

# Hoffman Estates Citizen

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News from the Village of Hoffman Estates



## Public Works Department awarded for excellence

The Hoffman Estates Public Works Department is dedicated to providing high-quality programs and services to residents and businesses.

*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.*

This extends to snow and ice control operations, a significant effort that requires participation from every employee in the department. In recognition of this program, Public Works has been awarded the American Public Works Association's (APWA) Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award for 2020. This is a national recognition awarded to no more than three municipalities across North America each year.

Considerations for this award include material storage and handling, equipment usage and innovation, training, community outreach and education, technology, and efforts to protect the environment. The Village has invested significant

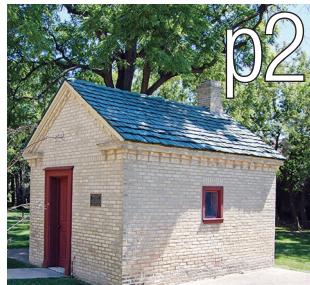
resources in vehicles and equipment, facilities, and employee training in order to keep residents safe during each winter season and to reduce environmental impacts.

Hoffman Estates residents and businesses expect exceptional service. The APWA Excellence in Snow and Ice Control Award demonstrates that Public Works is committed to meeting those expectations.

To learn more about how Public Works is preparing for winter, turn to page 2.

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# Growing to Greenness!

# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

## Electronics Recycling Drop-off ends Nov. 16

Reminder: the last day for the large Electronics Recycling Drop-off program, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will be Monday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon. The service will resume in the spring.

You still have a few weeks to drop off old computers (PCs and laptops) and computer components (monitors,

keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, TVs, VHS play-

ers, and video game consoles. Visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org) for a full list of acceptable items.

Hoffman Estates accepts small electronics for recycling in the Village Hall lobby year-round. After Nov. 16, residents should take large electronics to the following location for recycling:

### Glenview Transfer Station

3 Providence Way, Des Plaines  
*Across from Maryville Academy*  
Saturdays year-round from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
Holiday closings: Nov. 28, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2

Additionally, Groot offers a curbside pick-up option for recycling electronics. Their truck is only in Hoffman Estates on certain days, so call Groot East at 800-244-1977 to arrange for a special collection.

For reuse or recycling options for home appliances and other electronics, visit SWANCC's Green Pages Directory at [www.swancc.org/recycling-directory](http://www.swancc.org/recycling-directory).

It's such a small building, yet it was so important for the pioneer families who settled in what would one day become Hoffman Estates. It's also the only structure in Hoffman Estates that's listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Of course, I'm talking about the Sunderlage Farm Smokehouse at Volid Drive and Vista Lane. Built circa 1850, it's the only Greek revival smokehouse in Illinois.

When you visit this small building, besides its beautiful design, you'll notice the interesting brick color and the fact that it has windows. It's very unusual for a smokehouse to have windows, but this smokehouse was also used as a summer kitchen. The windows provided light for the cooking and washing that was done to keep the house cooler in the hot weather of summer. A pump, sink and work counter were part of the smokehouse.

Wash day began early in the morning. A large wash boiler would be filled with water and put over the fire. Laundry would be boiled, rinsed, wrung out and hung outside on clotheslines to

dry. Cooking and baking (bread was baked daily) were also done there, keeping the main kitchen and farmhouse cool. In the winter, cooking returned to the large stove in the farmhouse.

Come November, with cold weather settling in, the animals raised since spring and destined for the kitchen table would be slaughtered and prepared for the smokehouse. Pork was the meat of choice, but some beef may have also been hung to smoke. The freezing temperatures provided another way of preserving the meat. One hog was needed to feed each member of the household.

It's believed that the smokehouse was built before the farmhouse. It was not just used by the Sunderlage family, but also by neighbors who had settled across Higgins Road in Wildcat Grove.

The work involved to prepare animals for smoking was very tedious. The animals had to have all their hair removed with boiling water in a large tub or trough. The whole family (and perhaps neighbors) would take part in this

process. Nothing was wasted. The blood would be used in sausage and blood pudding. The layers of fat would be saved to be used in frying and cooking throughout the coming year. Some meat would be salted before hanging to dry or smoke. The women would be busy gathering all the pieces and scraps of meat for the sausage they'd be making, and this would also be hung in the smokehouse.

Life was not easy for our early pioneer families. Being able to provide food for the coming winter was vital to their survival. The small smokehouse did just that.

For a look into the history of the Sunderlage Farm Smokehouse, along with other historical sites in Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg, visit the Schaumburg Township Historical Society's virtual tour at [www.s-t-h-s.org](http://www.s-t-h-s.org). To view the smokehouse information in the National Register of Historic Places, visit <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/28892002>.

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

## Whenever winter arrives, Public Works is ready

A great deal of preparation occurs before the first snowplow rolls out of the Public Works garage, heading out to clear streets of snow and ice. This includes thorough vehicle checks, set-up of plows and salting equipment, salt deliveries, and conducting annual snow and ice training.

Public Works subscribes to a certified local meteorological firm that monitors weather patterns and conditions. This information allows the Public Works Department to efficiently deploy personnel and equipment to

best meet the needs of residents during each winter weather event.

Major streets are plowed first, followed by side streets and culs-de-sac. Do not shovel or blow snow into the street or onto fire hydrants; parking is prohibited on Village streets for eight hours after a 2-inch snowfall (until the street has been cleared); and remind children playing in the snow to stay away from the street.

For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



# The fall **scavenger hunt** is on!

The Sustainability Commission is holding a digital scavenger hunt this November! Residents ages 14 and under are invited to grab a phone or other smart device and join the hunt.

Complete the online scavenger hunt for 10 native plants and animals in our area, and your name will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift cards from local Hoffman Estates businesses. Fall is a great time for exploring all the outdoor activities Hoffman Estates has to offer. So get outside and win a prize!

Visit the Village's website, [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org), for the link to the online scavenger hunt. Hurry, the scavenger hunt closes Monday, Nov. 30, at 5 p.m. Happy hunting!



A white-tailed deer.

## Village commemorates **Veterans Day** in private ceremony

Veterans Day, which is observed on Nov. 11 each year, is set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, both in wartime and peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty.

Due to continuing COVID-19-related restrictions, the Village has canceled all in-person events through the end of 2020, including the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. However, to properly honor those who gave so much for our country, Veterans' Memorial Commission members will be holding a private commemoration (no public service), freshening the veterans' wreaths and observing a moment of silence at 11 a.m.



Members of the Veterans' Memorial Commission.

The Veterans' Memorial Commission looks forward to welcoming you back to its annual ceremony in 2021!



## A message from **Mayor McLeod**

Two organizations are striving to make a Thanksgiving difference this year.

First, if you or someone you know could use a box of delicious, healthy food, contact Life Changers Church. Every Friday for the rest of 2020, Life Changers will give 1,000 people/families a 50-pound box of fresh, farm-to-table groceries, including fruits, vegetables, meat, milk, cheese and bread. Details can be found at [www.lifechangerschurch.com/love](http://www.lifechangerschurch.com/love). Additionally, organizers of the Basket Brigade, another local initiative, are looking to provide a complete Thanksgiving meal for families in need. Each box will feed a family of five! Nominate a family today at [www.basketbrigade.net](http://www.basketbrigade.net) – no questions asked!

On Oct. 4, my fellow Board members and I had the opportunity to meet 82-year-old Michael Calendo. Sadly, he passed away on Oct. 19. A resident of Hoffman Estates, Michael committed his life to helping others. A dedicated parent and grandparent, Michael assisted neighbors and friends in need with an untold number of household projects, personal errands and other acts of kindness. It was an honor to meet this wonderful man! He will be missed by many.



Mayor McLeod (left) congratulated Michael Calendo outside his home in early October.

Do you know of an unsung hero in our community who deserves to be recognized? Let us know! Please email [jennifer.djordjevic@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:jennifer.djordjevic@hoffmanestates.org) with your story.

Congratulations are in order for Hoffman Estates High School special education teacher Katie McGarvey, who was recently named the 2021 Illinois Special Education Teacher of the Year! We couldn't be more proud – congrats Katie!

Last but not least, mark your calendar for our next Virtual Town Hall discussion on Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m. The panel, moderated by Dr. Audra Marks from Health and Human Services, will feature senior services experts from around the community. For more information, call 847-781-2610.

*Bill McLeod*



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# Community briefs

## Thanksgiving observance

The Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Village Hall remains closed on Saturdays until further notice.

## Daylight-Saving Time ends

On Sunday, Nov. 1, roll back your clocks one hour. The Fire Department would also like to remind you to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. CO alarms are recommended near sleeping areas.



## Yard waste collection ends

Groot's 2020 yard waste collection program will end on Wednesday, Nov. 25, for residents south of the Tollway (including households west of Bartlett Road) and Monday, Nov. 30, for residents north of the Tollway. Special pick-up days for Christmas tree collection will be announced in the December issue of the Citizen.

## Welcome new businesses!

**Advance Preschool, Inc.**  
2330 W. Higgins Road

**AKA Express, Inc.**  
2500 W. Higgins Road, #710

**Beccorp Transportation**  
2500 W. Higgins Road, #1135

**Behavioral Psychology Associates, PC**  
2500 W. Higgins Road, #1250

**CPA of Hoffman Estates, LLC**  
1726 W. Algonquin Road

**DAS Construction, Inc.**  
2400 Hassell Road, #430

**Junes Hoffman Estates, LLC**  
2588 W. Golf Road

**The Markee Kutz, Inc.**  
977 N. Roselle Road, #17

**Maureen T. Miller Photography**  
2200 Stonington Ave., #100

## Village Green Phase I Improvement Project

A grading and utility project is underway at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green. The Village Green Phase I Improvement Project includes the creation of an entry plaza, a central plaza and an enhanced viewing hill for productions at the amphitheater. The east side of the park will be made level for future use, and lighting will be updated throughout the Phase I area. The work is taking place south of the Hideaway Brew Garden and the amphitheater. For more information Village Green Phase I Improvement Project, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/villagegreen](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/villagegreen).



Looking west at the Village Green. The hill on the east has been eliminated to allow for a large, flat area for events.

## Water meter change-out program continues

Nearly 8,000 Hoffman Estates homes and businesses (about 50%) have already received new water meters, and older water meters continue to be replaced through the Village's partnership with Siemens and Professional Meters, Inc. While this project began in early March, it was delayed due to COVID-19. In June, the project resumed with safety protocols in place, including daily temperature checks, as well as the use of face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer during the short period of time a change-out typically takes. For more information about this program, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



## Garbage toter storage and set-out hours

Don't forget: garbage and recycling toters, bins and bags cannot be set out before 6 p.m. the evening before your collection day, and must be put away by 10 p.m. on your collection day. Toters and bins must be stored behind the principal building line on the side or in the rear of your property or inside a garage. Toter and bin storage is not permitted in front of your house. For more information, call the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.

## Light your lights for safety

One of the simplest ways to make your home and property safer is to turn on your outdoor lights at night. The Hoffman Estates Police Department joins police departments across the country in recommending that residents have a #9PMRoutine. By setting an alarm on your phone, watch or other device to remind you to do these actions every night at 9 p.m., you can take an active role in keeping our community safe!

- Turn on exterior lights.
- Remove valuables from your vehicle.
- Ensure that vehicle doors and trunks are locked.
- Check that gates to your property and doors to your home are also locked.

## HETV available on Comcast and U-verse

HETV (Hoffman Estates TV) is available on both Comcast cable (channel 6) and AT&T U-verse (channel 99; scroll through the list of city names and select "Hoffman Estates"). HETV provides information about the Village, Village Board meetings, high school sports and concerts, as well as other educational programs. The program schedule is available at [www.hoffmanestates.org/hetv](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/hetv). If you are experiencing problems with your service that the provider has not been able to address, call Cable TV Coordinator Ric Signorella at 847-781-2607 for assistance.

## Be a nice neighbor

Please be respectful while traveling through Village neighborhoods and while doing work outside. Keep noise levels reasonable and be mindful of leaving waste in your wake. Your neighbors will appreciate it!





# 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 continue to update guidance based on current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). For additional updates, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/coronavirus](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/coronavirus). If you have questions about vaccines, services or resources, call 847-781-4850.*

### Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a disease that occurs in a person's body when their blood sugar (glucose) levels are too high, which means that the body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use the insulin it makes as efficiently as it should. Over time, sugar levels remain too high in the bloodstream and can cause serious health problems, such as heart disease, kidney damage and loss of vision. Low sugar levels can even place patients at a higher risk for COVID-19 complications. In honor of Diabetes Awareness Month in November, Health and Human Services will be offering a diabetes screening test (hemoglobin A1C) for just \$15. This is a quick, non-fasting blood test used to diagnose diabetes and prediabetes. Consultation with a nurse is included regarding results. Temperature checks will be performed before each appointment, and social distancing and masks are required. To schedule your A1C test, call 847 781-4850.

### Children's clinics

Health and Human Services currently hosts 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 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 [www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs).

To request an appointment, complete the two online forms and email them, along with your immunization records, to [hhs@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:hhs@hoffmanestates.org).

### 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 **FASTING** 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.



### Holiday Giving Tree: applications open!

Health and Human Services is proud to host the fourth annual Holiday Giving Tree program, which assists families in need with gifts for their children during the holiday season. Applications are now being accepted for both families who are experiencing hardships and residents or businesses who would like to sponsor a family in need. Space is limited, and applications will be accepted until Tuesday, Nov. 10. To receive an application as a recipient or sponsor and to learn about eligibility, call 847-781-4850.

## Clerk's corner

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Village is not having its annual Friendship Tree-Lighting Ceremony this year. However, we will still be collecting items for local food pantries. Please bring canned/boxed goods and toiletry items to the donation box in the Village Hall lobby to help restock the pantries. Help support families in need!

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



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

# LED lights illuminate Hoffman Estates streets

Despite a delay due to COVID-19, all Village-owned street lights have now been converted to energy-efficient LEDs.

The Village partnered with Siemens, Energyefficient Systems and Meade Electric on this replacement project, with the goal of reducing energy consumption, light pollution and maintenance costs. The Village also received over \$350,000 in grant funding in the form of ComEd incentives, ensuring an even quicker financial return on this investment.



Village staff considered a number of factors, including fixture warranty, color temperature and various design features, in choosing the best product for Hoffman Estates streets. The fixtures selected and installed are produced by American Electric Lighting, a well-established manufacturer with a long history in the street lighting industry. These fixtures feature a warmer color temperature than typical LEDs, providing light that is very similar to what residents are used to. They have also received the Fixture Seal of Approval from the International Dark-Sky Association for being “dark sky friendly” – the fixtures minimize glare, light trespass (light that shines in unintended places) and light pollution.

Residents and businesses will benefit from this upgrade for years to come, and the Village is proud of the successful execution of the project.

For more information about the street light replacement program or installed LED fixtures, contact Public Works by phone at 847-490-6800 or by email at [publicworks@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:publicworks@hoffmanestates.org).

## Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

### BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet (one metre) away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot (one metre) “kid-free zone” around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer’s instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



### Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer’s instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



### FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

## Keep leaves off the street

As leaves begin to pile up around the yard, remember that raking or blowing yard waste into the street is a violation of the Village’s Municipal Code. When grass clippings and leaves are pushed into the street, they can wash away to cover storm water grates, preventing water from flowing through them. Blocked storm inlets provide a greater chance for flooding.

Storm sewer inlets located in backyards should similarly be kept free of yard debris to prevent flooding.

Be sure that grass clippings, garden debris and raked leaves end up in brown paper yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker affixed to them. Yard waste information and stickers can be purchased at Groot’s website, [www.groot.com](http://www.groot.com).



If you have any questions, call Code Enforcement at 847-781-2631.



# November 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 [www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar).

## \*Sunday, Nov. 1

- Veteran's Flag 6: Charles T. Brown, Army, WWII
- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Deadline to Purchase Pet Licenses

## Monday, Nov. 2

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

## Tuesday, Nov. 3

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Nov. 4

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

## \*Sunday, Nov. 8

- Veteran's Flag 7: Leonard J. Battaglia, Army, WWII

## Monday, Nov. 9

- Emerging Technologies Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Nov. 10

- Holiday Giving Tree Application Deadline
- Historical Sites Commission, 3 p.m. at Sunderlage House
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Virtual Town Hall, 6 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Nov. 11

- VETERANS DAY, VH OPEN
- Veterans Day Ceremony, TBD

## Thursday, Nov. 12

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m. at VH

## \*Sunday, Nov. 15

- Veteran's Flag 8: William M. Walsh, Army, Vietnam

## Monday, Nov. 16

- Last Day of Large Electronics Recycling Drop-off
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Nov. 18

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

## \*Sunday, Nov. 22

- Veteran's Flag 9: Mark A. Mueller, USCGC, 1995-2004

## Monday, Nov. 23

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

## Wednesday, Nov. 25

- Last Day of Yard Waste Collection (South and West)

## Thursday, Nov. 26

- THANKSGIVING, VH CLOSED

## \*Sunday, Nov. 29

- Veteran's Flag 10: Fredrick A. Kerr, USAAF, WWII

## Monday, Nov. 30

- Last Day of Yard Waste Collection (North)
- Scavenger Hunt Closes, 5 p.m.

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.*

## Physical and mental health during a pandemic

Is the pandemic overwhelming you? Do you feel tired or more irritable without understanding why? These may be indicators of the emotional toll that COVID-19 has taken on all of us. While we may not know when this pandemic will end, it is important to focus on what you can do to maintain your physical and mental health.



### Here are a few suggestions:

- Participate in an online workout on your favorite streaming service in order to stay active and fit in the comfort of your own home.
- If you have kids, make sure to take breaks at regular intervals, especially if they're attending school online. Set up a fun-sounding alarm on your phone to remind everyone to stand up and breathe!
- Social distancing does not mean social isolation. Set time aside to have video chats with family and friends. Make it an event – eat meals together, share jokes and watch a movie at the same time using Netflix Party, Amazon Prime Watch Party or Scener.
- Find a DIY project that taps into your creativity.

**You are not alone. If you need additional assistance or are noticing a negative impact on your mental health, call Health and Human Services at 847-781-4850 for confidential services.**

*\*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.*

## Village of Hoffman Estates

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Health and  
Human Services. . . . .847-781-4850  
Event Hotline . . . . .847-252-5443

### Village officials

#### Mayor

William D. McLeod

#### Trustees

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

#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

### Municipal facilities

*Facility hours may be affected by COVID-19. Visit our website for online services.*

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### Hours:

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

#### 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.

#### Hours:

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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# Amazon, Fox shows **filmed at Bell Works** in Hoffman Estates

Bell Works Chicagoland, located at 2000 Center Drive, was recently featured in two new TV shows.

“Utopia,” a new series from Amazon Studios, was released on Prime Video on Sept. 25. It features Bell Works office areas, the building’s atrium/entrance and parking lot, plus some filming on Lakewood Boulevard and a petting zoo scene on the vacant Meijer property. The show stars John Cusack, Rainn Wilson, Ashleigh LaThorp and Dan Byrd. Here is a synopsis from IMDb:

“A group of young adults, who meet online, get a hold of a cult underground graphic novel, which not only pins them as a target of a shadowy deep state organization, but

also burdens them with the dangerous task of saving the world.”

“NeXt,” a new series from Fox Studios, premiered on Oct. 6 at 8 p.m. on Fox. It primarily used Bell Works office areas. The show stars John Slattery, Evan Whitten, Dann Fink and Fernanda Andrade. Here is a synopsis from IMDb:

“‘NeXt’ is a propulsive, fact-based thriller about the emergence of a deadly, rogue artificial intelligence that combines pulse-pounding action with a layered examination of how technology is invading our lives and transforming us in ways we don’t yet understand.”

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The exterior and interior (inset) of Bell Works is featured in the new Amazon show “Utopia.”