

Hoffman Estates Citizen

August 2021

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Annual **recycling event returns** August 28

Hoffman Estates is hosting its free, annual recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, August 28, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Due to high participation, residents are advised to arrive early at the Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave. Please note that the event will conclude promptly at noon.

Simply drive to the Public Works Center, and workers will unload the recyclables from your car! Residents must remain in their vehicle at all times. Residents will unlock doors or open the trunk from inside the vehicle, and staff will unload the items. Paper documents should be contained in one area in the back of a vehicle in paper bags or small boxes – not in plastic bags! If a resident has both electronics and paper, keep

these materials separate in the back of the vehicle – don't mix electronics with paper!

If anyone in your home has recently tested positive for COVID-19 or is experiencing symptoms, DO NOT attend this event. Most items can be recycled separately through the Village's ongoing programs.

Email grow2green@hoffmanestates.org with any questions about recycling initiatives in Hoffman Estates.

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Care for the environment while caring for your asphalt

If you have an asphalt driveway, you know the routine...every few years, the asphalt needs recoating. Sealcoating covers cracks in the asphalt and ensures that your blacktop driveway will last. But did you know that sealcoating can have negative effects on both the environment and your health?

Two primary types of sealant are used for residential sealcoating: asphalt-based sealants, and sealants made with coal tar or coal-tar pitch. Coal tar-based sealants have extremely high concentrations of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon, or PAH. Coal tar and pitch are classified as known human carcinogens and have been shown to negatively impact water quality and the health of aquatic animals and plants.



According to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and other federal sources, coal tar sealants don't just stick to your driveway. Sealants run off into our rivers and streams when it rains, and they are brought into our homes on our shoes and as dust in the air.

A number of states and municipalities have banned the use of coal tar-based sealants. While Hoffman Estates does not specifically ban coal tar, the Village uses alternate products for municipal road projects.

Most sealcoating companies now offer alternatives to coal tar-based sealants. So when it comes time to sealcoat, make sure you know what you're buying!

For more information, visit the EPA online at www.epa.gov and search "coal tar."

Hoffman Estates is home to a beautiful golf course: Hilldale Golf Club at 1625 Ardwick Drive. In fact, our Village Hall sits right in the middle of it! Holes 12, 14 and 15 are laid out to the west, north and east side of Village Hall, and the 18-hole course straddles Has-sell Road and the beautiful, winding Huntington Boulevard. Being in the middle of the golf course, you'd expect the golf balls to hit a window or two...but luckily, those encounters are rare!

The course opened in 1971 and is celebrating its 50th birthday this year. Robert Trent Jones, Sr., ASGCA, designed and laid out the course over what had been the Marshall Field

Hunting Club and Skeet Shooting Range. Fortunately, many of the majestic, more than 100-year-old oak trees that stood on the property were saved. The trees actually date back to the original Wild Cat Grove, the first settlement for the pioneer families who migrated to this area in the 1840s.

Hilldale is a Par 71 course and is open year-round, weather permitting. It is a public course known to have "the best greens in the 'burbs," according to the Chicagoland Golf Guide. Hilldale is rated as one of the top 50 courses in Chicagoland with bent grass greens and bent grass fairways.

When golfers finish their round of play, there's C.K. Mulligan's Bar and Grill, where they can quench their thirst and settle down to a nice plate of food.

I spoke with General Manager Jim Rogers, who has been at Hilldale Golf Club for the last 18 years. Neither he nor I could pinpoint the exact day or month the golf course opened in 1971, but a half a century is a good long run for any business. Hopefully the course has many more years of driving and putting ahead of it.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Help keep stormwater clean

Please do your part to reduce pollution and keep our waterways clean. See the information below about storm sewers, stormwater and waterways.

1. Storm sewers are designed to collect only stormwater runoff.
2. Water entering the storm sewer system is not treated before moving into downstream waterways such as ponds, creeks, wetlands and other areas.
3. Sump pumps that collect surface water, or ground water from the house perimeter, discharge into the storm sewer through surface runoff or direct pipe connection.
4. Interior house drains, including floor drains and ejector pump discharges, do not enter the storm sewer system. These sources enter a separate sanitary sewer system that flows to a water treatment plant before releasing the water into downstream waterways.
5. Dumping of any pollutants or waste into a storm sewer is **not permitted** and can pollute downstream waterways.
6. All open grated drains that can collect surface water are part of the storm sewer system.
7. Runoff may contain pollutants, such as automotive fluids, fertilizers and pesticides, leaves, sediment, litter, and pet waste.
8. Runoff may become polluted as it runs along roads, parking lots, roofs, lawns and construction sites

Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/stormwater for more information, and please report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800. For reports after 4 p.m. weekdays, and on weekends, call the non-emergency Police number at 847-882-1818.



Annual recycling event

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

About paper

Only sensitive documents will be accepted, including medical records, bank statements and retired tax forms. Do not include magazines, greeting cards or newspapers, as these can be recycled curbside.

Paper is cross-shredded on site. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Plastic, metal clips and binders must be removed. **Do not bring paper in plastic bags.** Plastic is a contaminant, as are photos, slides and any non-paper item. Boxes will be returned to the resident.



About electronics

Remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes before the event. Accepted electronic items include:

- Cable receivers
- Cell phones, PDAs and tablets
- Computers (desktop and laptop) and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, mice, monitors, etc.)
- Converter boxes
- Desktop fax machines, printers and scanners
- MP3 players
- TVs
- Videogame consoles
- Video recorders/players
- Zip drives

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

Additional services

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

- Textiles and small household goods through Simple Recycling (new or used clothing; boots and shoes; belts and ties; handbags; hats and gloves; toys; towels; sheets and blankets; small kitchen appliances; and more)
- Expired drugs/sharps
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- Latex (water-based) paint:
 - Spray cans: \$2
 - Quarts: \$2.50
 - One-gallon containers: \$5
 - Five-gallon buckets: \$18
- Oil-based paint:
 - Quarts: \$5
 - One-gallon containers: \$9
 - Pails: \$20

NOTE: flammable materials will not be accepted.

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



A message from Mayor McLeod

Summer is in full swing with free concerts, Park District events, small business ribbon cuttings and more! The Arts Commission kicked off the Summer Sounds on the Green concert series last month with Second Hand Soul Band and Dancing Queen, an ABBA Tribute band. Concerts will continue through September 2! Visit the Arts Commission website at www.hoffmanestatesarts.com for a full line-up and to learn about other Arts Commission events and programs.



In addition to the Arts Commission, members of the Platzkonzert, Celtic Fest and Celebrations Commissions are quickly moving ahead to bring back the family-friendly events everyone missed last year. Make sure to visit the Village website for up-to-date information about how you can attend or participate as a vendor, sponsor or activity provider for these events.

With an increase in activity comes an increase in the need for volunteers! We welcome you to explore the Village's many commissions and boards and submit an application for membership. It's a great way to meet new people and get involved in Village activities. Application materials can be found at www.hoffmanestates.org/volunteer, or you can call Sue Lessen at 847-781-2606 for information.

Have you booked your block party yet? Don't let the summer get away without one! Applications are available on the Village website at www.hoffmanestates.org/specialevents.

As always, please call me at 847-815-3842 or email bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org.

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs



Deck, Patio and Fence 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 that these structures are safe and installed properly. Properly installed decks, sheds, patios and fences last longer and add to property values. 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 that your project will meet Village Code requirements. Please be prepared and bring a copy of your Plat of Survey when applying for a building permit. A Plat of Survey is typically included with your home's closing papers.

For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631. Useful guides and the Building Permit Application are available on the Village website at www.hoffmanestates.org/permits.



A German Fest for All – Platzkonzert!

The Village's Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest is back! Platzkonzert will take place at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green on September 10, 11 and 12. The event begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 10, with lively traditional music and authentic German cuisine, capped off by fireworks (new for 2021!). Saturday's activities include a free Kinderplatz area for the kids, while adults can enjoy friendly

competitions and live music all day (and into the night). Music and Kinderplatz activities will continue on Sunday until early evening. A full schedule is available at www.hoffmanestates.org/platz. See the event webpage to sign up as a volunteer!



Village Hall reopens one Saturday per month

For the first time since spring of 2020, Village Hall is once again offering weekend hours on one Saturday per month. Village Hall will offer limited services on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. Open dates through year-end will be August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11. Residents can pay utility bills, pick up approved permits, or submit passport applications (by appointment only). Some services, such as transfer stamps, will not be available on Saturdays. Call 847-882-9100 for information.

August dates for seasonal brush drop-off

Brush and branches can be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, and Saturday, August 21. This free program, which ends in September, accepts residential brush and branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. For more information, call 847-490-6800.



Save the date: French dinner and silent auction

The 23rd annual Soirée Culinaire, sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, will take place on Thursday, October 28, at 6 p.m. at the Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive. This unique event features a four-course French-inspired meal and a silent auction. Look for more information in the next Citizen!

Give parkway trees a drink in hot weather

During the "dog days" of summer, don't forget to water your trees! Trees provide oxygen, shade and many other benefits to our Village. The Village's 18,000 parkway trees benefit from the care of the residents who live nearby. Please make sure trees stay healthy by watering them regularly. Do you have questions about tree care? Visit us online at www.hoffmanestates.org/forestry or call Public Works at (847) 490-6800.

Scam alert

The Police Department has become aware of a scam that is being emailed and texted to Illinois residents.

The Secretary of State is warning all Illinois residents to be on the lookout for this scam, where fraudsters try to get personal information by claiming recipients of the calls or texts need to pay fees or update information with the Illinois Secretary of State. Don't click on the link!



The Illinois Secretary of State is offering these tips if you get a scam text message or email:

- Delete the email or text without interacting with any links.
- Hang up on any calls, including robocalls, asking for a Social Security number.
- Keep software up to date, including on phones, to avoid viruses.

For more information, visit the Illinois Secretary of State website:

<https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com>

Welcome new businesses!

T-Mobile

4630 Hoffman Boulevard

Olymbec Fit LP

1721 Moon Lake Boulevard #101

Kids Place Therapy Services LLC

2500 W. Higgins Road #555



On the Mark Heating and Cooling

2200 Stonington Avenue #110

Healthy body, healthy mind ...

news from Health and Human Services

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 **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 and Baby Clinic

Health and Human Services offers children's and baby's vaccination clinics, which use outstanding infection control policies that follow safety guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. These measures help to ensure the health of patients and protect employees.

Individual appointment times are offered for each child, with 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 coverings/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 are available 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 members are 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/clinics. To request an appointment, complete two forms on the website and email them, along with immunization records, to hhs@hoffmanestates.org.

August is National Immunization Awareness Month

There are millions of Americans getting vaccinated against COVID-19, yet many are not protected against other vaccine-preventable diseases. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), immunization rates have decreased significantly during the pandemic.

Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect yourself, your family and the community against serious diseases. They are important throughout your lifetime because they help your body to build and boost immunity to diseases that still exist.

To return to school safely, parents are encouraged to get their children vaccinated before the start of school this fall. Health and Human Services offers vaccines for children and adults and follows CDC guidelines for vaccine administration. Infection control protocols are also in place to ensure your safety while receiving vaccines.

For more information on vaccines, visit cdc.gov/vaccines or call 847-781-4850 to speak with a nurse. To schedule an appointment, visit hoffmanestates.org/clinics.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

With many travel restrictions now lifted, are you looking to go on a trip and need a passport? The Village accepts passport applications from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. until noon on the second Saturday of the month (beginning August 14). All of these hours are by appointment only. Please call the Clerk's Office at 847-781-2625 to make an appointment.

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

Back-to-school anxiety

Transitioning from summer break and going back to school can bring up feelings of worry and anxiety for kids and their parents or guardians. Children may talk about their worries, become tearful, demonstrate school refusal, or become clingier during the transition period back to school.

Many children were home more than usual over the last year because of remote learning, coupled with fewer social activities due to the pandemic. The transition back to in-person school (for those who are attending in-person) can bring feelings of loss, sadness, worry, excitement, relief, happiness and more.

It may be helpful to arrange for your child to see the school again before the start of the academic year and to meet their teachers. Practice and exposure can help reduce the worry and increase a sense of mastery and competence. Another way parents can support their children is to ask them how they feel about returning to school, but not try to fix it... parents can listen and offer support.

Parents can listen to their child and respond with one of the following:

- "It is okay to feel the way that you do. We will get through this."
- "The anxiety or worry will pass and I am here for you."
- "Tell me all your worries so you can express them and you then don't have to go over them alone in your mind."

Parents/guardians can take other steps to support their child going back to school:

- Help the child observe what they are feeling anxious about, and invite them to discuss it openly.
- Help the child think of a relaxing or safe place where they feel calm or happy, that they can imagine when feeling worried.
- After talking about the worry, you can help your child by having them think of something positive related to school. For example, you can ask which parts of school they are looking forward to.
- The child may need a hug, as human contact - when wanted - can be very calming.
- Talk about your belief in the child's ability to manage and survive their feelings of worry.
- Tell the child all the strengths you see in them and tell them how that will help them transition into school.
- Remind them that they can talk to you about their worries.

If your child is experiencing back-to-school anxiety, Health and Human Services can help with affordable and confidential counseling services. Call 847-781-4850 for more information or to schedule an intake appointment.

Show your **community pride** – nominate a neighbor today!

The nomination deadline for the 23rd annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is **Tuesday, August 31**. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three "best" landscaping categories:

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

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



Community Pride Recognition Award nomination form

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

Please complete and return to:

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

August calendar



All meetings are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. For up-to-date information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

*Sunday, August 1

- Veteran's Flag 45: Harold Christopher, Army, WWI

Monday, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 3

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

Wednesday, August 4

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 5

- Summer Sounds on the Green - Mariachi Uneversitario, 7 p.m. at Village Green

Saturday, August 7

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

*Sunday, August 8

- Veteran's Flag 46: Theodore C. Geiersbach Jr., Army, Korea

Monday, August 9

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

Thursday, August 12

- Youth Commission, 6:30 pm, at HHS
- Summer Sounds on the Green - Cowboy Jukebox, 7 p.m. at Village Green

*Sunday, August 15

- Veteran's Flag 47: Harland M. Goodnough, Army, WWII

Monday, August 16

- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m. 6 p.m. at HHS
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, immediately following Standing Committee Meetings

Wednesday, August 18

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

Thursday, August 19

- Summer Sounds on the Green - Kalediscope Eyes, 7 p.m. at Village Green

Saturday, August 21

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

*Sunday, August 22

- Veteran's Flag 48: John T. Olson, USMC, Iraq

Monday, August 23

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m. at Village Green

Tuesday, August 24

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 25

- Celebrations Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 26

- Summer Sounds on the Green - 52nd Street Band, 7 p.m. at Village Green

Saturday, August 28

- Village Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to noon at Public Works Center

*Sunday, August 29

- Veteran's Flag 49: Peter A. Wastie, USMC, Vietnam

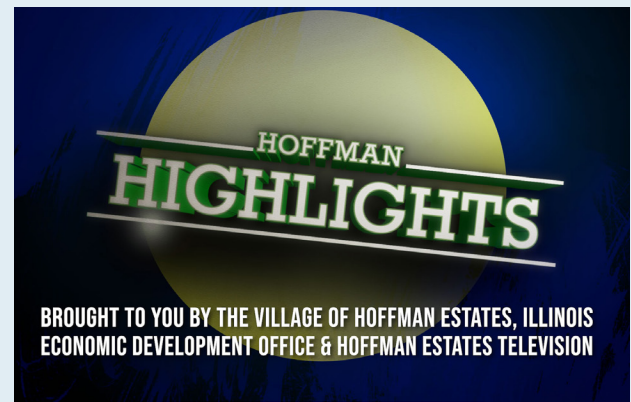
Tuesday, August 31

- Community Pride Recognition Awards Deadline

Village Board meetings are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 7 p.m. in the 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.



Plan your next escape close to home with "Hoffman Highlights!"

"Hoffman Highlights" is a series showcasing the businesses that call Hoffman Estates home. Check out our third episode, featuring three more extraordinary businesses in Hoffman Estates! "Escape" from the Panic Escape Room attraction, watch Garibaldi's Pizza create homemade pies, and finish the day touring the elegant Hyatt Place Hoffman Estates. A perfect way to escape – enjoy, feast and relax! View Hoffman Highlights on the Village's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/HoffmanEstatesIL.

New episode of "Cup of Casey"

The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission is thrilled to air another episode of "Cup of Casey!" Women, come join Casey Schmidt, a Psychology of Eating, Health and Life Coach, to learn simple tips for a happier and more peaceful life. Casey covers everything from immune boosting routines, flattering swimsuits and healthy snacks, to new mindsets like Wabi-Sabi. The video is available on the Village's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/HoffmanEstatesIL and will be aired on Channel 6 (Comcast)/Channel 99 (U-Verse) over the next few months.

**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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Health and
Human Services.847-781-4850
Event Hotline847-252-5443

Village officials

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William D. McLeod

Trustees

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

Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

*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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Fire Department volunteers at Camp "I Am Me"

Members of the Fire Department volunteered for the Illinois Fire Safety Alliance (IFSA) Camp "I Am Me" 30th anniversary event that took place June 20-26. This was the second year the department took part in this one-week experience for children and teenagers who have suffered injuries from burns. Department members assembled stages, set up games and events, delivered water and supplies, and prepped campfires for attendees and camp counselors. Along with Firefighters Local 2061, the department has been a longtime supporter of the camp and the IFSA, participating in their annual events.

Firefighter Kurt Lichtenberg, who has led the department's efforts the past two years, stated, "From the moment we arrive at camp to the moment we leave, our members are reminded of what an amazing experience this is for these kids, and we see firsthand the benefits the camp has on the lives of those impacted by burn injuries."

Lichtenberg added that it is a privilege and honor to volunteer, and that the department looks forward to being a part of Camp "I Am Me" for many years to come.

