

# Hoffman Estates Citizen

February 2015

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

## New restaurants coming to Hoffman Estates

Residents of the Village of Hoffman Estates will soon have even more options to choose from when deciding where to go for lunch or dinner with family and friends.



Last year, the Village Board unanimously approved four new restaurants in Hoffman Estates. Two of the new restaurants, both located at the southeast corner of Barrington and Higgins roads, are set to open this spring, while the two others will begin construction with grand openings later this year.

Ala Carte Entertainment is converting the former Max & Erma's building at 2475 W. Higgins Road into a family-friendly Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria. The restaurant, a popular Italian eatery in Chicagoland, is set to open in March. Their menu is stacked with award-winning deep dish and thin crust pizzas, as well as other convenient lunch op-

tions. Moretti's is also expanding the building to include an outdoor garden patio at the front of the restaurant.

Next to Moretti's at 2525 W. Higgins Road, Ala Carte Entertainment is turning the old Lone Star Steakhouse building into Whiskey River BBQ & Honky Tonk. Whiskey River will be a classic all-American restaurant with a menu of slow roasted BBQ and other comfort foods. They will have an entertainment and sports bar atmosphere with live music and food. This restaurant is set to open later in the spring.

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# Growing to Greenness!

# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

## Utility bill clinics

On Thursday, Feb. 12, the Citizens Utility Board will help Hoffman Estates households get to the bottom of electricity, phone and gas bills. There will be two free sessions available – the first will take place from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the second will take place from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Both sessions are by appointment only, and will be held at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Reviewing your utility bill with a professional can help reduce costs and clarify what services you are receiving.



Register by phone at 312-263-7872, and provide your name, phone number, event name (“Hoffman Estates Utility Bill Clinic”) as well as the timeslot you’re interested in. The Citizens Utility Board is a nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy group that provides consumer education and assistance.

To see a video of their December 2014 utility bill presentation, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/sc](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/sc).

## Free holiday light recycling

Reminder: the collection of holiday lights for recycling at the Village Hall will be ending on Friday, Feb. 6. Drop off your lights during normal business hours.

February is usually the cruelest month as far as cold weather goes. Although I’m growing older and worry about slippery steps and icy parking lots, I still love winter.

Why do I love snow and below-zero temperatures? I believe it’s the wonderful memories I have of winter when I was growing up in Chicago. We had the opportunity to go sledding every day after school, and ice skating on weekends. “Crack the Whip” was my favorite game to play on the ice. We didn’t have warming houses at the ponds I skated on. Some parks had a nice warm field house to warm yourself in when your feet felt like ... well, like nothing, because you couldn’t feel them at all. Walking to the frozen pond was OK, but I’d usually ask mom for a dime to take

the bus home. Most times, she would ask me to walk home (or just not go skating at all if it was that cold).

Whenever it snowed – and it snowed a lot when I was a girl – I loved how it looked, and how quiet it was outside in a snowstorm. Fresh snow would always sparkle at night under the street lights. I don’t ever remember having snow days back then, so that wasn’t why I loved winter. Snowball fights, snow forts and snowmen are some of the reasons I loved it.

When I had children, I loved to go out in the yard and pull them on the sled. Of course, I was the reindeer, and I had sleigh bells that I hung from my neck. It was fun, but my neighbors thought I was crazy.

I hope you have a chance to enjoy this winter. The Hoff-

man Estates Park District has outdoor ice skating at South Ridge Park, Highpoint Park and Evergreen Park. When the flag is green, it’s a go for skating. The red flag means the ice is not thick enough to walk or skate on.

You can also go sledding at Pine Park, and don’t forget the Forest Preserve District of Cook County trails that offer more winter recreation opportunities.

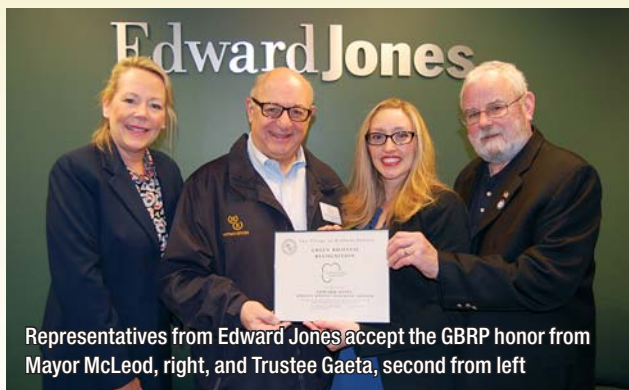
Winter in Hoffman Estates can be a lot of fun. Over the years the Park District has added so many beautiful parks to our Village. For a map of parks, visit [www.heparks.org](http://www.heparks.org). Get outdoors and enjoy the winter season!

Email Pat Barch at [eagle2064@comcast.net](mailto:eagle2064@comcast.net).

## Four new “Green Businesses”

Since its inaugural year in 2011, the Hoffman Estates Green Business Recognition Program (GBRP) has recognized a total of 16 local businesses. This free and voluntary program honors companies that are focused on sustainable environmental and economic practices. In late 2014, the Village also recognized the following organizations:

- Balance Chiropractic and Wellness – 2500 W. Higgins Road, #420
- Chicago Marriott Northwest – 4800 Hoffman Blvd.
- Edward Jones – 2300 N. Barrington Road #215
- Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry – 2200 W. Higgins Road, #201



Representatives from Edward Jones accept the GBRP honor from Mayor McLeod, right, and Trustee Gaeta, second from left

To learn more about the program, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/greenbusiness](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/greenbusiness). Questions can also be emailed to [grow2green@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:grow2green@hoffmanestates.org).



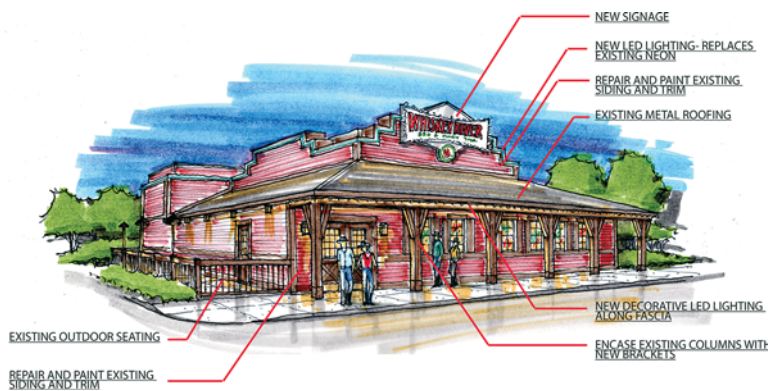
# New restaurants in 2015

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Together, Moretti's and Whiskey River will join Romano's Macaroni Grill, Steak 'n Shake and TGI Fridays to round out the circle of restaurants on this corner.

Beginning construction in 2015 is a full-service Burger King, also at the southeast corner of Barrington and Higgins roads. This convenient location was previously a gas station. Across town at the Poplar Creek at 59/90 entertainment district, a new Culver's restaurant attached to a Mobil gas station has also been approved to begin construction in 2015. Both fast food options will include dining areas and drive-throughs.

For the latest updates on these and other projects, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/developmentprojects](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/developmentprojects). For a full list of available dining, shopping and entertainment options in Hoffman Estates, visit [www.visithoffman.com](http://www.visithoffman.com).



Artist renderings of both Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria (top) and Whiskey River BBQ & Honky Tonk (bottom)

## Do you need insurance for your water/sewer line?

The Village continues to get calls about mailings that some residents received offering insurance protection for various utility services (e.g., water service lines, house sanitary sewer service, etc.). Homeowners should research the company and the level of protection offered if they are considering such insurance. It is also important to note where responsibilities lie in relation to each water and sanitary sewer service line. To learn more about ownership and responsibilities, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/publicworks](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/publicworks). This information can assist homeowners in assessing the risks so they may make an informed decision. It is up to each individual homeowner to decide whether he or she would like to purchase insurance protection for his or her service lines. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800.



## A message from Mayor McLeod

The Village of Hoffman Estates is always looking forward to exciting new possibilities.

First is the full interchange project at Barrington Road and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), expected to be completed in 2016. In the works for more than 25 years(!), the new interchange will provide greater accessibility for residents, commuters and visitors to local businesses and, most importantly, the St. Alexius Medical Center. The final funding agreement of \$68 million between Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA), the Alexian Brothers Health System and the Village of Hoffman Estates was finalized and announced in 2014. You can read more about this project on our website.

In December 2014, I participated in a number of initiatives to boost awareness about local businesses, and collect food donations for the Hanover Township Food Pantry. Special thanks to the owners and staff of Garibaldi's, Heroic Fitness and Apple Villa for giving me the opportunity to "work" at their locations. Although food collections have ended at these businesses, the Village Hall continues to accept nonperishable items in the lobby during normal business hours. The Hanover Township Food Pantry is a critical community service, helping up to 1,000 individuals each month. Please call them at 630-540-9085 if you'd like to help.

Last month, Great Citizen Awards were presented to resident Sarah McClarey for her inspiring life story and service project, as well as Fabbrini's Flowers for their participation in her program. Ms. McClarey is a survivor of domestic violence and a WINGS graduate. After finding safety, she purchased flowers for herself on Valentine's Day. Each year since, Sarah has raised money to buy a beautiful floral surprise for women in domestic violence shelters all across Chicagoland. Our local florist, Fabbrini's, offered Sarah a huge discount for this endeavor. We thank them both for bringing attention to this hidden but very persistent issue. If you or someone you know need help, call WINGS' 24-hour hotline at 847-221-5680.

Finally, please contact me with any questions or concerns. My phone number is 847-781-2604, and my email address is [bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org). You can also sign up for the new "Mayor McLeod's Memos," a biweekly e-blast launching later this month, by entering your email address at [www.hoffmanestates.org/enews](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/enews).

*Bill McLeod*



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# Community briefs

## Valentine's Day Luncheon for seniors

Love is in the air! The Commission for Senior Citizens is proud to present a Valentine's Day Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 12, at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. The event starts at noon, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes food and entertainment. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 847-781-2606.



## Rules of the Road

Refresh your driving skills! The Commission for Senior Citizens will host Rules of the Road on Monday, Feb. 2, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Health and Human Services' conference room at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Call 847-781-2606 to register.



## Save the date: Celtic Fest

Please join us for the fourth annual Northwest Celtic Festival on Sunday, March 22, at the Sears Centre Arena. For more information, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/celtic](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/celtic).

## Event for adults with disabilities

Friends, games, pool, pingpong, snacks ... all that's missing is you! A social for adults with disabilities 14 and older is being held on Friday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Vogeley Barn Teen Center, 650 W. Higgins Road. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice, but popcorn and lemonade are complimentary. For more information, contact the Commission for Disabled Citizens at 847-781-4850.

## Food Tasting Festival recap

The third annual Food Tasting Festival, hosted by the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce, took place in November 2014 at the Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre. Over 300 guests enjoyed food samplings from 24 local restaurants and distilleries. The cupcake competition, sponsored by Hoffman Estates-based Tate & Lyle, challenged culinary students from Elgin Community College and Harper College to bake cupcakes using Splenda sweetener instead of sugar. First place was awarded to Bryan Kunz and Hasem Hernandez from Harper College, and they received a \$1,000 scholarship from Tate & Lyle. Second place was awarded to Sarah Connelly and Samantha Skog from Elgin Community College, and they received a \$500 scholarship from Tate & Lyle. Congratulations to all four chefs, and thank you Tate & Lyle!

## Congrats to the Hoffman Estates Redhawks!

In December 2014, the Hoffman Estates Redhawks football team defeated the Deer Valley Snakes of Arizona 16-0 in the Pop Warner Division II Junior Pee Wee Division Super Bowl in Orlando. The Redhawks had a perfect 13-0 record last fall. The team, which consists of nine- to 11-year-old boys from Hoffman Estates and neighboring suburbs, also went to nationals last year. This was their first-ever national championship. Congratulations, Redhawks!



## Computer animation class for kids

The Youth Commission is offering two free "Project Alice" computer animation classes for children ages seven to 13 (beginner level). Both take place on Saturday, Feb. 28. The first session begins at 9 a.m., and the second session begins at 11 a.m. Classes are at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Registration is required as space is limited to 10 students per session. To reserve a spot, email [suzanne.lessen@hoffmanstates.org](mailto:suzanne.lessen@hoffmanstates.org), or call 847-781-2606. A parent or guardian is required throughout the duration of the class. Light refreshments will be served.

## Questions to Code

**Q:** I called in a complaint about my neighbors leaving garbage totes in front of their house, and nothing has been done for weeks. How do I know if the Village is working on this?

**A:** The Code Enforcement Division investigates all complaints that are received. If there is a violation, Code Enforcement will promptly address it with the homeowner. Depending on the seriousness of the violation, the resident will have a set amount of time to comply. If they do not comply, further action is taken. If you have any questions for Code Enforcement, call 847-781-2631, or email [buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org). If you leave a message, leave your name and phone number so that someone can follow up with you.

Send your code questions to [buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org).

## Welcome new businesses!

**Lupita Empowerment Center**  
2328 Hassell Road

**Nexus Home Health Inc.**  
2815 Forbs Ave., #107

## Save the date: manufacturing movie event

Join the Village on Thursday, March 19, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for a free public screening of "Maker," a documentary about the maker movement, at the Prairie Center For the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court in Schaumburg. Students ages seven and up, parents, hobbyists, artists, educators and the general public are encouraged to attend. Reserve your free seat (and see the movie trailer) by visiting [www.makethemoviegcamp.eventbrite.com](http://www.makethemoviegcamp.eventbrite.com).



## eNews from Hoffman Estates

To sign up to receive news from the Village, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/enews](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/enews). You'll be the first to receive news, meeting agendas and packets, and employment opportunities, among other items.

# Healthy body, healthy mind ... news from Health and Human Services

## Adult services and immunizations

Health and Human Services offers affordable health screenings and preventative tests during monthly health clinics.

- Blood pressure: free!
- Pulse check: free!
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$3
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

To schedule affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.

## Upcoming adult clinic dates

- Willow Creek Care Center \*NEW LOCATION!  
67 E. Algonquin Road, South Barrington  
Dates: Feb. 2 and March 2  
Time: 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Schaumburg Barn  
231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg  
Dates: Feb. 4 & 18 and March 4 & 18  
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- Village Hall (main entrance)  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Feb. 11 and March 11  
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- Triphahn Center \*NEW DAY – TUESDAY!  
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Feb. 17 and March 17  
Time: 11 a.m. to noon

## Cholestech: complete lipid profile

This test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels. It requires a small drop of blood. Results are immediate, and include consultation with a nurse. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850. The cost is **\$18** (this month only).

## Upcoming child and youth clinics

Two affordable child immunization clinics are offered each month at the Village Hall (main entrance). The clinics are intended for children who are underinsured (health insurance does not cover immunizations) or do not have health insurance. The cost is \$8 per shot for residents of Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg, and \$10 for all other communities (cash, check or AllKids accepted). **Shot records are required for children to receive an immunization.** To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

- Children's Clinic  
(two months to 18 years)  
All communities welcome  
Dates: Feb. 2 and March 2  
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Hoffman Baby Clinic  
(two months to kindergarten)  
Hoffman Estates residents only  
Dates: Feb. 10 and March 10  
Time: Appointments are required

Clinic schedules are available online by visiting [www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics).

## Vogelei Teen Center

The Vogelei Teen Center, located at 650 W. Higgins Road, is open between 6:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. At the drop-in center, teens can play pool, relax with friends, watch TV, talk with staff and join groups on issues such as loss, music and decision-making. For info, email [vogeleiteencenter@att.net](mailto:vogeleiteencenter@att.net).

## National Heart Health Month

In the United States, heart disease remains the leading cause of death for men and women, and costs the country over \$300 billion every year. Heart disease and stroke can be prevented by knowing your risk factors, and by living a healthy lifestyle. Keys to prevention include quitting smoking, lowering cholesterol, managing blood pressure, maintaining a healthy weight and exercising. The American Heart Association also recommends that you eat a diet of fresh fruit and vegetables, whole grain products, and oily fish.

During the month of February, complete lipid profile testing (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels), blood pressure, pulse and consultation with a registered nurse is only \$18 (regular price is \$22). To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

Also, join us in celebrating National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 6, to help raise awareness about heart disease in women!



## Counseling services

Health and Human Services offers professional and affordable counseling services to residents. Call 847-781-4850 for information.

## Ask the Nurse

**Q:** How can I stay healthy this flu season?

**A:** For starters, get a flu shot – it's not too late! Also, practice good hygiene, such as washing your hands often. Cough or sneeze into your elbow, not your hands. Avoid contact with sick people, and avoid touching your face (nose, mouth and eyes after touching surfaces that may be contaminated with flu germs). Finally, eat a balanced diet and drink plenty of fluids.



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

## Clerk's corner

Have you just turned 18 or recently moved into Hoffman Estates and have yet to register for the Tuesday, April 7, consolidated election? The deadline for the Village to accept voters' registrations is Tuesday, March 10. Remember: two forms of identification are required at the time of registration.

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625, or email the Clerk at [bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org).



# Put a freeze on **winter fires**

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department reminds you that home fires are more common in winter than in any other season.

## Heating

Half of all home heating fires occur in December, January and February. In 2011, heating equipment was involved in approximately 53,600 U.S. home structure fires, which caused 400 deaths, 1,520 injuries and \$893 million in property damage. Follow these tips to stay safe:

- Have your furnace cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional every year.
- Replace your furnace filter monthly.
- Have your chimneys and vents cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional.
- Use only dry, seasoned firewood in your fireplace.
- Make sure your fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass.
- Teach your children to stay at least four feet away from a fireplace, stove or space heater.
- Make sure that space heaters have an automatic shut-off switch.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet – do not use extension cords. Make sure there is at least four

feet of space between the space heater and combustible materials (e.g., bedding, curtains and furniture).

- Turn off space heaters when you leave or go to bed.
- Test your smoke detectors monthly.

## Carbon monoxide

Carbon monoxide (CO) incidents in residential properties are also more common during the winter. Once again, keep safe year-round by following these tips:

- CO detectors should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home (in addition to other locations required by law).
- Test your CO detectors monthly.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Make sure the exhaust pipe is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.
- Gas or charcoal grills can also produce CO – only use them outside.

**If you have any questions, contact the Hoffman Estates Fire Department at 847-843-4825.**

# Avoid **shoveling snow** into the street

Did you know that shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has been previously cleared creates a safety hazard?

Snow blown or shoveled back onto a cleared roadway can refreeze and get compacted by vehicular traffic, which may result in ice buildup on the pavement.

Also, shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has not been plowed will result in the snow being pushed back into your or your neighbor's driveway.

The Village's Municipal Code states:

## HE-11-1309 Snow Removal

- A. It shall be unlawful to deposit on public sidewalks or public streets any snow which accumulated upon and is removed from an adjacent private property or from the area between adjacent road line and curb line of the street.
- B. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow on or against any fire hydrant which accumulated upon and was removed from any property.

## Pace's ADA paratransit service

If you have a disability that prevents you from using a fixed-route Pace or CTA bus or train, you may be eligible for Pace's ADA paratransit service. ADA paratransit is a shared ride, advanced reservation, origin-to-destination service for people with disabilities. Pace's ADA paratransit vehicles make pickups and drop-offs at places that are within three-quarters of a mile of an existing Pace or CTA bus route or CTA "L" train station. There are two fixed-route service lines in Hoffman Estates: Route 554 on Golf Road, and Route 696 on Roselle Road. Only those who are certified by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) as having a disability are eligible for this service. To request an application, contact the RTA's Paratransit Certification Program at 312-663-HELP (4357) between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.



## Is **winter driving** getting you down?

Decrease winter weather-related stress, and let Pace do the driving! Pace Route 610 River Road-Prairie Stone Express offers express trips between the Prairie Stone Business Park in Hoffman Estates and the Rosemont CTA "L" train station. Residents can park their car for free at the Sears Centre Arena Park-n-Ride lot (located in Lot C), and board Route 610 for quick and easy service to the Blue Line. Because construction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) continues through 2016, now is a great time to plan your alternative travel options. Give it a try! For more information, visit [www.pacebus.com](http://www.pacebus.com).



An example of snow shoveled into the street



Another code violation

**Be a good neighbor, and shovel snow away from the street.**

# February calendar



Event and meeting dates subject to change.  
For up-to-date information, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar).

## Sunday, Feb. 1

- Veteran's Flag 66: Donald C. Jones, Army, WWII

## Monday, Feb. 2

- Rules of the Road, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at VH
- Children's Clinic, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Feb. 3

- Celtic Fest Commission, 5 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

## Friday, Feb. 6

- National Wear Red Day
- Social for Disabled Adults, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Vogeley Barn

## Sunday, Feb. 8

- Veteran's Flag 67: Stanley C. Paige, Army, Vietnam

## Monday, Feb. 9

- Emerging Technologies Advisory Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Feb. 10

- Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10 a.m. to noon at VH
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Community Health Clinic, noon to 1 p.m. at VH
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD

## Thursday, Feb. 12

- Valentine's Day Luncheon for Senior Citizens, noon at VH
- Utility Bill Clinics, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. at VH
- Fourth of July Commission, 7 p.m. at VH
- Museum Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm

## Sunday, Feb. 15

- Veteran's Flag 68: Fernando Figueroa, Army, Vietnam

## Monday, Feb. 16

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Heartsaver AED CPR Class, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Fire Station 24
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Feb. 18

- Historical Sites Commission, 5:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

## Friday, Feb. 19

- Commission for Disabled Citizens, 6 p.m. at VH
- Microboards for Citizens with Disabilities, 7 p.m. at VH

## Sunday, Feb. 22

- Veteran's Flag 69: Richard J. Collins, USMC, WWII

## Monday, Feb. 23

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Feb. 25

- Mayor's Update Breakfast, 8 a.m. at Sears Centre Arena
- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD
- Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

## Saturday, Feb. 28

- Computer Animation Class for Kids, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at VH

**Village Board Meetings** are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The **General Administration and Personnel; Planning, Building and Zoning; and Transportation and Road Improvement Committees** meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The **Finance; Public Health and Safety; and Public Works and Utilities Committees** meetings are held on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.



## Friday, Feb. 6, and Saturday, Feb. 7

- Professional Championship Bullriders Tour, 7:30 p.m.

## Sunday, Feb. 15

- Chicago Mustangs vs. Syracuse Silver Knights, 3 p.m.

## Friday, Feb. 20, through Sunday, Feb. 22

- Circus Spectacular, various times

## Wednesday, March 4, through Sunday, March 8

- Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament, various times

## Friday, March 20, and Saturday, March 21

- Monster Truck Nationals, 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday, April 2

- PowerShares QQQ Challenge Tennis Tournament, 7:30 p.m.

## Friday, April 17, through Sunday, April 19

- Sesame Street Live: Let's Dance!, various times

For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.searscentre.com](http://www.searscentre.com).

## Don't bury critical equipment

ComEd would like to remind everyone removing snow to be aware of critical electrical equipment. Many homes have ComEd transformers or switchgear onsite that may need to be operated or accessed in the winter, especially during a power outage. So remember: when snow removal is needed, don't bury or block access to ComEd equipment that is critical for power delivery. For more information, visit [www.comed.com](http://www.comed.com).

\* The flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming month. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

Various photos courtesy James Hojnacki; Moretti's Ristorante & Pizzeria; Thinkstock LLC; Wintergreen Corporation; the Warner Family; DDCA Architects (Moretti's, Ristorante & Pizzeria and Whiskey River BBQ & Honky Tonk); Gerardo Moral/PA Photo.com; Mather the Montie; Pace Suburban Bus Service; Masas



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### Important phone numbers

Main . . . . .847-882-9100  
Police and Fire . . . . .9-1-1  
Police Administration . . . .847-781-2800  
Fire Administration . . . . .847-843-4825  
Public Works . . . . .847-490-6800  
Health and  
Human Services. . . . .847-781-4850  
Event Hotline . . . . .847-252-5443

### Village officials

#### Mayor

William D. McLeod

#### Trustees

Karen V. Mills  
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#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

#### Village Manager

James H. Norris

### Municipal facilities

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon

#### Police Department

411 W. Higgins Road

#### Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

#### Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

#### Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Blvd.

#### Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

#### Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

#### Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

#### Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Ave.

# February is Responsible Pet Owners Month

Did you know that February is Responsible Pet Owners Month?

The Village of Hoffman Estates requires that pet owners obtain a license for each indoor and outdoor dog and cat that they own. Pet tags expire on Oct. 31 each year, and can be obtained at the Village Hall for \$5 each (\$2 for senior citizens for the first three pets). If your dog or cat already has its pet tag, check their collar and leash for any wear and tear, and make sure the tags are legible and current.

If your dog or cat does not have a microchip, consider getting one through Cook County Animal and Rabies Control. A

study by the American Veterinary Medical Association cites that dogs are 2.5 times and cats are 21.4 times more likely to be returned home if they have registered microchips. If your pet already has a microchip, have it scanned to ensure it is being detected properly, and that it contains the most current contact information.

Finally, check your fence and gates for damage that may be caused by winter weather. Changing temperatures and precipitation can shift soil and create gaps that allow curious pets to escape. If your pet regularly spends time in the backyard, a five-minute check of your fence is a quick and easy way to ensure they are safe.



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