# Hoffman Estates Citizen

February 2021

# New village manager to lead village operations

Eric Palm will take the helm as Hoffman Estates' new village manager beginning Monday, Feb. 15. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19, all information is subject to change. Follow the Village on social media and visit the website for the most up-to-date information.

Mr. Palm is a demonstrated local government leader with extensive experience in economic growth and development, municipal finance, and communications. He will be charged with directing the Village's staff of more than 400 full- and part-time employees.

Mr. Palm joins the Village after 10 years as the village administrator of west suburban River Forest. He brings more than 20 years of municipal government experience, including positions with the village of Hampshire and the city of Des Plaines.

Mayor William D. McLeod and the Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees selected Mr. Palm after a comprehensive search process. "We are excited to welcome Mr. Palm as the next village manager," said Mayor

McLeod. "We are confident that Hoffman Estates will experience efficiency and growth under his leadership."

Mr. Palm holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Northern Illinois University, as well as a Master of Arts in Broadcast Journalism from Central Michigan University.

"I am honored and humbled to be appointed the next village manager of Hoffman Estates, and I am grateful for the trust and confidence the mayor and board of trustees have placed in me," said Mr. Palm. "I look forward to working in partnership with the Village Board, the outstanding staff and members of the community."

The Village welcomes Mr. Palm!

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# Growing to Greenness!

# **Historian's** notebook

## What plastics are accepted in my curbside recycling program?

Plastic bottles and containers numbered 1 through 5 and 7 (NOT number 6\*) are accepted in your curbside recycling bin or toter. Examples include:

- Plastic beverage and food containers
- · Milk, water and juice bottles
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener, bleach and shampoo bottles
- Yogurt cups
- Vegetable oil bottles

Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Caps and labels can be left on empty bottles. Do NOT include utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hoses, pools or plastic bags. Plastic bags can blow away as well as clog sorting machinery; however, they are collected at most major grocery stores for recycling.



\*What about number 6, polystyrene plastics?

At this time, Groot does not accept number 6 polystyrene (PS) plastics. Polystyrene comes in two forms: expanded (fluffy and white) and rigid (usually clear). This plastic is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants, and can cost up to 300 percent more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of market competition and high transportation costs. Do not add number 6 polystyrene plastics to your curbside recycling bin or toter!

As promised, here is part two of my column detailing the opening of the first bank in the Village – Suburban Bank of Hoffman Estates.

In conducting additional research about the early days of our first bank, I talked to several important people. I spoke to former Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, who is the son of one of the founders of the bank, Gerald F. Fitzgerald. Sen. Fitzgerald was kind enough to send me a book on the history of the bank, titled "Suburban Bank Corp., Inc., 1961-1994." I also spoke with the widow of architect John A. Mayes, who designed the building.

The history book told of the unique six-sided design by Mayes, which featured striated hand-hammered concrete walls. I learned that Pepper Construction, a 90-year-old family-owned company in Barrington, built the bank. I reached out to them to see if they also created those concrete walls. I learned that concrete construction is a big part of their history. Their records may not go back 50 years, but I'm hopeful that

some of the oldest senior staff may still remember.

Mrs. Mayes told of her husband's work with Suburban Bank Corp., saying that they had him design all 20 of their banks and 36 branches in the northwest and western suburbs. Mr. Mayes was licensed to build in 17 states and designed 1,400 banks in his career. Mrs. Mayes said that his designs always gave a bank the option to expand if need be. Our bank did just that when it added a drive-up banking area to one of the six sides on the northeast section. I asked if he had received any awards for our bank's design, but she said he received so many awards during his architectural career that she couldn't answer that for me. In the history book, it stated that the Suburban Bank of Hoffman Estates was, "An award-winning landmark hexagon structure," but I didn't find any information about a specific award for the building, Mr. Mayes or Pepper Construction.

The bank opened in April 1970, and a 10-day celebration included various prizes, such as a Motorola Quasar TV, clock radios and a phonograph (remember those?). One of the grand prizes was a "Swinger," but I don't recall what this was. Do you?

One of the most exciting days at the bank was on Dec. 8, 1972. Zsa Zsa Gabor visited the bank to promote a new line of synthetic diamonds. There was quite a crowd, and some say her perfume lingers in the lobby to this day.

Suburban Bank of Hoffman Estates did so well that it was able to pay a dividend in just its second year in business. Gerald F. Fitzgerald was quoted in the June 20, 1969, Arlington Heights Daily Herald: "Hoffman Estates was the second largest city in the United States without a bank."

Jack Hoffman, original builder of Hoffman Estates, was on the bank's board, and Sen. Fitzgerald worked at the bank in 1978 when he was a young man. Suburban Bank Corp. merged with Harris Bankmont, Inc., in 1994. Now it's BMO Harris Bank.

I'll always remember the large maple leaf that was the bank's original logo.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

## **Mayor's** Update event goes online

Join the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce for its annual Mayor's Update event on Wednesday, March 3, at 8 a.m.

This year's informational presentation and Q&A session will take place via Zoom.

Mayor McLeod will recap 2020 and provide a look ahead at 2021.

This event is open to the public. Register online at <a href="https://www.hechamber.com">www.hechamber.com</a> or call 847-781-9100. Tickets are \$10. The Zoom platform opens at 7:45 a.m. with the program beginning at 8 a.m.



## Hoffman Estates Fire

## **Department spreads the** holiday spirit

For the third year in a row, the Hoffman Estates Fire Department and International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2061 brought some much-needed joy to the kids at AMITA Health Women & Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates in December 2020.

Practicing safe social distancing, firefighters dropped off gifts for all the current patients, as well as a stockpile of gifts to be given to patients at the hospital throughout the year.

Over \$2,750 in gifts were donated through Target (Chicago Mid North #1437), along with funds from the IAFF Local 2061.

The fire department is committed to making this an annual tradition with Target and AMITA Health for years to come.



### February is **American Heart Month**

Health and Human Services invites everyone to learn more about their heart health. In the United States, heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. Luckily, there are ways that you can protect your heart and stay healthy.

Quitting smoking, being active, limiting sodium intake and sleeping for seven to eight hours each night can help protect

against heart disease. Aim for at least 150 minutes of physical activity

each week. As an added bonus, physical activity could help you to sleep better, manage stress and improve your mood.

Track your heart health statistics by knowing your blood pressure, cholesterol and weight. Health and Human Services offers

these health checks at its clinics. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.



### A message from Mayor McLeod

We are off to a great start to 2021! Thank you to everyone who participated in our first two virtual town hall sessions in January – Parenting in a Pandemic and National Mentoring Month/Mentoring our Kids. Despite the challenges we all face, there is hope, there are positive solutions and there are creative avenues we can take to continue supporting one another. Hoffman Estates is a great place to live, and I am so proud of our residents for stepping up time and time again!

Local food pantries continue to see a surge in requests for food. Thankfully, residents and businesses throughout Hoffman Estates continue to answer the call for donations. On Jan. 19, the trustees and I presented Life Changers Church with a Great Citizen award in recognition of their extraordinary efforts to distribute more than 300,000 pounds of food to over 6,000 families in November and December 2020.

Opportunities to give are still available! The Lions Club of Hoffman Estates-Schaumburg, in partnership with the NOW Arena and the Windy City Bulls, is requesting donations of non-perishable food and supplies to be dropped off at the arena on Saturday, Feb. 6. Don't miss out! Learn more about this initiative on the back page of this issue.

Please join me for the upcoming Mayor's Update event taking place via Zoom on Wednesday, March 3! The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and the Government Relations Committee invite everyone to attend this virtual update and Q&A session. Register online at www.hechamber.com or call 847-781-9100. Tickets are \$10. The Zoom platform opens at 7:45 a.m. with the program beginning at 8 a.m. I hope to see you there.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner! If you or a group would like to create cards for one of our local senior citizen communities, I will be happy to deliver them! Bring completed Valentine's Day projects to the Village Hall by no later than Thursday, Feb. 11. Please contact Jennifer Djordjevic at jennifer.djordjevic@hoffmanestates.org or 847-781-2610 for more information.

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## **Community** briefs

#### **Fire department promotions**

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department promoted Lieutenant David Ganziano to captain and Firefighter Kraig Olsen to lieutenant on Jan. 4, 2021. Congrats!



#### **Don't bury critical equipment**

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



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#### **eNews from Hoffman Estates**

Hoffman Estates is expanding its electronic communication. To sign up for free email alerts, visit <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/enews">www.hoffmanestates.org/enews</a>. From there, you can customize your account profile. By providing the Village with your contact information, you'll be the first to receive news, meeting announcements and employment opportunities, among other emails. This is a confidential message system customized to suit your specific needs.



#### **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!



#### 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 <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/hetv">www.hoffmanestates.org/hetv</a>. 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.



#### Winter is here, keep sidewalks clear!

Please remember to shovel and salt the sidewalks in front of your home. Your neighbors will appreciate it!

#### Free holiday light recycling

Reminder: you can drop off your old and broken holiday string lighting and extension cords at the Village Hall lobby during normal business hours. This free program for residents ends on Friday, Feb. 5.



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

Advanced Foot & Ankle Centers of Illinois 2357 Hassell Road. #210



MainStay Suites Chicago Hoffman Estates 2875 Greenspoint Parkway



Nicsar Restoration Contractors, Inc. 2400 Hassell Road, #420

Sarap Bistro 1457 Palatine Road



**S&T Medical Group, Ltd.** 136 W. Higgins 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 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
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

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

#### **Cholesterol screening**

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**

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 <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="mailto:hhs@hoffmanestates.org">hhs@hoffmanestates.org</a>.

#### **Medication and sharps recycling**

The Village provides residents with an opportunity to recycle expired or unused medications and sharps (syringes, needles and lancets). Items can be dropped off at Health and Human Services on the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Medications and sharps will not be accepted at other times. Sharps must be in a hard, sealed container. Residents who require sharps containers can call 847-781-4850 to make the request and set up a curbside pickup.



#### **Counseling services**

Health and Human Services offers professional counseling services to residents. 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. Fees are affordable for all households and are provided on a sliding scale based on household income. Call 847-781-4850 for information.





By Bev Romanoff Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

## **Clerk's** corner

Have you recently turned 18 or moved into Hoffman Estates and have yet to register to vote for the April 6, 2021, consolidated election? Visit <a href="https://www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote">www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/register-vote</a> or come to the Village Hall and we can assist you. The deadline for us to accept voter registrations is Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

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

## Safe snow shoveling

While proper snow shoveling can be good exercise, it can also be dangerous for those who take on more than they can handle. The Hoffman Estates Fire Department provides the following tips to help you shovel safely:

- Individuals over the age of 40 or those who are relatively inactive – should be especially careful.
- If you have a history of heart trouble, do not shovel without a doctor's permission.
- Do not shovel snow after eating or while smoking.
- Take it slow! Shoveling can raise your heart rate and blood pressure dramatically, so pace yourself. Stretch and warm up before taking on the task.
- If possible, only shovel fresh snow. Powdery snow is easier to shovel than the wet, packeddown variety.
- Push the snow as you shovel. It's easier on your back than lifting the snow out of the way.
- Don't pick up too much at once. Use a small shovel, or fill only half (or less) of a large one.
- Lift with your legs bent, not your back. Keep your back straight.
   By bending and "sitting" into the movement, you'll keep your spine upright and less stressed.
   Your shoulders, torso and thighs can do the work for you.
- Do not work to the point of exhaustion. If you run out of breath, take a break. If you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately.
- Dress warmly. Extremities, such as your nose, ears, hands and feet, need extra attention in the cold. Wear a sweater, cap, scarf, face protection, mittens, wool socks and waterproof

Enjoy the winter season and practice safe snow shoveling!

boots.





Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month.
   This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency.
   Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers
  of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an
  emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn
  at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room.
   Turn them off when you go to bed.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February.

As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



#### Fact

Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

## February is **Responsible Pet Owners** Month

Make sure your best friend is safe! Changing temperatures and winter precipitation can shift soil and create gaps that allow curious pets to escape. If your pet regularly spends time in the backyard, perform a five-minute inspection of your fence and gates for any damage caused by the winter weather.

Now is also a good time to check your pet's collar and leash for wear and tear, and make sure all tags are still legible and current.

The Village requires a pet license for each indoor and outdoor dog and cat. Pet tags expire on Oct. 31 each year, and they can be obtained at the Village Hall for \$5 each (\$2 for senior citizens for the first three pets). A current rabies tag number and expiration date is needed to register. For more information, call 847-882-9100 or visit <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses">www.hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses</a>.

In addition to the Village's pet license, if your dog or cat does not have a microchip, consider getting one through Cook County Animal and Rabies Control. Dogs are 2.5 times and cats are 21.4 times more likely to be returned home when they have registered microchips. If your pet already has a microchip, have it scanned to ensure it is being detected properly and that it contains the most current contact information.



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# **February** calendar







Due to precautions related to COVID-19, most non-essential Village meetings, events and tours remain canceled. For up-to-date information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

#### Monday, Feb. 1

Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

#### Tuesday, Feb. 2

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m. at VH
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m. at VH

#### Wednesday, Feb. 3

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

#### Friday, Feb. 5

Holiday Light Recycling Drop-off Ends

#### Saturday, Feb. 6

Lions Club Food Drive, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at NOW Arena

#### \*Sunday, Feb. 7

Veteran's Flag 20: Ryan J. Cummings, USMC, Iraq

#### Monday, Feb. 8

Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

#### Tuesday, Feb. 9

Historical Sites Commission, 3 p.m. at VH

#### Thursday, Feb. 11

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m. at VH
- Valentine's Day Project Drop-off Deadline

#### \*Sunday, Feb. 14

Veteran's Flag 21: Uhle F. Lachner, Army, WWII

#### Monday, Feb. 15

- · Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

#### Wednesday, Feb. 17

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

#### \*Sunday, Feb. 21

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

#### Monday, Feb. 22

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

#### Tuesday, Feb. 23

Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

#### \*Sunday, Feb. 28

Veteran's Flag 23: Alan R. Ramsey, Army, Vietnam

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

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.

#### **National Eating Disorders Awareness Week**

National Eating Disorders Awareness Week provides an opportunity to educate the public on eating disorders and share resources to help support those who may be struggling. This year, it takes place from Feb. 22 to Feb. 28.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, about 30 million Americans struggle with an eating disorder at some point in their life. Although these disorders are often associated with women or adolescent girls, approximately 10 million of these cases were men or boys.



Eating disorders can be the result of multiple environmental and genetic factors, but the most commonly known cause is our society's obsession with thinness as the ideal body type. Other causes may include anxiety and trauma.

Eating disorders are best treated through intensive psychotherapy, as well as regular meetings with a nutritionist and medical professionals.

For National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Health and Human Services will host an educational video on intuitive eating, a body-positive approach to nutrition that prioritizes our individual bodies and their unique needs, rather than a one-size fits all approach to healthy eating.

Visit the Health and Human Services website at <a href="https://www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs">www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs</a> for resources and videos. This information can be beneficial to us all to develop a healthy relationship with our eating habits and our bodies. For more information on eating disorders, symptoms, warning signs and treatment, visit <a href="https://www.nationaleatingdisorders.org">www.nationaleatingdisorders.org</a>.

<sup>\*</sup> 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.

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

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

#### Important phone numbers

#### **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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## "Souper" Bowl Food Drive — meet Gus from the Windy City Bulls!

The Lions Club of Hoffman Estates-Schaumburg, in partnership with the NOW Arena and the Windy City Bulls organization, invites residents and businesses to participate in a football-themed food drive on Saturday, Feb. 6 (one day before the "Big Game"), in support of local food pantries at Hanover and Schaumburg townships.

The Lions Club is requesting donations of non-perishable food items for both pantry locations to help families struggling with food security. Eye glasses, hearing aids and old phones will also be collected and processed for donation to those in need.

"We know that many of our neighbors are still suffering from the effects of the

pandemic and we just want to help," said Mary Jo Shepherd, board member for the Lions Club.

Donors who stop by the NOW Arena, located at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway in Hoffman Estates, will have the chance to see and say hello to Gus, the Windy City Bulls mascot, and receive a special gift from the team.

"Food is a basic need," said Mayor McLeod.
"The Village is pleased to partner with
organizations that provide access to such a
critical resource."

Donations can be dropped off at the NOW Arena between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 6.

