# Hoffman Estates Citizen

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**News from the Village of Hoffman Estates** 

# Annual recycling event returns Aug. 22 with new safety protocols

Have you spent time at home over the past few months cleaning out your basement or garage? Bring your unwanted items to the Village's recycling event! Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 situation, all information is subject to change. Please follow the Village on social media and keep an eye on our website for the most up-to-date information.

Hoffman Estates' annual large recycling drop-off and document destruction event will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon. Due to high participation, residents are advised to arrive early at the Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave. Please note that the event will conclude promptly at noon (one hour earlier than in previous years).

New safety protocols are in place for 2020. Residents must wear a mask and remain in their vehicle at all times, and IDs will be checked though a closed window to verify residency. Residents will unlock doors or open the trunk from inside

the vehicle, and staff will unload the items. Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of a vehicle in paper bags or small boxes – not in plastic bags!

If anyone in your home has recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, **DO NOT** attend this event. Most items can be recycled separately through the Village's ongoing programs. If you have any questions about the recycling initiatives in Hoffman Estates, email <a href="mailto:grow2green@hoffmanestates.org">grow2green@hoffmanestates.org</a>.

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# Growing to Greenness!

# **Historian's** notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

#### Ten facts about storm water

- 1. Storm sewers are designed to collect rainwater runoff, only.
- 2. Water entering the storm sewer system is not treated before moving into downstream waterways (ponds, creeks, wetlands, etc.).
- 3. Sump pumps that collect surface water, or ground water from the house perimeter, discharge into the storm sewer through surface runoff or direct pipe connection.
- 4. All interior house drains, including floor drains and ejector pump discharges, do not enter the storm sewer system. These sources enter a separate sanitary sewer system that flows to a water treatment plant before releasing into downstream waterways.
- 5. Dumping of any pollutants or waste into a storm sewer is never permitted and can pollute downstream waterways.



- 6. All open grated drains that can collect surface water are part of the storm sewer system.
- Runoff may become polluted as it runs along roads, parking lots, roofs, lawns and construction sites.
- Runoff may contain pollutants, such as automotive fluids, fertilizers and pesticides, leaves, sediment, litter, and pet waste.
- Please do your part to keep storm water clean!
   Everyone can help reduce the amount of pollution carried in storm water.
- 10. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or the police non-emergency number at 847-882-1818 after 4 p.m. or on weekends.

The Village encourages all residents and businesses to take pride in their storm water quality. Visit the storm water management webpage for tips and more information at www.hoffmanestates.org/stormwater.

If you clean out your car's glove compartment, you might come across an old map of the state of Illinois. Years ago, gas stations used to give them out for free. Now, everyone relies on the GPS in their smart phones (and backseat drivers) to help them find the way to their destinations.

As a youngster, when vacation time rolled around, I remember helping my father navigate through Wisconsin with my trusty X-marked map. I could follow the highway through towns I had marked and never had to ask, "Are we there yet?" I learned so much about reading maps. I was always curious about the towns that we drove through and wanted to stop and see what it was like. Over the years, my dad would take us to those surrounding towns, and we collected wall pennants from each one of them. Now, my grandchildren wouldn't

know the first thing about reading maps!

I'm still curious about the roads I travel on. One that has a lot of history (and is central to our community) is Higgins Road. Early records date the road back to 1851. It was identified as Dundee Road on a 1904 map. Early settlers called it the Chicago-Dundee Road. Today's Higgins Road (Route 72) wasn't opened as a state road until 1924. It runs for 110.71 miles from Route 43 in Chicago west to Lanark, Illinois. A short portion of Higgins Road runs along what was once the Galena-Chicago Stagecoach Trail out in Genoa. This was the midpoint of the trail as travelers made daily mail and passenger runs.

There have been stories that American Indians used it as a trail to access hunting grounds along the Fox River in Dundee. However, this has been said for all the local roads that run on an angle, such as Algonquin and Irving Park roads.

Today, Higgins Road takes us to many important destinations. You can head to the city of Chicago, O'Hare International Airport, Woodfield Mall, Poplar Creek at 59/90, the Arboretum of South Barrington, the Hoffman Estates Park District's Scott R. Triphahn Community Center and Ice Arena, the Sears Centre Arena, and several forest preserves. In Hoffman Estates, Higgins Road is a beautiful four-lane divided highway and one of the "main drags" through our Village.

If you find a state map in your glove box, save it! You may need it if your GPS stops working.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

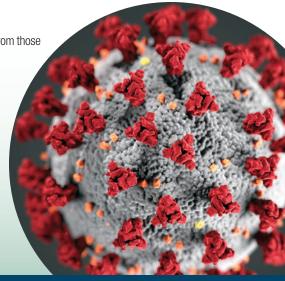
### Simple measures to **fight COVID-19**

Illinois has made significant progress in fighting COVID-19. Let's continue to work together to keep everyone safe! The latest guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is that simple, everyday actions can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

#### Remember your three W's

- WATCH your distance! Remain at least 6 feet away from those outside your immediate household.
- WEAR face coverings! Wear a mask or cloth face covering any time social distancing is not possible, especially indoors.
- WASH your hands! Wash often for a minimum of 20 seconds with soap and water, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer.

Hoffman Estates is located in the Restore Illinois Northeast/EMS Region 10. Keep an eye on the metrics on the state's website at <a href="https://www.dph.illinois.gov/restore">www.dph.illinois.gov/restore</a>.



### Annual recycling event

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Sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), residents of Hoffman Estates and other SWANCC-member communities are invited to drop off electronics, documents, medication, light bulbs and more for recycling at this free, one-day event. Proof of residency is required. Materials will not be accepted from businesses, schools or non-SWANCC residents. If you cannot come to the Hoffman Estates recycling day, you may attend any SWANCC recycling event (proof of residency required). Visit <u>www.swancc.org</u> for more collection dates.

#### **About paper**

Only sensitive documents will be accepted, including medical records, bank statements and tax forms. Do not include magazines, greeting cards or newspapers, as these can be recycled curbside. Paper is cross-shredded on site. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Plastic, metal clips and binders should be removed. Do not bring paper in plastic bags. Plastic is a contaminant, as are photos, slides and any non-paper item.



#### **About electronics**

Remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes before the event. Accepted electronic items include cable and satellite receivers; cell phones, PDAs and tablets; computers and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, monitors, etc.); fax machines, printers and scanners; MP3 players; TVs; videogame consoles; video recorders/players; and Zip drives.

Items NOT accepted include air conditioners; CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes; humidifiers/dehumidifiers; lamps; microwaves; refrigerators and other large home appliances; speakers; stereos; and vacuum cleaners.

#### **Additional services**

In addition to electronics, the Village will be accepting these items for recycling:

- · Textiles and small household goods through Simple Recycling (new or used clothing; boots and shoes; belts and ties; handbags; hats and gloves; toys; towels; sheets and blankets; small kitchen appliances; and more)
- Expired drugs/sharps
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- · Latex (water-based) paint:
  - Spray cans: \$2
  - Quarts: \$2.50
  - One-gallon containers: \$5
  - Five-gallon buckets: \$12

NOTE: flammable materials will not be accepted.

For more information about this recycling event and other sustainability programs, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/green.



### A message from Mayor McLeod

Last month, after much discussion, the Board of Trustees unanimously voted to cancel all Village events through the remainder of year. We are saddened and disappointed to share this news, but please know that this decision was made to protect the health and well-being of the community. Our residents, business owners, vendors, sponsors and guests are so vital to these events, and we want you to have the best (and safest) experiences possible. Given the current state of affairs with COVID-19, we know that would not be possible this year. But don't fret! We are preparing for a fabulous slate of events and festivals in 2021, and we hope you'll join us!

In addition, the Village has begun to address the current issues surrounding diversity and inclusion, justice in policing, and the Black Lives Matter movement as they pertain to Hoffman Estates. On July 9, the Village hosted its first virtual Town Hall meeting, which featured several prominent guests, including U.S. Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi and Illinois Rep. Fred Crespo, among others. Moderated by Rev. Larry S. Bullock, the panel discussion provided a unique opportunity to explore issues relevant to our community. Given the positive response, the Village plans to host additional Town Hall meetings to keep these constructive conversations going.



Continuing on a positive note, congratulations are due to Hoffman Estates Boy Scout Troop 399 as they celebrate 45 years of service! To cap off this milestone, seven members achieved the rank of Eagle Scout this past month. Erik Doyle, Alex Grogman, Nick Johnson, Jason Matker, Jaydon Romsaithong, Michael Savage and Johnny Waite have been classmates and friends for many years. We are so proud of you!

For more information on getting involved with our Town Hall initiative or to ask questions of our elected officials or Village staff, please call me at 847-781-2604 or email me at bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org.

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# **Community** briefs

### Village cancels in-person events through the end of 2020

Due to continuing COVID-19-related restrictions on the size of gatherings, the Village Board voted in July to cancel all in-person Village events through the end of 2020. This decision affects a number of large, annual events, including the balance of the summer concert series, Platzkonzert Germanfest, the Sept. 11 observance, Northwest Celtic Fest, Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, the Sister Cities French Evening, the Friendship Tree Lighting and the Teddy Bear Tea. The monthly senior citizens luncheons and First Fridays events are also canceled, as are the 2020 police, fire and public works open houses. Some Village commissions may look to hold virtual events, so keep an eye on the Citizen and follow the Village on social media for the latest information. Our commissions look forward to welcoming you back in 2021!



#### **National Immunization Awareness Month**

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. This observation provides a wonderful opportunity to highlight the importance of vaccines for people of all ages. According to the CDC, getting a vaccination is the best way to protect against preventable diseases. Vaccines aren't just for children! In fact, there are some immunizations that are just for adults, including shingles, Tdap and different doses of flu vaccines. Many of us also need routine booster shots (just like children) to stay immune to certain diseases. To find out if you are due for a vaccine, ask your health care provider or contact Health and Human Services! To schedule a vaccination appointment for yourself or your child, call 847-781-4850 or visit www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs.



#### Section of Poplar Creek Trail paved and open

As a result of grant funding obtained by the Village, a section of earth trail in the Poplar Creek Trail System (part of the Arthur L. Janura Forest Preserve) from Route 59 to the CN railroad right-of-way has been paved and is now open to walkers, hikers and bicyclists. The Village partnered with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and the Hoffman Estates Park District on the grant, which funded the majority of the engineering and construction costs. A continuous off-street path that parallels Shoe Factory Road is available from Ivy Ridge Drive on the west to the intersection of Higgins and Barrington roads on the east. As part of a separate road project with Cook County to reconstruct and widen Shoe Factory Road, this path will be extended west from Ivy Ridge Drive to Essex Drive over the next several years.



#### **Food pantry resumes appointments**

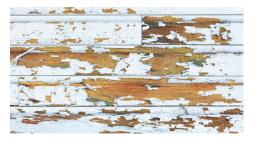
The Schaumburg Township food pantry is now open from Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. by appointment only. Appointments are easy to make by calling 847-884-0030, ext. 1013. Residents must bring a piece of mail that has been issued within the last 30 days as proof of residency. Enter through the main entrance of the Township building at 1 Illinois Blvd. for your appointment (the north entrance is closed). For additional resources, visit the Greater Chicago Food Depository at <a href="https://www.chicagosfoodbank.org">www.chicagosfoodbank.org</a> or the Northern Illinois Food Bank at <a href="https://www.solvehungertoday.org">www.solvehungertoday.org</a>.

#### August dates for seasonal brush drop-off

Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 1, and Saturday, Aug. 15. This free program, which ends in September, accepts residential brush/branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. For more information, call 847-490-6800.

#### **Lead poisoning dangers**

If your home was built before 1978, it is possible it contains some lead-based paint. Lead is a highly toxic metal that can cause damage to the central nervous system and vital organs. Paint containing lead was previously used on the inside and outside of homes primarily because of its durability. If your home was built prior to 1978 and you see peeling, flaking or chipping paint, you may be at risk. Children under the age of 6 are especially vulnerable. They can become lead poisoned by putting their hands or other lead-contaminated objects into their mouths. State law requires property owners to correct lead-based paint hazards if a child living in the home tests positive for lead poisoning. For more information on lead hazard reduction, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/cdbg or contact the Cook County Department of Public Health Lead Poisoning Prevention Division at 708-633-8054.



#### **Welcome new businesses!**

**Glamour Nail Studio** 4599 W. Higgins Road

**Hair By Vanessa** 977 N. Roselle Road, #9

**Janetz Hairapy** 977 N. Roselle Road, #6

Jess Klug Salon 977 N. Roselle Road, #5

**Kristin Elizabeth Hair** 977 N. Roselle Road, #6

**Mavis Tire and Brakes** 2475 W. Golf Road

**Wingstop** 9 E. Golf Road



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

The safety of the Hoffman Estates community is important to the Health and Human Services Department. The Village is monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic closely and will update guidance based on current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).

For updates, visit <u>www.hoffmanestates.org/coronavirus</u>. If you have questions about vaccines, services or resources, call 847-781-4850.

#### **Adult services and immunizations**

Health and Human Services offers health screenings and preventative tests.

- Blood pressure and pulse check: free!
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$2 \*New lower price!
- · Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, or affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.

#### **Cholestech: complete lipid profile**

This <u>FASTING</u> 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 \$22.

#### **Hemoglobin A1C screening**

The hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. The test takes six minutes and the cost is \$15. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

#### **Children's clinics have resumed**

Health and Human Services has resumed its baby and children's vaccination clinics. These clinics have always used exceptional infection control policies, but they now institute additional guidelines, as suggested by the CDC, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). These added safety measures will help to ensure the health of patients, as well as protect Village employees.

Health and Human Services is offering **individual appointment times** for each child. The following precautions are also in place:

- Appointments will be staggered to promote social distancing
- A new COVID-19 questionnaire will be answered by each individual
- Temperature checks will be done prior to appointment time
- Face coverings/masks will be required for anyone over the age of 2
- Only one parent per child while inside the Village Hall is encouraged
- Additional hand sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the Village Hall
- All immunizations will be discussed with families by nurses via telephone before appointments
- Credit card payments (if necessary) will be done via telephone
- Staff will be required to wear additional personal protective equipment (PPE)



Health and Human Services is happy to provide this important service again to the community and asks that you please do not hesitate to call with any questions at 847-781-4850. Information about these clinics is also posted online at <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs">www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs</a>.

To request an appointment, complete the two online forms and email them, along with your immunization records, to <a href="https://htm.nestates.org">https://htm.nestates.org</a>.

#### **Ask the Therapist**

Q: What are the benefits of telehealth?

**A:** Telehealth is an opportunity to receive health-related services and information via technology and telecommunication. Health and Human Services has transitioned to telehealth for mental health services for the community. This option has many benefits, including:

- Access to trained professionals from the comfort of your own home
- Reduced risk of exposure to illness
- No transportation time or costs
- Works with most schedules
- Reduced child or elder care issues
- Better health

#### Telehealth and counseling services

Counseling can improve an individual's life by reducing stress, working through change, and increasing satisfaction related to work, school and relationships. Services are available for individuals, couples and families. While telehealth may not be ideal for everyone, a therapist can discuss options with you. Fees are affordable for all households and are provided on a sliding scale based on household income. Call 847-781-4850 for more information.



By Bev Romanoff Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

## **Clerk's** corner

This is the time of year when I usually thank everyone for donating items at the Fourth of July parade to help support our township food pantries. Because there was no parade this year, the pantries are still in need of canned and nonperishable food and toiletries. Please drop off your donations at the Village Hall, and we will get them to the local pantries!

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625 or email the Clerk at bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org.

# Village Manager Jim Norris retires

James H. Norris, the longest-serving village manager in Hoffman Estates' 60-year history, will officially retire on Aug. 14, 2020. His 40-year career in public management has spanned two states, including stints in Schaumburg, Palatine and Western Springs. Mr. Norris joined the Village in 1998 after serving for almost a decade as city manager of Gladstone, Missouri, a highly regarded suburb of Kansas City.

"I have been honored to serve the residents and businesses of Hoffman Estates over the past 22 years," said Mr. Norris. "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the Village Board and department heads and staff, and I am proud of the role I have played in the success that Hoffman Estates has experienced during this time."

Economic development has been a major focus during Mr. Norris' tenure with the Village. He oversaw the evolution of the Prairie Stone Business Park from a first-class office park to a growing mixed-use hospitality/ retail/entertainment district. In addition, Mr. Norris has overseen the upgrade and rebuilding of several Village facilities, including the 2008 construction of the LEED-certified police station on Higgins Road. He also led the team that successfully managed the financial hardships the Village grappled with as a result of the Great Recession.

He obtained his Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University, where he has gone on to teach for over a decade as an adjunct professor of public administration. Mr. Norris also holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

Mr. Norris has been an advocate for professional public management. He is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), a member and past president of the Illinois City/County Management Association, and a member and past president of the Chicago Metropolitan Managers Association.



In 2019, he and Hoffman Estates Deputy Village Manager Dan O'Malley received the 2019 Top Mentoring Team Award from ICMA for their long-running public administration internship program. Mr. Norris also received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Northern Illinois University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences in 2015.

"Jim has been a champion for our residents and businesses, as well as a regional leader in advocating for intergovernmental cooperation and pension reform," said Mayor William D. McLeod. "Jim's management has been critical to providing the high-quality services our Village enjoys."

The Board has begun the recruitment process for a new village manager to take the helm later this year.

# Show your **community pride** — nominate a neighbor today!

The nomination deadline for the 22nd annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is **Monday, Aug. 31**. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three "best" landscaping categories:

- Detached single-family home
- Attached single-family home
- · Neighborhood or homeowners association

This program also recognizes beautiful properties that may incorporate "green" practices. If you see a neighbor using rain barrels, composting, incorporating nontoxic methods of pest and weed control, or other sustainable practices, let us know! Photographs will be taken of areas viewable from the street in early September. For more information and an online nomination form, visit <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/sc">www.hoffmanestates.org/sc</a>.

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#### **Community Pride Recognition Award nomination form**

I nominate the residence at:	
Owner(s) name (if known):	
"Green" landscape techniques (if known): _	
Neighborhood/homeowners association:	
Contact person:	
Your name and address:	

Please complete and return to:

Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o Sustainability Commission 1900 Hassell Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

# **August** calendar







Due to precautions related to COVID-19, most non-essential Village meetings, events and tours are canceled through the end of 2020. For up-to-date information, visit <u>www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar</u>.

#### Saturday, Aug. 1

 Brush Drop-off Program, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility

#### \*Sunday, Aug. 2

Veteran's Flag 83: William E. Petrella, Army, Vietnam

#### Monday, Aug. 3

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, immediately following Standing Committee Meetings at VH

#### Tuesday, Aug. 4

- · Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m. at VH
- · Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

#### Wednesday, Aug. 5

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

#### \*Sunday, Aug. 9

Veteran's Flag 84: B.L. Richardson, USMC, WWII and Korea

#### Saturday, Aug. 15

 Brush Drop-off Program, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility

#### \*Sunday, Aug. 16

Veteran's Flag 85: Robert J. Kolp, Army, WWII

#### Monday, Aug. 17

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, immediately following Standing Committee Meetings at VH

#### Wednesday, Aug. 19

Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

#### Saturday, Aug. 22

Village Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to noon at PWC

#### \*Sunday, Aug. 23

Veteran's Flag 86: Donald F. Boyer, Navy, 1951-1955

#### Tuesday, Aug. 25

Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

#### \*Sunday, Aug. 30

Veteran's Flag 87: Charles G. Procter, Army, 1948-1958

#### Monday, Aug. 31

Community Pride Recognition Awards Deadline

**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 committee 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 committee 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.

#### What to know about Japanese beetles

Japanese beetles continue to be a problem for residents of northern Illinois, including Hoffman Estates. The beetles are approximately 3/4-inches long and can be easily recognized by their blue, green, copper and/or silver metallic color. In their larval stage, the grubs develop in the soil, feeding on the roots of various plants and grasses, often damaging turf in lawns, parks, golf courses and pastures. Adult beetles feed on the foliage and fruits of several hundred species of fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, vines and crops.

Leaves of affected trees will appear to be eaten with only the veins of the leaves remaining (skeletonized), which makes the leaves appear similar to lace. As the impact of Japanese beetles is generally more of an aesthetic issue and typically not detrimental to the health of trees. Hoffman Estates does not treat Village-owned trees for this issue.



If you notice Japanese beetles have impacted your trees or lawn, the following treatments are available:

- Trees can be treated professionally with a foliar application or an injected systemic insecticide.
- Residents can apply a soapy water mixture to affected plants.
- To eliminate Japanese beetles during their larval stage, a granular turf grub control treatment early in the growing year will reduce and control the adult population.

Due to the possibility of beetle migration from one yard or tree to another, please share this information with your neighbors, even if you have performed a preventative treatment.

For more information, visit www.mortonarb.org/japanese-beetles.

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\* 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 clo the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, II. 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, II. 60169.

#### **The Village of Hoffman Estates**

1900 Hassell Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 www.hoffmanestates.org

#### **Important phone numbers**

Main
Police and Fire 911
Police Administration $\dots 847-781-2800$
Fire Administration $847$ - $843$ - $4825$
Public Works
Health and Human Services
Event Hotline

#### **Village officials**

William D. McLeod

#### **Trustees**

Karen V. Mills Anna Newell Gary J. Pilafas Gary G. Stanton Michael Gaeta Karen J. Arnet

#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

#### Village Manager James H. Norris

#### **Municipal facilities**

Most Village facilities are closed to the public or have special hours until further notice. Visit our website for online services.

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### 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.



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# **Electricity Aggregation Program** to begin in September

The Village is resuming its Electricity Aggregation Program through a partnership with Eligo Energy. The program will be offered at no cost to ratepayers or to the Village. Residents and small businesses will pay exactly the ComEd rate. Plus, they will enjoy the added benefit of "green" energy through the program's support of Midwestgenerated renewable energy providers.

Beginning in late July, residents and small businesses within the Village began receiving notices. The program term is for 36 months, from September 2020 through September 2023. All ratepayers not enrolled in a private contract with an alternative supplier will be considered a member of the Hoffman Estates Electricity Aggregation Program, and their energy usage will be offset by 50% renewable energy.

#### **Program benefits**

• Guaranteed to be charged the ComEd rate, with no risk of paying more than ComEd

- · Village designated as a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Green Power Community
- Maximum flexibility to join or leave the program, and never an enrollment or switch fee
- · Residents' power consumption is offset by green energy generated from renewable sources in the Midwest, at zero cost
- The Village receives a monetary "civic contribution," which is targeted for sustainability projects

No one from Eligo, ComEd or the Village will ever call you or visit your home to enroll. If a solicitor claims to be the Village supplier, Eligo or ComEd, take their information and report the incident to the Illinois Commerce Commission at www.icc.illinois.gov/complaints. Never reveal your ComEd account number or allow a solicitor to view your ComEd bill unless you are certain you wish to enroll with that supplier and have read all terms.

For more information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/aggregation.

