

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

The Village of Hoffman Estates

1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60195
www.hoffmanestates.org

Important Phone Numbers

Main: 847-882-9100
Police and Fire: 9-1-1
Fire Admin: 847-882-2138
Health & Human Services: 847-882-4445
Police Admin: 847-882-1818
Public Works: 847-490-6800
Event Hotline: 847-781-2855

Village Officials

Mayor William D. McLeod

Trustees

Karen V. Mills
Lloyd H. Boester
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Cary J. Collins
Raymond "Ray" M. Kincaid
Fred Crespo

Clerk Virginia M. Hayter

Village Manager

James H. Norris

Municipal Facilities

VILLAGE HALL:
1900 Hassell Road

BRUCE C. LIND POLICE
COMPLEX:
1200 Gannon Drive

Fire Administration:
1900 Hassell Road

PUBLIC WORKS CENTER:
2305 Pembroke Avenue

FIRE STATIONS:
Station 21 - Carl W. Selke
225 Flagstaff Ln

Station 22 - Michael J. O'Malley
1700 Moon Lake Blvd

Station 23 - Richard G. Cordova
1300 Westbury Dr

Station 24 - Jerome Danowski
2601 Pratum Ave

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Residential Stormwater Issues

As rain water flows over driveways, lawns, and sidewalks, it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into the sewer system or directly to a natural body of water. Water from the storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the nation's greatest threat to clean water.

By practicing healthy household habits, homeowners can keep common pollutants off the ground and out of stormwater. Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands.

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water

Home Repair and Improvement

> Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris, such as concrete and mortar.
> Use hazardous substances like paints, solvents, and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible, and follow the directions on the label. Clean up spills immediately and dispose of the waste safely. Store substances properly to avoid leaks and spills.

> Purchase and use non-toxic, biodegradable, recycled, and recyclable products whenever possible.

> Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Filter and reuse paint thinner when using oil-based paints. Properly dispose of excess paints

through a household hazardous waste collection program or donate unused paint to local organizations.

> Reduce the amount of paved area and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Use native plants in your landscaping to reduce the need for watering during dry periods. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to increase infiltration and reduce polluted runoff.

Vehicle and Garage

> Use a biodegradable car wash to minimize the soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local water body.

> Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.

> Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

> Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream

or pond.

> Select native plants and grasses that are drought and pest resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

> Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

> Don't over water your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day and don't let water run off into the storm drain.

> Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local water bodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

Pet Care

> When walking your pet, remember to pick up the waste and dispose of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria and nutrients to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water bodies.

Swimming Pool and Spa

> Drain your swimming pool only when a test kit does not detect chlorine levels. Properly store pool and spa chemicals to prevent leaks and spills, preferably in a covered area to avoid exposure to stormwater.

Remember:

Storm drains connect to water bodies! Only rain down the drain!

WATERING BAN REMINDER

The Village watering ban goes into effect on May 15th through October 1st, between the hours of 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. The ban affects outside water use, including (but not limited to); sprinkling lawns/shrubs; washing vehicles; filling pools; and recreational use of garden hoses. The watering ban complies with State required water conservation practices. Violators may receive a citation.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS

There has been a lot of road construction in Hoffman Estates over the past five years. Along with the roads being redone, many of our traffic signals have been updated.

When you approach an intersection and want to walk across, **you must press the push button**, or you might not have enough time to cross. To alleviate congestion, the crossing times have been shortened, unless a pedestrian is present. After you press the button, the white WALK / WALKING PERSON will light up. It is now safe to look both ways and proceed across the street. If you see the flashing orange DON'T WALK / HAND and you have already started to cross, you will have enough time to make it across. However, if you see the flashing orange DON'T WALK / HAND, and you have not started to cross, wait at the corner because you will not have enough time to cross. Remember to never cross if you see a solid orange DON'T WALK / HAND. If you have any questions, call the Transportation Division at (847) 781-2655.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS



5th ANNUAL COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY Saturday, May 7, 9am-noon

Are you familiar with the health and social service resources available to you and your family in the North West suburbs? In this health expo, over 40 vendors show off their services and answer questions about services, programs and health! In addition to information, free screenings are offered including blood pressure, blood sugar, hemoglobin, total cholesterol, cancer screenings and hearing! There will be raffles and giveaways, and family and kid focused activities! Admission is free. Located at the Village Hall.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT SUNDERLAGE FARMHOUSE

Learn about local Hoffman Estates history, including the Sunderlage Farmhouse and the Greve Cemetery. This Historical Sites Commission sponsored event will be held at the Sunderlage Farmhouse located on the corner of Volid Drive and Vista Lane on June 26, 2005, from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm. More information will follow in the June edition of the Citizen.



SAVE THE DATE: 4th of July!!!

The Village's Fourth of July Parade will be held Monday, July 4, at 9:00 am. The festival will be held July 1 - 4 at the Village Hall. Look for full details in the June edition of the Citizen.

CODE ENFORCEMENT CORNER

Single-Family Residential Home Inspections

The Code Enforcement Division will be performing inspections of the exteriors of all single-family residences, including yards, in neighborhoods located south of Golf Road. Residents living in this area of the Village will be notified by postcard of the upcoming inspections. This will allow residents to inspect their properties and to make repairs prior to Code Enforcement's arrival in the neighborhood. Only properties found not to be in compliance with adopted Village Ordinances will receive notification letters identifying the items that need to be corrected. For further information on this program, please visit the Village's website at www.hoffmanestates.org or contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

Code Enforcement Announces Summer Hours

The Code Enforcement Division will resume its summer hours beginning on Monday, May 2nd. As the Village Hall is no longer open on Saturday mornings, residents now have the opportunity to apply for or pick up residential building permits for homeowner projects on Monday evenings until 8:00 p.m. Code Enforcement representatives will be available to answer questions or assist you with your home improvement projects. Residential building inspections will also be performed on Monday evenings if scheduled in advance. In observance of the Memorial Day holiday, the Village Hall will not be open on Monday, May 30th. For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

VILLAGE NAMED TREE CITY, USA 14th CONSECUTIVE YEAR

For the 14th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Hoffman Estates a Tree City USA. The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service, sponsors the Tree City USA program. To become a Tree City USA, Hoffman Estates met four standards: 1. have an established tree board or department; 2. have a tree care ordinance; 3. have a comprehensive community forestry program; 4. have an Arbor Day observance.



A municipality's designation as a "Tree City Community" is reflective of the level of stewardship necessary to build greater communities for today and tomorrow, continuously enhancing the beauty and value of Hoffman Estates property, both public and private.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT—MAY 14, 2005

The Illinois EPA and the Village of Schaumburg will be co-sponsoring a household hazardous waste collection day on Saturday, May 14, 2005, at Schaumburg High School, 1100 W. Schaumburg Road. The collection gives citizens the opportunity to safely dispose of oil based paints, thinners, chemical cleaners, antifreeze, motor oil, weed killers, insecticides, pesticides and similar household products. Fluorescent and other high intensity discharge lamps, mercury and other mercury containing products, such as thermometers and old thermostats, may also be brought to the collection. Latex paint is not to be brought to the collection site. Collection day hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, residents may call the EPA at 217-785-8604 or check the Agency's web page: www.epa.state.il.us.

CPR CLASSES OFFERED

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering several CPR classes in the coming months: Heartsaver First Aid (5/18/05) and Heartsaver (6/7/05 & 6/13/05). Classes are offered each month except July and December. Class schedule varies. Class space is limited and fees apply. For more information, contact the Hoffman Estates Fire Department at 847-882-2138.

Save a stamp, Pay your garbage bill online:
<http://www.groot.com>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES OFFERS PROGRAMS FOR RESIDENTS

Get your children's school immunizations early and avoid long lines!

The next two clinics for school aged youth are May 2 and June 6, 4pm-6pm, at the Village Hall. There will be no clinic in July.

Adult Health Clinics

Health and Human Services provides free testing for blood pressure, diabetes and hemoglobin throughout the community! Open to all ages over 18. Call 847-882-4445 for more information or visit www.hoffmanestates.org.

MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Village of Hoffman Estates, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, is collecting all mercury-based thermometers (used to take human temperature readings). Simply bring your old mercury thermometers to the Village Hall during business hours and receive a brand new, non-mercury thermometer in exchange.

Please do not throw away household items containing mercury as these items can contaminate our landfills. Additional household items containing mercury, such as thermostats and blood pressure cuffs, may also be brought to the Village Hall for disposal. There is no exchange program for these additional mercury-based items, however, the disposal program is free to Hoffman Estates residents. For further information, contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2616.

HELP PREVENT SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS

Property damage by sanitary sewer back-ups can be costly. Fortunately, there are some precautions that can be taken to minimize the possibility of a sanitary sewer back-up into your home.

Back-ups usually occur when materials or products are introduced into the sewer system that should be disposed of in another manner. Please follow the product manufacturer's suggestions for disposal of those items. Your assistance will help to prevent back-ups that may affect you and your neighbors.

If you are experiencing a problem with your sewer service line, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800. A service representative will be dispatched to check the Village's main line sewer system. If the main line is clear, you will be advised to contact a plumber.

Materials that can cause blockages within an individual sanitary sewer service line or the Village's main line sewer system include:

- Cooking grease
- Garbage disposal by-products
- Feminine hygiene products
- Disposable diapers
- Other paper products



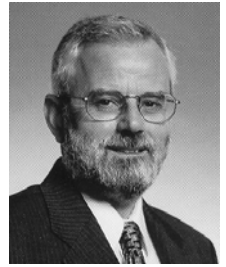
FREE BIKE HELMETS

The Police Department offers free bike helmets to families who cannot afford to purchase them. Anyone interested in obtaining helmets should contact the community relations unit at (847) 781-2830 to make arrangements. Many sizes are available, but quantities are limited. Also, just a reminder, all bicycles should be registered with the Police Department. This service is also free.

HIDE IT, LOCK IT, OR LOSE IT

Spring is finally here, and along with longer days and warmer nights, spring brings an increase of burglary to vehicles. Although the Police Department does everything it can to reduce the incidence of burglary to vehicles, the Police can't be everywhere all the time. It's up to the citizens to be the first line of defense to protect themselves from becoming a victim. It's amazing how many car burglaries are reported where the offender entered a vehicle that was left unlocked, or with valuables left in plain view inside the vehicle. We need to make sure we lock our vehicles and keep valuables out of sight. By doing so, you will decrease the chance of becoming a victim of a burglary to a vehicle. Our citizens are always encouraged to call the Police anytime they see a suspicious person or activity. By working together, we can continue to reduce crime in our community.

A Message from Mayor McLeod



Each summer the Village becomes a flurry of activity and the summer of 2005 will be no exception.

The Village is hard at work in partnership with our residents and other local agencies to make improvements to the community. For the 14th consecutive year, the Village has been named, "Tree City USA". I commend our Public Works Department for the hard work that goes into maintaining our trees, a valuable resource that add to the community's overall beauty. The Village's Code Enforcement Division will also be making their annual Residential Inspections. The Residential Inspection Program assists homeowners in identifying problem areas around their property and contributes to the maintenance and appearance of our neighborhoods.

The Village will also begin work on the annual Street Resurfacing and Reconstruction Project. The Village's Department of Community Development oversees this annual multi-million dollar project which repairs or completely reconstructs Village streets based on a rating system. The rating system enables the Village to address those streets that are in greatest need of repair first. A detailed list of the streets slated for this year's project will be available in an upcoming edition of the *Citizen* newsletter.

The summer can not be all work and no play, however. Some of the Village's most anticipated events will take place in the coming weeks. The highly anticipated Fourth of July parade and festival will be held July 1-4 on the grounds of the municipal building at 1900 Hassell Road. Full details will be in the June edition of the *Citizen* Newsletter. The Village will also host the annual Unity Day Festival in the Prairie Stone Business Park on June 18, 2005. Again, additional details will be in the June edition of the *Citizen*. The Village will again host a Community Wellness Day on Saturday May 7, from 9:00 am until noon at the Village Hall. Finally, our annual Sunday Afternoon at the Farm will be held on June 26, 2005. Details for these and other events can also be found online at <http://www.hoffmanestates.org>. Have a safe and happy summer!

Sincerely,

Bill McLeod

May 2005

*Sunday, May 1, 2005

Veteran's Flag 18: Jack Lubow, ARMY, WWII

Monday, May 2, 2005

Rules of the Road, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm at VH
General Immunization Clinic, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at VH
Village Board Meeting, 8:00pm at VH

Tuesday, May 3, 2005

Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 pm at VH
Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30pm at VH

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Police Explorers, 3:00pm at PD
Plan Commission, 8:00 pm at VH

Saturday, May 7, 2005

Community Wellness Day, 9:00 am -noon at VH
Fire and Police Commission, 8:00 am at PD

*Sunday, May 8, 2005

Veteran's Flag 19: Daniel Bobel, USMC, WWII

Monday, May 9, 2005

Utility Commission Meeting, 6:30pm at PWC
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30pm at VH

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Well Baby Clinic, 10:00 am until noon, VH
Disabled and Senior Commission, 5:30 pm at VH
Historical Sites Commission, 7:00 pm at Sunderlage
ESDA, 7:30 pm at Fire Station 22

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Community Health Clinic, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm at VH
Youth Commission, 7:30 pm at VH

*Sunday, May 15, 2005

Veteran's Flag 20: Floyd L. Portlance, ARMY, WWII

Monday, May 16, 2005

Village Board Meeting, 8:00pm at VH

Tuesday, May 17, 2005

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30pm at VH

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Police Explorers, 3:00pm at PD
Peer Jury, 7:00pm at PD

Wednesday May 18, 2005 (continued)

Plan Commission, 8:00 pm at VH

Thursday, May 19, 2005

Fourth of July Commission, 7:30 pm at VH

*Sunday, May 22, 2005

Veteran's Flag 21: Uhle Lacher, ARMY, WWII

Monday, May 23, 2005

Children's Memorial Commission, 6:00pm at VH
Arts Commission, 7:00pm at VH
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30pm at VH

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

TB Van 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at VH
Sister Cities Commission, 7:00 pm at VH

Wednesday, May 25, 2005

Celebrations Commission, 5:30 pm at VH
Environmental Commission, 7:00 pm at PWC

Thursday, May 26, 2005

Liquor Servers Training, 7:00pm at PD

Friday, May 27, 2005

TB Van 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at VH

*Sunday, May 29, 2005

Veteran's Flag 22: Peter Giannopoulos, USMC, Iraq

Monday May 30, 2005

MEMORIAL DAY - HOLIDAY VH Closed

- **Village Board Meetings** are held on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of each month at 8:00 pm in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.
- The **Transportation and Road Improvement; Planning, Building and Zoning; General Administration and Personnel** Committees meet on the **second Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.
- The **Public Health and Safety; Finance; Public Works and Utilities** Committees meet on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 1200 Gannon Drive

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue

HHS: Health & Human Services, 1900 Hassell Road

*The flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veteran's Memorial at 1 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. 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 60195.

The Casket Flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans Memorial the coming month. The Veteran's Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 1200 Gannon Drive.

MEMORIAL DAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING PICK-UP

Garbage, recycling and yardwaste collection will be delayed one day in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Residents who normally have collection on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday, May 31st. Residents who normally have collection on Wednesday will be picked up on Thursday, June 2nd. For more information, you may contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

DIVERSITY: HOFFMAN ESTATES THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FUTURE

A gallery entitled *Diversity: Hoffman Estates through the Eyes of the Future*, showcasing photos with essays about diversity, compiled by Hoffman Estates children, is on display in the Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road). Admission is free. Gallery hours are regular Village Hall business hours (8:30 am - 5:00 pm), May 16 through 27. For more information, please call 847-843-4890.

MISSED PICK-UP? Please call the Groot customer service number at 1-800-244-1977 if your garbage, recycling or yardwaste pick-up was missed. If your items were at the curb by 7:00 am and were not picked up, Groot will come back the same day for your items.

AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASS

The Village of Hoffman Estates will be hosting the AARP 2-day driving class on June 20th - 21st, from 9:00am to 1:00pm. The class will be held in the Training Room at the Village Hall located at 1900 Hassell Road. The AARP Driver Safety Program will cover the following topics:

- Vision and Hearing Changes
- Effects of Medication
- Reaction Time Changes
- Left Turns and Right of Way Situations
- New Laws and How They Affect You
- Hazardous Driving Situations

There is a \$10.00 charge, payable by check, which will be collected on the first day of class. To register for the class, contact Karen Cardoza at (847) 781-2866. Future classes will be held on August 22nd-23rd, at the Police Department, and October 24th-25th, at the Village Hall.

