2
Defective equipment	20	Failure to change address	1
Assault & battery	8	Possession of stolen m/v	3

Police Department P2

Malicious damage to m/v	3	Poss. of mace with FID	1
No child restraint	1	Failure to display lights	2
Failure to submit (false info)	2	A&B with dang. weapon (knife)	1
Revocation of registration	12	Domestic violence	3
B&E into an m/v	2	Possession of burglary tools	2
Oper. recreation m/v on public way	1		

There were a total of 440 citations issued with 200 on radar.

There were 79 motor vehicle accidents involving 111 motor vehicle with 26 persons reporting injuries.

Warning Citations

Speeding	40	Inspection sticker	4
Stop sign	1	Improper passing	1
Failure to yield oncoming traffic	1		

Civil Citations

Speeding	152	Inspection sticker	68
Stop sign	11	Marked lanes	3
Defective equipment	10	Improper person operating	1
No license in possession	6	Improper passing	1
Failure to change address	1	Unregistered m/v	8
Learner's permit violation	1	Operating without a license	1
No child restraints	1	Fail. to yield oncoming traffic	2
Allowing oper. with uncovered load	1	Headphones - wearing while oper.	2
Failure to display headlights	2	Bald tires	2
Allowing unlicensed per. to oper.	1	Oper. rec. m/v on public way	2
Improper turn	1	Failure to keep right	1
Failure to slow at intersection	2	Improper brakes	1

Criminal Citations

Unregistered m/v	29	Uninsured m/v	30
Defective equipment	8	Oper. m/v after lic. revoked	1
Operating to endanger	1	Failure to stay right	1
Failure to stop for police officer	2	Bald tires	1
Speeding	10	Marked Lanes	5
Operating m/v with license	15	Leav. sce. prop. damage acci.	1
Uninspected m/v	6	Oper. after lic. suspended	9
Attaching plates	8	No license in possession	1
Stop sign	1	Altering inspection sticker	1
No child restraint	1	Revocation of registration	7
Using m/v without authority	1		

Police Department P3

Adult alcohol program	12 people
Alcohol program Rutland Hospital	2 people
Minors alcohol program	9 people
Restitution	10 people
Court Costs and fines assessed	\$6035.00
Victim, witness fund	\$ 555.00
House of Correction, direct	3 years, 6 months, 10 days
House of Correction, suspended	4 years
Probation	11 years, 6 months
Custody of Division Youth Services	2 people
Supervised probation	5 people
Protective custody	13 people
Cases dismissed	7 people

During the year \$1951.00 was turned over to the Town Treasurer for firearms identification cards, pistol permits and reports. The town received \$8692.50 from Massachusetts Trial Court in Palmer which was the town's share of fines collected.

At our annual town meeting the town voted to participate in the Enhanced 911 (E-911) Emergency Telephone System which will be installed by the state. During the year the standards for this new system have been compiled and the procedure for the implementation is being written. Our Town Clerk, Rita Vail has worked very closely with the telephone company in updating our street list which is a very necessary part of the E-911 system. Along with our Town Clerk, I cannot emphasize strongly enough how important it is that all homes in our community have a street number prominently displayed. This will help to expedite emergency services to your home as well as allow us to find your home should you not be able to finish your conversation while you are talking. Should you not have a street number assigned to your house, please contact the building department of the town and they will be happy to assist you.

In September of this year, Hampden Police Department instituted a new program in our schools called DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Officer Donald Snow attended a specialized two week training course sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council using guide lines established by the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Unified School District.

In our first few months of the DARE program Officer Snow has been working with 5th and 6th grade students at the Thornton Burgess School. The program emphasizes self-esteem in a student as well as helping them find ways to say no to alcohol, drugs and smoking.

The first DARE graduation was held in November and was very successful and well received by all who attended. We will be holding our second DARE graduation in January and by the end of the year more than 155 of our youngsters will have participated in the program.

The DARE program depends mostly on community support and sponsorship by various organizations, individuals and businesses. Many of our local civic

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organizations, businesses, our local police officers' association, the Hampden Volunteer Fire Department and various individuals have contributed very generously to the DARE program. Their donations have helped us to fund the necessary materials that are a very important part of the program.

In February of 1992 Officer Snow and a teacher from Minnechaug Regional High School will be attending a 4 day course which will certify them to teach the Senior DARE program for grades 10 through 12. This is the first time this program has been offered in the state and I am very pleased that we were selected to be one of the participants.

Any resident who wishes to contribute to the DARE program can do so by sending their donation to Hampden DARE in care of Town Treasurer Lucille Mulcahy, Town Hall, Hampden. Your support is very necessary and appreciated.

Officer Glen Clark who has been with our department since 1988, resigned in October to accept employment with Wilbraham Police Department.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their continued support and cooperation, all members and civilian employees of the police department, the Fire Chief and Highway Superintendent and citizens of the community for their continued cooperation through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
George K. Stone, Jr.
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE HAMPDEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The Hampden School Committee is pleased to present its report for the 1991 calendar year.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Despite the elimination of funding for the Massachusetts Department of Education's Carnegie Program, the Thornton W. Burgess Middle School (TWB) is continuing to make good progress on its restructuring plan. Previous changes (site-based management team, related arts block, communications course, heterogeneous grouping, student activity program) are settling into place while some exciting new programs are being instituted. The emphasis on community service that was begun last year has grown through close collaboration with a number of area organizations. Thornton Burgess students have also benefitted greatly from their participation in the DARE Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) which is jointly sponsored by the Hampden Police Department and Hampden Public Schools.

New to Thornton Burgess this year is teaming, an organizational structure found in most middle schools. In teaming, a core of teachers share the same group of students, a designated area of the building, and common planning time. Although it takes some time for a team to fully develop, positive results are already beginning to become apparent. Teaming helps achieve closer coordination of academics, better parent-teacher communication, and leads to a richer school climate.

At the Green Meadows Elementary School, a new reading program has been adopted. Curriculum materials purchased with vital help from the Hampden PTO include teaching charts, paperback books, and supplementary materials. A resource person, hired with funds from a state grant program, is working with teachers to use these new materials effectively. Students love the new books which feature quality children's literature and colorful illustrations!

The change from a traditional half-day kindergarten program to an alternating day/full day program was made at Green Meadows in September. At the mid-point of the school year, most of the concerns anticipated by parents have not been realized. A parent survey indicates that a majority of parents feel comfortable with the program at this time and report that their children are interested in attending school, and have adjusted well to kindergarten, the school lunch program and riding the school bus. The School Committee will continue to evaluate this program before making a decision for next year.

A new achievement testing program was instituted in both schools this fall. The Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills, Fourth Edition (CTBS/4) were administered to students in grades 3-7 while students in grade 8 took the Differential Aptitude Test. The testing program is now coordinated with the Wilbraham Public Schools and Minnechaug Regional High School and should provide an excellent record of student progress over time.

STUDENT BODY

Student enrollment in the Hampden Public Schools continues to grow. On October 1, 1991, the official student count in grades K-8 reached 600 students, the largest enrollment since the early 1980's. Over the past two years, local schools have grown 4.5% a year. This growth is projected to continue over the next several years.

PERSONNEL

Any organization is only as good as its people. The entire school community will miss a very special third grade teacher, Helen Colling, who retired in June after teaching Hampden children for forty years and school nurse, Jane McCarthy, who retired upon completion of her twenty-fourth year in the Hampden Public Schools. The Hampden School Committee wishes to thank them for their many years of service.

Our schools experienced a number of full and part-time personnel changes during the 1991-1992 school year. These changes were due to a variety of reasons including retirement, reduction in positions, and relocation. Welcome to new faculty members Lorri Ackerman (School Nurse), Gerry Benjamin (Home Economics), Theresa Calabrese (8th Grade Science), Madeleine Mahar (6th Grade Math and Science), Karla Notorianni (Music), Jennifer Peloquin (Early Childhood), and Barbara Ripa (Principal).

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE

As a way of containing transportation costs, the bus routing system was restructured in September so that students in grades K-8 are transported to and from school on the same buses. In order to accommodate this change, the school day at Green Meadows was changed to correspond with the school day at Thornton Burgess. Since the initial routing problems were resolved, buses have been running smoothly. Bus usage has been reduced by 25% through restructuring in this way.

A five year maintenance plan has been developed to assure the upkeep of our school buildings. The Thornton Burgess roof was identified as a top priority. This type of roof, installed in 1983, has a life expectancy of 10-12 years. In an attempt to prolong its life, a program of progressive maintenance has been instituted. Plumbing repairs and repairs to heating systems in both buildings were also completed during the past year.