

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Free Northwest Celtic Fest returns to Hoffman Estates

Join the community on Saturday, October 2, at the NOW Arena from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for FREE family-friendly fun at the largest, indoor Celtic fest in the region!



The ninth annual Northwest Celtic Fest returns with free admission and free entertainment, including a pirate ship, balloon artist, trackless train rides, games and activities for children of all ages.

This event highlights the community's Celtic heritage with live entertainment on two stages, with plenty of Irish and Scottish music and dancing. New this year, the Hideaway Brew Garden will host an "after party," keeping the Celtic theme alive throughout the evening!

Additional attractions include a Celtic marketplace, visits with clan representatives, Wings and Talons, alpacas and returning favorite, Soul Harbor's mini horses! A celebration of craft beer

will also be featured, with opportunities to sample a variety of craft brews.

The Celtic Fest Commission is "food raising" again this year! Although not required for entry, guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support local food pantries that help Hoffman Estates residents.

The NOW Arena is located at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway in the "Poplar Creek at 59/90" Entertainment District in western Hoffman Estates. For a complete schedule of events and list of craft beers, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/celtic or call 847-252-5448. We hope to see you there!

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Recycling event recap

On a sweltering hot Saturday in late August, the Village hosted another successful annual recycling event! A total of 613 cars dropped off recyclables at the Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow Public Works Center, including 650 pounds of batteries, nearly 14,000 pounds of documents to shred, two pallets of light bulbs, 75 pounds of ink cartridges, expired drugs and sharps, textiles, and almost 500 containers of latex and oil-based paint. More than 17,600 pounds of electronic items were collected at this annual event, in partnership with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC).

Cars drop off recyclables at this year's event.



The many benefits of recycling include diverting items from landfills, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions through the potential re-use of electronic parts, and greatly reduced dangerous chemicals such as lead, chromium and cadmium that can leach into the soil and water supply.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to help protect our environment! For additional ways you can recycle, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/green.

Thomas Engineering Co. was the first industrial plant to move into Hoffman Estates, and they did so with horse farms and farmers as neighbors. The year was 1965 when the business settled into their new home on Central and Ela roads, north of the tollway. President and founder Thomas J. Casey and his Vice President George Loeffler, along with Village officials, dedicated the new building on October 1 of that year when Casey and U.S. Senator Paul Douglas proudly placed a brass dedication plate on the flagpole.

A Daily Herald article dated December 17, 1964, reported that, "Hoffman Estates this week received a Christmas present – the first industry to locate in the village."

While in Hoffman Estates, Thomas Engineering Co. offered specialized packaging

and processing for the food, drug and chemical industries. Their building was approximately 10,000 square feet at the start, and with additions over the next 55 years, it grew to 77,000 square feet.

One day in 2020, a surveying crew was working on Central Road on the business' property. Not long after, Thomas Engineering Co. was notified that the tollway was taking over the land, and the business had to move within nine months. This came as quite a shock for CEO Brian Casey, the president and founder's son, who hadn't been planning to move!

The Village tried to help find a new location in Hoffman Estates, but nothing suitable was available on such short notice. Brian searched the suburbs for a new home and found what he was looking for

in Elgin, a building located at 200 Airport Road.

In my conversation with Brian, he told me he would miss the beautiful forest preserve scenery as it changed from season to season here in Hoffman Estates. He added that he has been very pleased with Elgin's ability to finalize the move so quickly, in order for the business to continue as seamlessly as possible.

We wish Brian much success in Elgin at Thomas Engineering Co., like what his father and he grew while here in Hoffman Estates for over half a century.

Goodbye, and good luck!

Pat Barch

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Purchase pet tags by November 1

If a pet becomes lost, the Village can reunite them with their family through a registered pet tag. The Village requires an annual pet license for each indoor and outdoor dog and cat. Tags purchased for 2020 expire October 31, and 2021 tags should be purchased prior to November 1. Please note that late fees will be assessed after November 30. Licenses can be purchased at Village Hall for \$5 each, and \$2 for senior citizens (not to exceed two animals per household). A maximum of five dogs or five cats (or a combination of the two) are permitted in each residence. A current rabies tag number and expiration date is needed to register. For more information, call 847-882-9100.

The pet license application can be found at www.hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses.



Fire Department open houses

After a year without community involvement due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Fire Department team members are looking forward to interacting with the community once again. All residents are welcome to attend the 2021 Open Houses, where attendees will see what it's like to work and live as a Hoffman Estates firefighter/paramedic. Events at the firehouses throughout October are family-focused, with activities for children and plenty of vehicles/apparatus to see. Adults can obtain valuable



fire prevention information and interact with community vendor booths, including ComEd, AMITA Health and the Hoffman Estates Park District. There will also be a live fire demonstration at each Open House event - and even a helicopter landing at Firehouse 24! Dates, locations and times are listed below – the Fire Department hopes to see you there!

All events will take place on Saturdays, and doors will be open from 1 – 4 p.m.:

- **October 9: Firehouse 23, 1300 Westbury Drive**
- **October 16: Firehouse 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive**
- **October 23: Firehouse 21, 225 Flagstaff Lane**



A message from **Mayor McLeod**

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Village's Platzkonzert Germanfest in September at the NOW Arena! Fireworks were a welcome sight, and the weather, entertainment and activities couldn't have been more perfect. The Platzkonzert Commission pulled out all the stops!



The celebrations continue in October with the Northwest Celtic Fest on Saturday, October 2, our annual Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta hosted by the Cultural Awareness Commission on Saturday, October 23, and the delectable French dinner and silent auction hosted by our Sister Cities Commission on Thursday, October 28. The Fire Department is also featuring three open houses on Saturdays this month to highlight the fire stations and our firefighter / paramedics who work to protect our community (more information to the left). Don't forget to join the Police Department from 5 - 8 p.m. on October 5 for an open house and National Night Out. This is your chance to meet our men and women in blue, tour the station and ask questions. Fun activities for the kids will be provided. Learn about all these events in this month's Citizen!

Lastly, congratulations and thank you to the residents who participated in the Sustainability Commission's Community Pride Awards this year. This annual competition seeks to recognize the continued efforts of homeowners to beautify their properties using sustainable practices. In addition to this competition, the Sustainability Commission supports other events throughout the year, including shred and recycle events. Look for events on the website or check the monthly Citizen for updates.

Interested in attending Coffee with the Board? We'll be at Village Hall on Saturday, October 16, at 10 a.m. Do you have questions or comments for my office? Email me at bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-2604. I look forward to hearing from you!

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs

Halloween trick-or-treating hours

Families who opt to participate may trick-or-treat on Sunday, Oct. 31, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Homes that are welcoming trick-or-treaters should turn on their outdoor lights. Not all families may feel comfortable with trick-or-treating this year; teach children not to ring the doorbell if a light is not on.

Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta: Health and Wellness

The Village's Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to celebrate the community's diversity by hosting a Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta with a theme of 'Health and Wellness' on Saturday, October 23, from 2 - 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. This event is free and open to the public. Enjoy an afternoon of the sights, sounds and tastes of the Hispanic culture. This year's speaker will be Andrés Acosta, a bilingual licensed clinical professional counselor for local High School District 211. Families are invited to enjoy the music of guitarist Jose Verduzco, dance groups representing Latin American countries, food, arts and crafts. And, of course, a piñata for the kids! !

Soirée Culinaire - French dinner and silent auction

Bon appétit! Don't forget to register for the 23rd annual 'Soirée Culinaire – Discovering French Delicacies' hosted by the Sister Cities Commission. The registration deadline is October 20! This exciting culinary experience will include a French-inspired, four-course plated meal, along with tastings of fine French wines and regional liqueurs, and a silent auction. The event will take place on Thursday, October 28, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive, and the cost is \$50 per person. For ticket information, call Debbie at 847-781-2611.



Fire Department Deputy Chief Retires

Deputy Fire Chief Paul Bilodeau retired on August 31 after more than 28 years in the fire service. During his time, Paul worked his way up through the ranks, holding every position in the department including as a Firefighter, Lieutenant, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief and Acting Fire Chief. Paul's walk-off ceremony took place at Firehouse 22 with a presentation by Fire Chief Alan Wax. The event was attended by Paul's family and friends, along with many active and retired Fire Department members. Congratulations to Paul and best of luck in retirement.



Holiday Giving Tree applications

Applications for the Holiday Giving Tree are now open! Health and Human Services is proud to host this annual holiday program that assists families with children who are in need, by helping them to purchase gifts for the holidays. Applications are now being accepted for both families experiencing hardship who would like to be recipients of gifts, and for residents or businesses who want to sponsor a family in need. Space is limited, and applications will be accepted until November 1. The goal is to ensure that no child in the community goes without a holiday gift due to financial hardship. To receive an application as a sponsor or as a recipient, and to learn about eligibility, please call 847-781-4850.

Save the Date: Public Works open house

Guests of all ages can tour the Public Works facility at 2305 Pembroke Avenue on Saturday, November 6, from 10 a.m. - noon. Learn about the skills, tools and equipment used to maintain Hoffman Estates' infrastructure. And don't forget to bring your pumpkins for recycling! More information in the November Citizen.

Help keep storm sewer inlets clear

Raking or blowing yard waste into the street can cover storm grates and prevent water from flowing into storm sewers. It is also a violation of Village Code. Be sure grass clippings, garden debris and raked leaves end up in brown paper yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker affixed to them. More information about properly disposing of yard waste and stickers can be found on the website of the Village's waste hauler, Groot, at www.groot.com.



Village Hall Art Gallery now open!

The Art Gallery at Village Hall features artists of all ages – painters, photographers and more! The gallery is currently displaying the work of local photographer Chris Spoons, through October 9. Stop by Village Hall to check it out!

Upcoming displays:

- October 11 - November 15: The Photography of Jim Hojnacki
- November 15 - January 10: Artwork from Hoffman Estates Park District Preschool Students

Welcome new businesses!

Hoffman MRI, Inc.
2500 W. Higgins Road, #830

NIDEC Motor Corp.
2401 Hassell Road, #1550

T-Mobile
4630 Hoffman Boulevard

World of Vape
1714 W. Algonquin Road

Testing Toolkit, LLC
1648 W. Algonquin Road

ZAP Beauty Inc.
1000 Grand Canyon Parkway, #108A

Mariano's Fuel Center
2581 W. Golf Road

Risksmith Insurance Services, LLC
2000 Center Drive East, #C202

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

Health and Human Services offers health screenings, vaccines and preventative tests for both adults and children. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule!

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

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 a consultation with a nurse. 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.



Children and Baby Clinics

Health and Human Services has resumed 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,

Illinois Department of Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures will help to ensure the health of patients, as well as protect employees.

Health and Human Services is offering **individual appointment times** for each child and uses 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

Health and Human Services provides these important services to the community and asks that you do not hesitate to call with any questions. 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.

For questions or to schedule an appointment for any of the services provided through Health and Human Services, call 847-781-4850.



Have you had your mammogram?

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign to increase awareness of the disease. Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer in the U.S., with one in eight women being diagnosed in her lifetime. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has overshadowed many aspects of our lives, including important preventative screenings used to detect cancer before symptoms are present. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is easier to treat than ever, and even cure, when it is found early and has not yet spread. All women should be familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel and should report any changes to their physician immediately. Possible symptoms of breast cancer include:

- [A new lump or mass](#)
- [Swelling](#)
- [Skin dimpling](#)
- [Pain](#)
- [Nipple retraction](#)
- [Breast skin that is red, flaking or thickened](#)
- [Nipple discharge \(other than breast milk\)](#)

Please note that these symptoms can be caused by things other than breast cancer, but should always be reported to a physician.

For more information, visit the National Cancer Institute at www.cancer.gov or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Home-based business owners may not be aware of this, but if you have the appearance of running a business from your home, have a website and/or are registered with the Secretary of State or the Department of Revenue, you are required to have a Hoffman Estates business license. Please contact the Clerk's Office so that we can assist you in obtaining your license by calling 847-781-2625 or emailing bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org.

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

Make it a safe Halloween

It's that time of year again! We all enjoy the costume making, candy eating and the occasional jump-scare that Halloween brings. Below are some tips for trick-or-treaters and parents or guardians, to help make it a safe and fun holiday for all:



- **Stay well-lit:** Plan costumes that are reflective or add reflective tape to costumes. This will ensure drivers on the road can see you.
- **Keep costumes short:** Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground, as this can lead to dangerous trips and falls, especially in the dark.



- **Sort through your child's candy:** When the trick-or-treating is finished for the night, check your child's bag and sort through all candy. Throw away any pieces that are open or not in the original wrapper.
- **Plan a route nearby:** Police and community leaders recommend parents plan a route in advance close to home, or in an area familiar to parents and children. Stick to the route to avoid children getting lost, and keep them within eyesight the whole night.
- **Look for outdoor lights:** Homes that are welcoming trick-or-treaters should turn on their outdoor lights. Not all families may feel comfortable with trick-or-treating this year due to the pandemic; teach children not to ring the doorbell if a light is not on.

Fire Department promotions



Left to right: Lieutenant Thomas Zito, Lieutenant Jason Loeb, Captain Alan O'Brien, Captain Daniel Pearson, Deputy Chief David Ganziano and Deputy Chief Patrick Clarke

Six members of the Fire Department were recently promoted. These promotions include Captain David Ganziano to the rank of Deputy Chief of Administration, Captain Patrick Clarke to the rank of Deputy Chief of Operations, and Lieutenant Daniel Pearson to the rank of Fire Captain. Additionally, Lieutenant Alan O'Brien was promoted to the rank of Fire Captain, Firefighter Jason

Loeb to the rank of Fire Lieutenant, and Firefighter Thomas Zito to the rank of Fire Lieutenant. Mayor McLeod officially swore these members in at the August 30 special Village Board meeting as friends and family looked on. Thank you and congratulations to all of these individuals for their hard work and dedication to the Village and the Fire Department!

Park District Halloween events

The Park District's Haunted Hoffman Family Fest will take place on October 23 from 10 a.m. -3 p.m. This free, community event will include activities such as a doggie costume contest, children's costume contest, carved pumpkin contest, meet and greet with the Fire and Police departments, Zombie Zumba, fishing, free throw contest, a hayride and so much more! The Hoffman Estates branch of the Schaumburg Public Library and Health and Human Services will be on-site guiding many of the Halloween activities.

More information is available at <https://www.heparks.org/event/haunted-hoffman-family-fest>. Reservations for a Trick or Treat Path featuring photo ops with kids' favorite characters are also available (for a nominal fee) on the Park District's website.



October calendar



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

Friday, Oct. 1

- Pet Licenses On Sale
- Watering Ban Ends

Saturday, Oct. 2

- Northwest Celtic Fest, 11 a.m. at NOW Arena

*Sunday, Oct. 3

- Veteran's Flag 54: Harold J. Christopher, Army
- Fire Prevention Week Begins

Monday, Oct. 4

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- National Night Out, 5 p.m. at Police Department
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, 6 p.m. at Police Department
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 6

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m. at Station 23

*Sunday, Oct. 10

- Veteran's Flag 55: Erwin T. Turk, Navy, WWII

Monday, Oct. 11

- Sunderlage House Program, 7:30 p.m. at Sunderlage House
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14

- 4th of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m. at Station 24

*Sunday, Oct. 17

- Veteran's Flag 56: Salvatore (Joe) Nigri, Army, WWII

Monday, Oct. 18

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

Tuesday, Oct. 19

- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m. at Police Department

Wednesday, Oct. 20

- Village Green Ad-Hoc Committee, 6 p.m. at NOW Arena
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 21

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 23

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m. at Station 21
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

*Sunday, Oct. 24

- Veteran's Flag 57: Herman J. Muehlbauer, Army, WWII

Monday, Oct. 25

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 28

- 23rd Annual Soiree Culinaire, 6 p.m. at Bridges of Poplar Creek

Sunday, Oct. 31

- Veteran's Flag 58: Peter T. Cundiff, Army
- Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours, 3 p.m. to 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.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is defined by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence as, "the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another." This includes emotional, psychological, physical, sexual, and/or financial abuse, and is often perpetrated in private. Domestic violence impacts women, men and individuals across the gender spectrum. Statistics show that one in three women experiences domestic violence within her lifetime.

Signs of domestic violence include:

- Any physical violence
- Limiting access to money or to a phone
- Insults or name calling to exert control to make a partner feel worthless and less independent - making them less likely to leave
- Engaging in sex after physical violence and/or forcing a partner to engage in sexual acts
- Intimidating a partner by threatening to hurt themselves or the partner
- Harassment through email, text, phone or in person

The Village is committed to assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence, and resources are available to support those impacted. Even after much progress, there is still a stigma that can prevent victims from coming forward. It is important to believe victims and survivors of domestic violence, and to connect them with organizations that can provide support.

Help is available. If you or someone you know is a victim or survivor of domestic violence, call:

- Health and Human Services: 847-781-4850
- Hoffman Estates Police Department: 847-882-1818
- Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS): 847-221-5680

**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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Public Works847-490-6800
Health and
Human Services.847-781-4850
Event Hotline847-252-5443

Village officials

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William D. McLeod

Trustees

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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

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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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Police Department Hosts National Night Out

Join us for the National Night Out October 5, 2021 from 5-8 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department located at 411 W. Higgins Road.

The Hoffman Estates Police Department has pulled out all the stops and will be providing station tours, touch a vehicle experiences, visits with the officers, games and more! Complimentary hot dogs and beverages will be provided. This is a family friendly event and ALL community residents are welcome!

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

