

Hoffman Estates Citizen

June 2021

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Village celebrates opening of **new retail stores**

National chains and mom-and-pop retailers continue to invest in Hoffman Estates.

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In May, Village officials welcomed Burlington and Dollar Tree to Poplar-Prairie Stone Crossing Shopping Center, part of the Poplar Creek at 59-90 shopping and entertainment district near the intersection of I-90 (Jane Addams Tollway) and Illinois Route 59. Burlington and Dollar Tree divided the 40,000 square foot former Sports Authority space, which had been vacant since 2016. The large space proved difficult to fill, so the landlord worked with both retailers on this innovative solution. Now, residents can hunt for a bargain and explore something new!

While the retail sector has had to change to accommodate consumers, especially during the pandemic, many retailers are still choosing to open, operate and invest in Hoffman Estates. Other local, mom-and-pop retailers and restaurateurs that recently opened include Sarap

Bistro, Crystal Journey Candles, Fairgrounds Coffee and Tea, and Zee's Smoke Shop.

Dairy Queen is set to open this summer in Hoffman Plaza along Roselle Road near Higgins (in front of the Village's other Burlington location). The Zeigler Auto Group is redeveloping the former Land Rover dealership along Higgins Road to bring a new Mercedes-Benz Sprinter Commercial Van dealership to the space. And keep an eye on the corner of Golf and Barrington Roads... a retail building is nearing completion there, in front of Mariano's, ready for retailers to open and serve the community.

For information about business in Hoffman Estates, contact the Village's Economic Development Director, Kevin Kramer, at kevin.kramer@hoffmanestates.org.

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Clean recycling is effective recycling! Reduce contamination in our recycling stream by following these tips:

- Mix all materials together - clean and dry!
- Make sure to rinse away all food residue and remove lids from glass jars, etc.
- Leave plastic caps ON plastic containers.
- If you want to place paper in a bag, use a paper bag (also recyclable!).
- Flatten all cardboard and paperboard boxes.
- Remove any non-paper packing material.



DO NOT include common contaminants in your curbside bin:

- 'Tanglers' like wire hangers and plastic bags
- Sharp items, including hypodermic needles, mirrors, lightbulbs, window glass and ceramics
- Pizza boxes, paper towels or other soiled paper fiber
- Batteries of any kind
- Styrofoam, wood, plastic film, plastic bags, plastic toys or diapers

Sustainability event on June 12

Register for the Schaumburg Environmental Fair on Saturday, June 12, to visit with the Sustainability Commission! Join conservation and sustainability groups from across the region at Spring Valley Nature Center from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The event will take place with limited in-person attendance and also virtually. Visit www.villageofschaumburg.com for more details and to register.

Proudly positioned along the curved driveway into Village Hall are six signs you may not have noticed, unless you slow down to almost a crawl. Do you know what these represent? The oldest dates back to 1989, with others from 1993, 2000, 2003, 2012 and 2013.

These signs signify the honor of receiving a Governor's Hometown Award. This statewide program was established in 1983 to formally recognize government projects that improve the quality of life in our communities. A 40-member bipartisan board reviews projects submitted by Illinois townships, villages, cities and counties, and makes their decision each spring.

These highly coveted awards bring much pride to the winners and their community.

The 1989 Governor's Hometown Award recognized the planning and building of the beautiful Veteran's Memorial, originally located at the northwest corner of Golf and Gannon Roads. When the former village hall at that site was demolished, the memorial was moved to the north side of the

Police Department at Higgins and Spring Mill.

The Village's second award came in 1993 for rehabilitation work completed on the original village hall on Illinois Boulevard, now home to the Children's Advocacy Center. Many local tradespeople and trade unions came together to complete this important project.

In 2000, the Arts Commission's inaugural Summer Concert Series at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green was the reason behind this honor. Concerts are free to all who come with a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy an evening of music with other community members.

The fourth Governor's Hometown Award was won in 2003 for the Arts Commission's beautifully presented quilt show that brought together lovely quilts contributed by talented area quilters.

In 2012, the award recognized the Community Resource Center, a partnership with School District 54 and the Schaumburg Township Dis-

trict Library. It was originally located in one of the apartment buildings along Salem Drive, providing resources and services to the community. The Center is now located inside the Police Department.

The Village won the most recent award in 2013 for its creative use of the Fit for America sports festival to benefit local nonprofits. Nonprofits that provided volunteers for the weekend event received a donation of \$20 per volunteer, as well as other fundraising and promotion opportunities.

Over the years, these signs lined up along the driveway like Burma Shave ads (are you old enough to remember them?), telling the story of what a wonderful community we live in. Tremendous efforts went into winning the Governor's Hometown Awards, including many hours of record keeping, planning and preparation of the application documents. Thank you to all who played a part in winning these awards for our Village of Hoffman Estates.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Cultural Awareness Commission celebrates unity

Recent events continue to illustrate the importance of unity, community and connection. While the Cultural Awareness Commission has postponed its planned 2021 Unity Day event due to the ongoing pandemic, the commission has created a video celebration. In "What Does Unity Mean to You," members of the commission share their thoughts on the meaning of unity and how we can celebrate it within our community of Hoffman Estates. The video will air in mid-June on HETV Channel 6/99, as well as on the Village's channel at www.youtube.com/HoffmanEstatesIL.

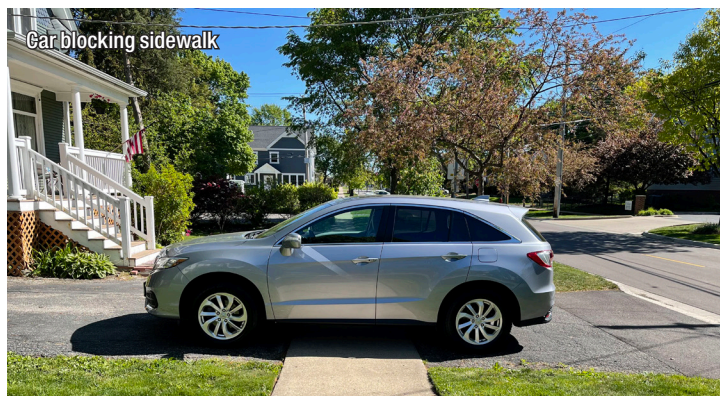


Taiko drummer performs at previous Unity Day

Park smart, park safe

With summer approaching and more people out and about, the Police Department would like to remind residents about Village parking ordinances that make the community safer for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. Some of the most frequent violations that result in calls for police service include:

- **Blocked sidewalk:** no vehicle can be parked if it is blocking even a portion of a sidewalk. Blocking sidewalks makes it difficult for pedestrians, strollers and wheelchairs to pass safely. This situation can also force people to enter the street, causing unsafe conditions - especially for children.
- **Blocked driveway:** when a vehicle is parked and blocking a driveway, it creates an inconvenience for the homeowner attempting to enter or leave. The chance of an accident occurring is also greatly increased.
- **Parked for more than 72 hours:** no vehicle (cars, trucks, motorcycles, recreational vehicles, trailers, etc.) can be parked on a Village street for more than 72 consecutive hours without being moved.



- **Parked with expired registration:** all vehicles parked on Village streets must have a valid registration.
- **Commercial vehicles:** no commercial vehicle with a net weight exceeding 4,500 pounds can be parked on any residential street for more than two hours unless it is making a delivery. No commercial vehicle can be parked on any Village street between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- **Parked too close to stop signs or crosswalks:** vehicles parked too close to stop intersections and crosswalks increase the chances for a crash. Vehicles parked in these areas prevent motorists from being able to see other vehicles or pedestrians. Additionally, vehicles are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 20 feet of a crosswalk.



- **Parked in fire lanes or blocking fire hydrants:** some of the most common violations involve a vehicle parked in a fire lane or near a fire hydrant. Fire hydrants and fire lanes must always be kept clear for responding emergency vehicles because violators could hinder emergency response. No vehicle can be stopped or parked in a fire lane at any time, whether occupied or not. No vehicle can be parked within 15 feet of any fire hydrant.

For questions, call the Police Department at 847-781-2800.



A message from Mayor McLeod

The Village Board and I had the honor of recognizing a number of causes at our Village Board meeting last month on Monday, May 3. Thank you to members of the Schaumburg/Hoffman Estates Rotary who encouraged our Village team to present a proclamation to the ICU nurses at AMITA Health / St. Alexius Medical Center. May 2-8 was designated as National Nurses Week, and the Rotary did a phenomenal job showering these incredible nurses with gifts and praise for the intense work they do. Businesses from around the community donated certificates and other items to help fill more than 75 swag bags for the nurses to enjoy. While we are all weary of the pandemic, it was great to hear about the ongoing work these individuals do and the incredible amount of compassion they show in the face of immense difficulty. You are saving lives each and every day and we are so proud and thankful for your service!



I hope that all families can connect with the special men in their lives on Father's Day, which is Sunday, June 20 this year. From video and phone calls to handwritten letters and greeting cards, these efforts will be appreciated and remembered. For dads who have lost children and children who have lost dads, to families with strained relationships, and those who wish to be a part of the club – we will be thinking of you.

Lastly, while some of our events have been put on hold due to the ongoing pandemic, we are optimistic for others to take place. Keep an eye on our Village website for commission-sponsored events. Watch the NOW Arena website for information on activities happening at the Village Green and Hideaway Beer Garden, a wonderful place to enjoy with family and friends.

Looking for other interesting news? Visit our website and click on 'eNews Sign Up' to be added to my weekly Mayor's Memos e-blast. As always, please call me at 847-815-3842 or email bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org.

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs

Building permits

Summer is a great time to make updates to your home. If you are planning to build a deck, shed, patio or fence, don't forget to obtain the required Village building permit. The Village issues permits and requires inspections to ensure these structures meet code, are installed properly and are safe. Decks, sheds, patios and fences can last longer and add to the value of your property when they are properly installed. If improperly installed, they can fail - resulting in costly repairs, damage to other structures and injuries. Village staff will review your permit application and verify your project meets Village code requirements. When applying for a building permit, please be prepared and bring a copy of your plat of survey, which is included with a home's closing papers.

For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631. Useful guides and a building permit application can be found at www.hoffmanestates.org/permits.



Yard waste toters available

Did you know that Groot offers an annual yard waste subscription for residents? The subscription allows for unlimited yard waste pickup from April 1 through November 30 and includes a toter option. Residents can call Groot at 800-244-1977 to enroll. Without a subscription, residents are required to bag yard waste and tag with a yard waste sticker (available from Groot, Village Hall or local retailers).



Water parkway trees

Trees provide oxygen, shade and many other benefits. The Village's 18,000 parkway trees benefit from the care of residents who live nearby. As the weather warms, please make sure trees stay healthy by watering them regularly. Do you have questions about tree care? Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/forestry or call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



Seasonal brush drop-off program

In addition to the annual brush/branch curbside pick-up program, the Village is offering seasonal drop-off opportunities for residential brush/branches (no commercial loads) to be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following first and third Saturday dates: June 5, June 19, July 3, July 17, August 7, August 21, September 4 and September 18. There is no charge for this service, but proof of residency is required. For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



Proper mulch placement

Placing mulch around trees can improve soil structure and reduce weeds, in addition to slowing evaporation of soil moisture by the sun. This keeps the availability of the soil nutrients and moisture for the tree's root systems and helps them to thrive.

Proper tree mulching involves placing a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch over the root zone in a saucer-like fashion. The tree's trunk should be allowed to stay dry by keeping mulch away from it, which prevents decay and insect or rodent damage, but permits moisture to be maintained for the roots. Improper tree mulching can actually be harmful to a tree. Excessively deep mulch may decrease the flow of oxygen to the roots, resulting in smothering and root system decay.

Wood chips make an excellent mulch for trees, shrubs and planting beds. This material is a byproduct of the Village's tree-trimming and branch pick-up programs, and free to residents throughout the year. Wood chips, either a full load or a half load, may be delivered by Public Works or picked up by residents (proof of residency is required) during daylight hours at the Fleet Maintenance Facility located at 2405 Pembroke Avenue, Monday through Friday after 3 p.m. or anytime on Saturdays and Sundays. Residents should bring a shovel and their own container(s). If you have any questions, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



Welcome new businesses!

Burlington
4700 Hoffman Boulevard



Dollar Tree
4730 Hoffman Boulevard

Granite Design Studio
1750 W. Algonquin Road

Mosquito Hunters of Chicago
2000 Center Drive East #C219

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

Adult services and immunizations

Health and Human Services offers health screenings and preventive 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 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. The cost is \$22. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

Hemoglobin A1C Screening

Find out if have diabetes or are at risk by measuring your average blood sugar levels over the past three months. The test takes six minutes and the cost is \$15. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.



Men's Health Month

Men's Health Month is celebrated in June. This national observance aims to raise awareness about health issues men may experience, and also encourages them to practice healthy habits. Preventing health problems with early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys is also highlighted in June.

Healthy habits to implement:

- Visit your doctor annually.
- Choose healthy food options over processed foods.
- Exercise regularly, sleep well and manage stress.
- Protect your skin and wear sunscreen.
- Take vitamins daily.
- Schedule preventative screenings.
- Avoid unhealthy behaviors (e.g. smoking).

Health and Human Services nursing staff is trained to provide consultations on health, medications and nutritional concerns. For additional information on Men's Health Month, visit: www.menshealthmonth.org. Schedule an appointment by calling 847-781-4850.

Children and baby clinics

Health and Human Services (HHS) has resumed the children's and baby's vaccination clinics. These clinics have always used outstanding infection control policies, but now institute additional guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures help ensure the health of patients, and protect employees.



Individual appointment times are available for each child. HHS has also introduced the following precautions:

- Appointments are staggered to promote social distancing.
- A COVID-19 questionnaire must be answered by each individual.
- Temperature checks are done prior to appointment time.
- Face covers/masks are required for anyone over the age of 2.
- Only one parent per child while inside the office is encouraged.
- Additional hand-sanitizing stations have been placed throughout the office for client use.
- All immunizations will be discussed with families by nurses during a phone call before appointments.
- Credit card payments (if necessary) will be completed over the phone.
- Staff is required to wear additional PPE.

For any questions about this important service, call 847-781-4850. Information regarding clinics will also be updated on the Health and Human Services website at: www.hoffmanestates.org/government/hhs. To request an appointment, complete two forms on the website and email them, along with immunization records, to hhs@hoffmanestates.org.



Clerk's corner

Do you need information or a record that can't be found on our website? Under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 5ILCS140, you can request and have access to public records. A request can be submitted electronically through our website at www.hoffmanestates.org. Follow the link to the Citizen's Support Center, fill out the information, submit your request and it will be responded to accordingly by the appropriate department. Of course, we will always accept a request by email.

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

By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Battalion chief retires

After 30 years of dedicated service, Battalion Chief Mike Buckel retired from the Fire Department. The department celebrated the career of Chief Buckel with a walk-off ceremony after his last shift day at Fire Station 22. Acting Chief Paul Bilodeau and the department honor guard presented Chief Buckel with a shadow box, housing the badges and helmet shields he had obtained throughout his illustrious career, as well as the American flag that flew at the Station during his last shift. Chief Buckel, congratulations on your retirement.



Thinking about installing a swimming pool?

There are a few basic requirements to consider if you are thinking about installing a swimming pool on your property:

- A building permit is required for swimming pools 24 inches or more in depth, or for pools that hold 1,000 gallons or more of water, including spas and inflatable or temporary pools.
- Swimming pools should be at least 5' from any building and at least 10' from the rear and side lot line.
- All building permit applications require submission of your property plat of survey.
- A fence or barrier may be required if existing fences do not meet safety standards for swimming pools.
- Prior to issuance of a permit, a Village inspector will conduct an onsite inspection to assure set-back requirements are met and electrical lines do not pose safety threats. Existing fences will also be inspected.

Additional information on how to obtain a swimming pool permit is available online at www.hoffmanestates.org/permits. For any questions, call the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.



Hoffman Highlights

Hoffman Highlights is a new series showcasing the businesses that call Hoffman Estates home. Check out our second episode, featuring three more extraordinary businesses in Hoffman Estates! First, visit Paris Nails, a full service nail salon on Palatine Road in North Hoffman. Then take a “staycation” at the fabulous Hilton Garden Inn on Barrington Road. Finally, cap off the day with delectable authentic Chinese cuisine at Hunan Beijing, a local favorite for over 30 years! Discover Hoffman Highlights and more great video content at www.youtube.com/HoffmanEstatesIL.



June calendar



Village meetings and events in June

All meetings are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. 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.

Tuesday, June 1

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m. at Village Green
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2

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

*Sunday, June 6

- Veteran's Flag 37: John M. Kmetz, USMC, WWII

Monday, June 7

- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8

- Historical Sites Commission, 3 p.m. at Sunderlage House

*Sunday, June 13

- Veteran's Flag 38: Robert Scholl, Navy, Korea

Monday, June 14

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 17

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, June 20

- Father's Day
- Veteran's Flag 39: WM R. Dreher, Army, WWII

Monday, June 21

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m. (this meeting is tentative)
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 22

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, June 27

- Veteran's Flag 40: Thomas W. Christian, USAAF, WWII

Monday, June 28

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Village Board meetings are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall 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 Village Hall 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 Village Hall Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.



Village summer event update

The Northwest Fourth-Fest has been canceled for this year, including the Fourth of July parade, fireworks and festival, due to the pandemic. The Fest is scheduled to return in 2022. The "Summer Sounds on the Green" outdoor concert series, sponsored by the Village's Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District, is postponed until July 22. Concerts are planned each Thursday night at the Village Green, July 22 - September 2. Watch the Village website and social media for updates. We look forward to seeing you!

Headache and migraine awareness month

Do you or someone you know experience chronic headaches or migraines? Both of these conditions can be unpredictable and can impact the way you see yourself, engage in your work or relate to friends and peers. June 2021 is National Headache and Migraine Awareness Month, and Health and Human Services looks forward to providing you with a range of information, including symptom tracking resources and ways to manage headaches. Information about the stigma and the importance that language can have when communicating about these conditions will also be provided. If you're interested in finding out more, keep an eye on the Village's social media accounts throughout the month of June. For any questions, call or email Aislinn Skiles at 847-781-4859 or aislinn.skiles@hoffmanestates.org.



*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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Fire Administration 847-843-4825
Public Works 847-490-6800
Health and
Human Services. 847-781-4850
Event Hotline 847-252-5443

Village officials

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William D. McLeod

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

Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

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

Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

Police Department

411 W. Higgins Road

Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

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 Avenue

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Hideaway Brew Garden

offers safe, outdoor entertainment for the whole family

Hoffman Estates is home to one of the most unique outdoor entertainment spaces in the northwest suburbs: the Hideaway Brew Garden at the Hoffman Estates Village Green! Now open for the 2021 season, this venue will offer more than 50 nights of free events with live music this year, including the Village's summer concert series, Summer Sounds on the Green (set to return July 22).



Guests of all ages are welcome to attend, as it is both family- and dog-friendly. Ample seating is available near the stage at traditional German-style picnic tables. For those who prefer to spread out, there is a picnic area available for guests to set up chairs or blankets. There are also rental options available for groups, including heated huts and themed "Hoppy Campers," perfect for celebrating special occasions with family and friends.



The Hideaway's menu offers something for everyone. Food options include traditional German fare such as brats and giant pretzels, as well as authentic street tacos, quesadillas and more. The drink selection boasts an extensive list of craft beer, hard seltzers, signature cocktails and wine.

New this year: the Hideaway Brew Garden now offers wedding packages for couples looking for a relaxed, rustic and music-festival inspired atmosphere. Ceremonies will take place at the Village Green amphitheater, with receptions held in three brand new giant kata tents on the Hideaway grounds.

Visit www.HideawayBrewGarden.com and follow the Hideaway Brew Garden on Facebook and Instagram for full details and updated information. The Hideaway is located at 5510 Prairie Stone Parkway in Hoffman Estates.