

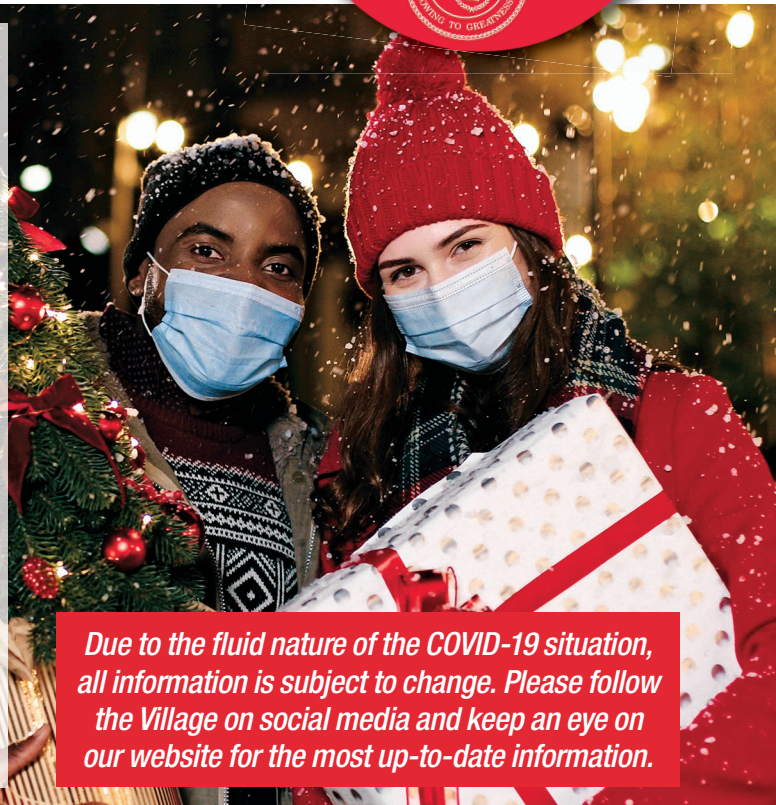
Hoffman Estates Citizen



December 2020

Hoffman for the holidays: **shop and eat local**

The Village of Hoffman Estates is home to many unique stores, from national chains and independent shops to delicious restaurants and exciting entertainment options. Our local businesses create local jobs, shopping locally saves gas and time, and a portion of your sales tax dollars comes directly back to Hoffman Estates.



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.

We are all going through challenging times during COVID-19 – personally, professionally and even socially. It’s tough. Our hope is that you remember one thing: throughout this entire health crisis, caring remains. Caring about others matters. Hoffman Estates cares.

The Village cares about its residents and businesses. We care about all those who have invested their time, money, sweat, tears and lives in this community. So, please, as you’re doing a bit of holiday shopping, consider supporting the local grocer, retailer, salon, fitness center, restaurant and so many more. Most businesses offer online ordering and curbside

pickup to keep safe distance practices. Additionally, the Village maintains an up-to-date map and list of restaurants that are open on its website:

www.hoffmanestates.org/restaurantsopen

This holiday season, you can accomplish most of what you need without traveling far from home. You will also benefit by keeping your spending dollars in your own community, where they help pay for services you need and use every day.

Thank you for caring about Hoffman Estates businesses!

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Free holiday light recycling

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) are once again accepting holiday lights for recycling at no cost to residents from Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Feb. 5, 2021.

All string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off during normal business hours in the Village Hall lobby.

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



Late October and early November 1960 were the original move-in dates for the families on my street in the Highlands neighborhood. Not many of those people are still in their homes – many moved on.

The month of giving, December brings back all the memories of years gone by. How I remember the excitement over the delivery of our Sears catalog. It came early enough for my kids to have it in tatters by mid-December. From week to week, as the holidays approached, their Christmas lists were constantly changing.

My kids also talked about their Jewish classmates who celebrated Hanukkah, telling me that they received a gift on each of the eight days of the Festival of Lights. “Boy, they’re lucky,” was their response when I told them they would only get gifts on Christmas morning.

Where to shop for all those gifts was a challenge.

Hoffman Estates was such a small community back then, that most of our shopping had to be done in Elgin, where you could get gifts at Spiess, Ackemann’s and Sears department stores – the only ones close by. Or, you could drive to Rolling Meadows for a very nice department store called Crawford’s.

Sears was familiar to me, but the other two felt different because of the brands they sold. I still remember the Sears store as being very old with wood floors that creaked when you walked up and down the aisles. They always had what I needed.

I do remember some of the early stores in downtown Hoffman Estates that helped me with my shopping. Brass & Glass (now Fabbrini’s Flowers) in the Rose Arcade next to the Thunderbird Movie Theater in the Golf Rose Shopping Center (now Golf Center) is our oldest continuous business

in Hoffman Estates. Walgreen Agency Snyder Drugs and Jewel, the first grocer to open in Hoffman Estates in 1959, also helped with some gifts.

How life has changed for all of us this year. With a vicious virus that won’t allow us the freedoms we have always enjoyed, shopping will be done online for many of us. We will always have our family traditions that we can modify and reconfigure for 2020.

Happy holidays!

Note: if you haven't already visited the Schaumburg Township Historical Society's website to experience a virtual tour of the historical sites in Hoffman Estates, visit www.s-t-h-s.org today. I'm the school teacher in the one-room schoolhouse video!

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Changes to the holiday season due to COVID-19

This holiday season will look and feel different from other years. Here are some tips on how to embrace the changes:

- Acknowledge that this year is different from previous years
- Accept any feelings of sadness, joy, hesitation and confusion you may feel about the holidays
- Talk with your family and friends about your mixed feelings – they may feel the same way
- Make a new tradition that you can carry on for years to come; for example, add a new baked good or cooked meal that you have been wanting to try
- Set the menu for your holiday dinner and FaceTime/Zoom with your family members in order to share the experience together
- Decorate your home to get in the holiday spirit and, if you are celebrating alone this year, make sure to connect virtually
- For Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, make sure to do your online shopping in advance, as many items are on backorder or sold-out due to COVID-19
- For New Year’s Eve, reflect on what have been the positives of this past year and pat yourself on the back for the resiliency you and your family have shown



Pace wins 2020 APTA Innovation Award

The American Public Transportation Association (APTA) recently honored Pace with its 2020 Innovation Award. Given to a public transportation leader whose accomplishments and innovations have greatly advanced public transportation, Pace won this year for their collaborative I-90 Market Expansion Project, the largest service expansion in the agency's history.

The APTA Innovation Award acknowledges public transportation systems that demonstrate innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques not previously applied in the public transportation industry.

Pace Suburban Bus partnered with the Illinois Tollway to work on expanding transit, delivering roadway improvements and improving overall mobility on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90). Planning for the Tollway's investment in rebuilding and improving I-90 became a coordinated effort with Pace's plans for its I-90 Market Expansion Project.



The new full Tollway interchange at Barrington Road and I-90.

The many transit and transportation improvements delivered on I-90 resulted from multiple coordinated planning efforts not only between Pace and the Illinois Tollway, but also the Illinois Department of Transportation, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, RTA and the Village of Hoffman Estates. Improvements included the state's first highway-based bus rapid transit station at Barrington Road in Hoffman Estates.

"Hoffman Estates is proud to be home to our state's first inline bus rapid transit station," said Mayor McLeod. "We enthusiastically supported this project and believe the economic development opportunities it creates will benefit our community for years to come."

The collaboration between Pace and the Illinois Tollway is a high-profile model of what can be accomplished when transit and transportation agencies work together.

Congratulations to Pace for receiving this APTA award!



A message from **Mayor McLeod**

There's no sugar coating it – this has been a HARD year for all of us.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has upended life as we know it, but it has also provided unique opportunities for all of us to extend a helping hand. The unprecedented number of cases has been countered by the extraordinary effort of local heroes. We've heard stories of great citizens who have gone above and beyond for their neighbors. We see and hear about people in our hospitals and clinics who are working hard to help their patients feel better. Our small business owners, restaurant servers, grocery store workers, gas station attendants, baristas and fast food employees continue to show up at work every day to keep our community running strong. The helpers in Hoffman Estates – those who work in charitable and nonprofit organizations – are working overtime to address the mounting issues our residents are facing: homelessness, domestic violence, hunger, inadequate education and increased mental health problems.

I know this will be a hard season to celebrate as we miss the special events and get-togethers we have enjoyed in the past – I get it. I'm right there with you. Both the Board of Trustees and Village staff, including our Fire, Police and Public Works departments, see what's going on, and it weighs heavily on our collective minds. I want you to know that you can reach out to us at any time. Our Health and Human Services Department is a standout among our neighboring municipalities, and we are grateful to have the expertise of our nurses, interns and support staff.

There are two things I want to leave you with: if you have the ability to make a donation to a local organization to support their mission, please do so. And, if you are someone in NEED of support, please know that we can help – Health and Human Services is equipped to address the needs of individuals and families and can point you to the right resources. Please call them at 847-781-4850.

I wish you peace and comfort this December and into 2021! Feel free to give me a call at 847-815-3842 or email me at bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org.

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs



Village Hall closed for holidays

The Village Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve (Thursday, Dec. 24), Christmas Day (Friday, Dec. 25) and New Year's Day (Friday, Jan. 1, 2021). The Village Hall remains closed on Saturdays until further notice. Enjoy the holiday season!

Save the date – MLK celebration

The Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to present the 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration from Monday, Jan. 18, through Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021. The modified event will be held virtually on YouTube. Look for more info in the next Citizen!



Fire Department retirements

With more than 63 years of combined service, the Hoffman Estates Fire Department bid a fond farewell to both Deputy Chief Thomas Mackie and Battalion Chief Wayne Rothbauer.



DC Mackie retired on Nov. 10 with 30 years of service, and BC Rothbauer retired on Nov. 19 with 33 years of service. Best wishes for a happy and successful retirement!

Holiday garbage collection schedule

Garbage and recycling collection for both Monday, Dec. 21, and Wednesday, Dec. 23, is unaffected by the holidays, and will still take place on the regularly scheduled pickup days. There will also be no change the following week (New Year's holiday). Christmas tree collection is scheduled for early January, and a yard waste sticker is required. Turn to page 6 for more details.

Keep fire hydrants visible

The Public Works Department tries to ensure that fire hydrants are repainted once every three to five years to help maintain good visibility. Employees power washed and repainted over 1,375 hydrants in the summer of 2020. Try to clear snow away from hydrants for easier accessibility, should they be needed in an emergency. If you see a damaged or leaking hydrant, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



Rental license renewals due mid-January

Renewal letters for the Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2021, Residential Rental License Program year have been mailed, and license fees must be received by mid-January 2021 in order to remain in compliance with the Village's Municipal Code. Payments can be made by mail, in person or online by visiting www.hoffmanestates.org/epay. Please pay on time, as late payments will be assessed a penalty equal to 25% of the license fee. Notification will be sent when it is time for the annual inspection to be scheduled. For questions about the program, or if you are a tenant and are unsure whether the property you are renting has been licensed, email rentalhousing@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-2650.

Storing your recreational equipment

Residents storing their boats, campers, trailers and other recreational equipment for the winter are reminded that there are several regulations that must be observed. Recreational equipment stored in a front yard or side yard adjacent to a street must be parked on a permitted concrete or asphalt driveway. Recreational equipment stored in a side yard or backyard must be parked on crushed stone, gravel, brick pavers or on driveway surface. At no time can any boat, trailer, camper or other recreational equipment be parked on grass or block the sidewalk. If you have any questions about recreational equipment storage regulations, call the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-2631.

Recycle textiles with Simple Recycling

The Village has partnered with Simple Recycling to offer residents a convenient way to dispose of unwanted textiles and small home goods, while keeping these items out of the landfill. Residents of single-family homes in Hoffman Estates can recycle all types of used or new clothing, boots and shoes, belts and ties, handbags, hats and gloves, toys, towels, sheets and blankets, small kitchen appliances, and more. Simply place the items in the supplied orange bags (or any plastic bag clearly labeled for Simple Recycling), place the bags at the curb on your normal garbage and recycling collection day, and Simple Recycling's trucks will pick them up, free of charge. Residents are also encouraged to continue donating usable items to local charities. To request bags, report missed pick-ups and to learn more, call 866-835-5068 or visit www.simplerecycling.com.



Leash your pets!

The Village's Municipal Code states that animals, including dogs and cats, need to be under proper control. When animals are not on their owner's property, they must be on a leash no longer than 6 feet and under the control of a responsible person. No animal is allowed to run at large in the Village at any time, and the owner is responsible for removal and sanitary disposition of any waste from the animal(s) anywhere in the Village. Prevent your pet from becoming a public nuisance!



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. 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 **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.

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

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 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 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.



Ways to prevent the flu

Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness. Symptoms can appear from one to four days after being exposed to someone with the flu. Every year, there are millions of people who get infected with the flu. The Illinois Department of Public Health offers the following tips to protect yourself and decrease the spread of the flu:

- Mask up: cover your nose and mouth with a mask when out in public
- Lather up: wash your hands frequently with soap and water
- Sleeve up: roll up your sleeve to get a flu shot
- Back up: keep 6 feet of distance between you and others

During COVID-19, everyone is encouraged to do their part to avoid the flu. The CDC recommends the flu vaccine for everyone 6 months and older. The Village has four-strain flu vaccines for children, adults and seniors. Vaccines will be given to healthy individuals in a safe environment. For more information, call 847-781-4850.

Counseling services

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



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Are you interested in Hoffman Estates memorabilia? We have a limited number of our holiday ornaments, each portraying a different landmark in the Village; retired light pole banners; and both editions of our ever-popular history books. Bring a little piece of history into your home! Stop by the Village Hall and pick yours up today!

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

Christmas tree disposal

There are two options for recycling your Christmas trees and wreaths:

Curbside pickup

Living Christmas trees (including flocked trees) will be picked up on your regular Groot service day for the first two weeks of January 2021. Remember that all lights, ornaments, garlands and artificial decorations must be removed from the tree; plastic bags are prohibited; and one disposal sticker must be visibly wrapped around the tree trunk or branch. Wreaths and garlands made of pine boughs or other organic materials (with the wiring and plastic removed) will also be accepted. These items should be placed in a yard waste bag with a disposal sticker attached. During the first two weeks of January 2021, Groot will also accept any remaining yard waste bags of leaves/twigs with a disposal sticker attached. Yard waste stickers are available at local retailers, the Village Hall and on the Village's website. For more information, contact Code Enforcement at 847-781-2631.



Free drop-off sites

Christmas trees and greenery can also be dropped off at no charge anytime between Saturday, Dec. 26, and Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at the following locations (look for drop-off signs):

- Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave.
- The field next to Fire Station 23, 1300 Westbury Drive
- The field next to Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

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



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



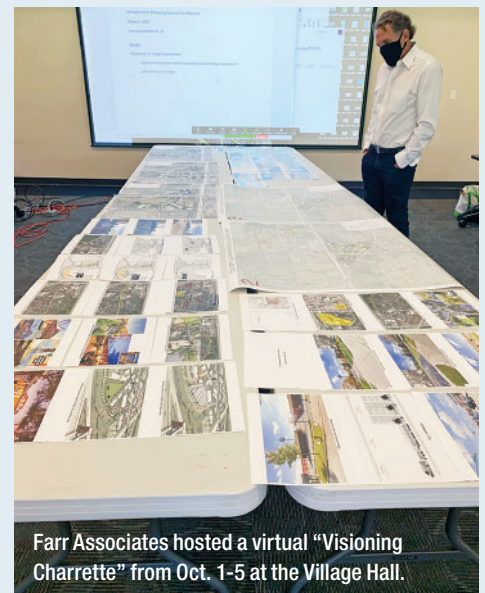
Barrington Road/I-90 interchange sub-area plan

The new full Tollway interchange and Pace's I-90 transit station at Barrington Road and I-90 are located in the heart of Hoffman Estates.

The Village has hired Farr Associates to study this area, assess its potential and develop a framework for future redevelopment. Farr Associates hosted a Visioning Charrette in early October to obtain feedback from area residents, property owners, businesses and other stakeholders.

Based on this feedback, a final sub-area plan is being finalized, which will be presented to the Village Board in the coming months.

Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/areaplan for more information on this ongoing planning project.



Farr Associates hosted a virtual "Visioning Charrette" from Oct. 1-5 at the Village Hall.

December 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.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, Dec. 2

- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m. at VH
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

*Sunday, Dec. 6

- Veteran's Flag 11: Jerry K. Losch, Army, WWII

Monday, Dec. 7

- Holiday Light Recycling Begins
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

Thursday, Dec. 10

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

*Sunday, Dec. 13

- Veteran's Flag 12: Frank S. Carter, Navy, WWI

Monday, Dec. 14

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

Tuesday, Dec. 15

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, Dec. 16

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

*Sunday, Dec. 20

- Veteran's Flag 13: Herb Kronberg, Army, WWII

Monday, Dec. 21

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

Thursday, Dec. 24

- CHRISTMAS EVE, VH CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY, VH CLOSED

*Sunday, Dec. 27

- Veteran's Flag 14: Emil J. Sifrer, USMC, WWII

Friday, Jan. 1, 2021

- NEW YEAR'S DAY, VH CLOSED

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.

Lather up!

We've all been told that washing our hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs. Although we know the importance of proper hand washing, studies prior to COVID-19 have shown that many of us do not do it correctly.

Here are some surprising facts about handwashing:

- Only 5% of people wash their hands properly
- 30% of people don't use soap
- 20% of people do not dry their hands
- Most people wash their hands for only six seconds
- 39% of people do not wash their hands after sneezing, coughing or blowing their nose
- Handwashing rates are higher in the mornings than evenings



According to the 11th annual Healthy Handwashing Survey, Americans are now washing their hands more often and for a total of 20 seconds during the pandemic. Proper handwashing is essential to prevent the spread of viruses.

The CDC has some handwashing tips:

- 20 seconds of lathering and scrubbing with soap and water is needed to remove germs
- Handwashing with plain soap and water will remove most bacteria
- Using antibacterial soap has not shown any added health benefits
- Both warm and cold soapy water will remove the same amount of germs
- Dry your hands – germs spread easier when your hands are wet
- Hand sanitizer or hand sanitizing wipes with 60% alcohol will kill bacteria and viruses on your hands
- Baby wipes do not remove germs and are not recommended for use on hands
- Disinfecting wipes can irritate hands and should only be used to kill germs on surfaces

National Handwashing Awareness Week is Dec. 1 through Dec. 7. How you wash your hands can make a difference in your health and the health of others!

*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.

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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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Park District wins award for Poplar Creek Trail System Project

Congratulations to the Hoffman Estates Park District for receiving the Illinois Association of Park Districts' 2020 Best of the Best Award for Intergovernmental Cooperation!

This award is the result of a coordinated project between the Park District, the Village of Hoffman Estates and the Forest Preserves of Cook County to pave a section of earth trail along Shoe Factory Road. The three agencies were recognized for maximizing tax dollars while benefiting residents throughout the community.

The spur, which connects Hoffman Estates homes to the Poplar Creek Trail System, allows walkers, runners and bicyclists from local communities to access an 8.8-mile paved loop and the 4,300 acres of natural land within the Arthur L. Janura Forest

Preserve, as well as other neighborhoods and retail options to the south and west. The Village partnered with the Park District and the Forest Preserves of Cook County on the project's grant, which funded a majority of the engineering and construction costs.

Mayor McLeod is proud of the completed project and the cooperation between agencies, saying, "This project is the perfect example of governmental agencies coming together for the common good. The Shoe Factory Road spur and trail will be enjoyed by families and visitors for years to come."

The Forest Preserves of Cook County can be enjoyed 365 days a year from sunrise to sunset. For more information, visit www.fpdcc.com.



Before construction.



During construction.



After construction.