

Hoffman Estates Citizen

January - February 2022

Village budget continues recovery in FY2022 and beyond

The Village of Hoffman Estates' FY2022 Operating and Capital Budget was approved by the Village Board in early December 2021.

The operating budget includes funding for services to be provided to the community in 2022, while the capital budget is an 8-year plan for significant infrastructure and capital projects. Together, these documents establish a firm financial foundation for long-term success.

While many Village revenues were negatively impacted by the pandemic in FY2021, others, such as sales tax and income tax, ended the year in a positive position. The Village also received the first half of \$5.6 million in COVID-19 related federal funding to support Village



infrastructure projects and operations in FY2021 and FY2022.

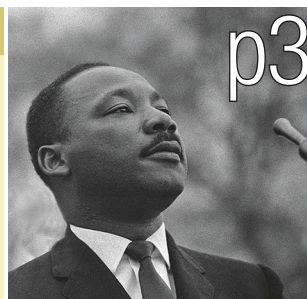
Budget highlights for FY2022 include:

Supporting the Health and Human Services (HHS) and Police departments through creation of a shared community social worker position. This position will address needs in the community that fall outside the expertise of law enforcement.

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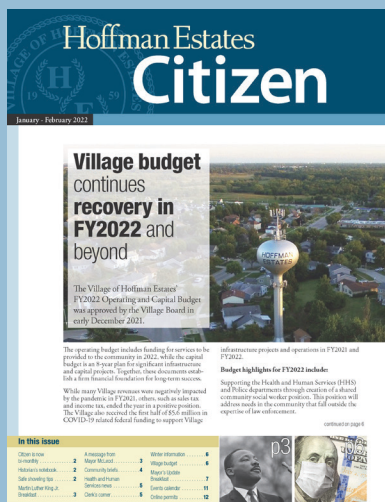
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Citizen is now bi-monthly

Historian's notebook

The Citizen newsletter is going bi-monthly in 2022! This 12-page January/February issue is the first of six total issues for the upcoming year. The Citizen is still the go-to source of information for Hoffman Estates residents and businesses! Be on the lookout for the next issue of the Citizen in early March. In the meantime, be sure to visit the Village website for up-to-date information and details on Village events and programs. And don't forget, you can sign up to receive the Citizen via email by visiting www.hoffmanestates.org/enews.



Moving from the city to the swiftly growing suburbs in the early 1950s meant many changes to our lives. One was the change from city water to well water. Here in Hoffman Estates, we still see the first water tower that provided us with well water, and a water supply that was adequate for the time. Even before more homes were built, plans were in place to dig additional wells to supply water to our rapidly growing Village.

The construction of new homes in the surrounding suburbs, which swept across vacant farmland, was also putting pressure on the well water supply. Winston Knolls (north of the tollway) would need its own well due to the tollway obstructing the water supply from the established Hoffman Estates water system.

As the Village grew to the west with the Barrington Square development, another well would be needed to continue

the delivery of water to new businesses and homes.

Concerns began to grow across the northwest suburbs about the ability to meet future water needs, which went hand-in-hand with further expansion in Hoffman Estates and surrounding communities.

It was back in the early to mid-1970s that Hoffman Estates and neighboring suburbs began cooperative efforts to access Lake Michigan water. Eventually, seven suburbs formed a consortium named the "Northwest Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency," or JAWA. These communities include Hoffman Estates, Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg, Rolling Meadows, Hanover Park, Mount Prospect and Streamwood.

Connections were made at O'Hare and the 90-inch diameter pipes ran down the Northwest Tollway. It took 10-12 years of planning and

construction before Lake Michigan water started flowing to our Village in late 1985.

While we still have six wells in Hoffman Estates, well water is no longer utilized, and the wells continue to exist for stand-by use only. Our water is now 100% Lake Michigan water.

This natural resource was so necessary for the initial and continued growth of Hoffman Estates. The visionary men and women who put together JAWA back in the 1980s addressed a significant need for Hoffman Estates and surrounding communities, enabling our expansion and progress over the last four decades.

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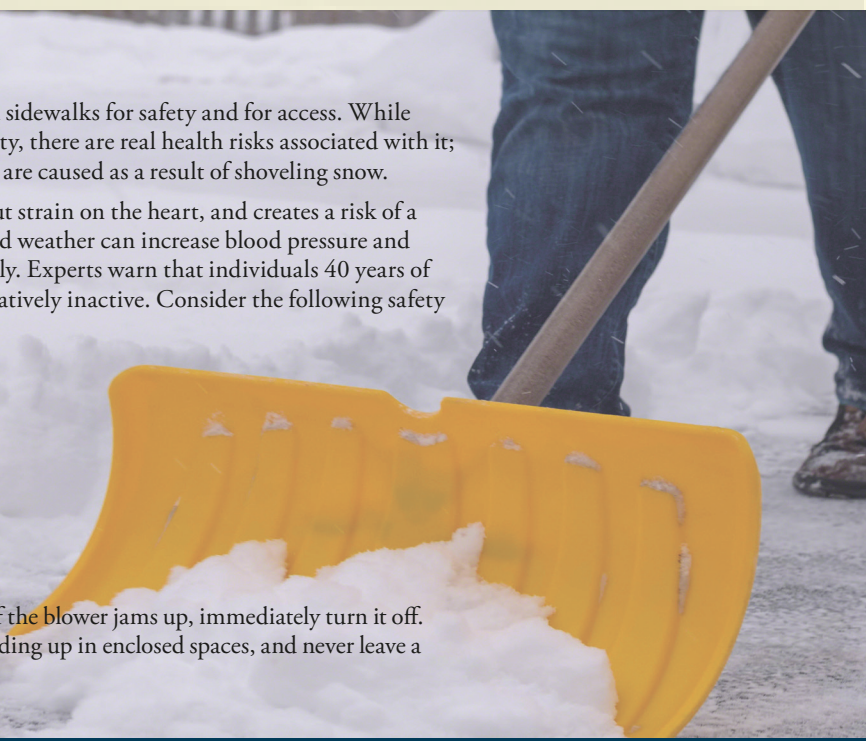
Safe shoveling tips

Along with winter snow comes the need to clear roads, driveways and sidewalks for safety and for access. While shoveling snow in our neighborhoods can seem like a mundane activity, there are real health risks associated with it; thousands of injuries and roughly 100 deaths per year across the U.S. are caused as a result of shoveling snow.

According to the American Heart Association, shoveling snow can put strain on the heart, and creates a risk of a heart attack due to sudden exertion - even in healthy individuals. Cold weather can increase blood pressure and heart rate, while causing blood to clot, thereby decreasing blood supply. Experts warn that individuals 40 years of age or older are at risk for a heart attack while shoveling if they are relatively inactive. Consider the following safety tips during and after snow events as you look to clear snow away:

- Dress in layers
- Stretch before starting
- Push snow, don't lift it
- If you lift snow, partially fill the shovel and lift with the legs, not the back
- Pay attention to your energy levels and don't work to the point of exhaustion
- Consider multiple trips outside instead of long durations of shoveling

If you use a snow blower, there are also steps you can take to stay safe. If the blower jams up, immediately turn it off. Remember to fuel up outdoors due to the risk of carbon monoxide building up in enclosed spaces, and never leave a snow blower unattended.



Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in January



The popular breakfast event honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is planned for Monday, January 17, at Village Hall. The theme of this year's event will be, "Are We the Dream of Dr. King Jr." presented by Mr. Ric Lockhart. Breakfast will begin promptly at 8 a.m. Seating is very limited due to COVID-19 protocols. Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 12, or until the event is full. There is a limit of four people per reservation. Attendees without a reservation will NOT be accommodated. To reserve your spot today, call Sue at 847-781-2606.

Please bring a non-perishable food item or new hats and gloves to help restock our community food pantries for the winter.



A message from **Mayor McLeod**

Happy New Year! I hope each of you enjoyed your holiday season and are getting excited about the new year ahead. As you may notice, the Village will produce the Citizen bimonthly starting with this edition. Have no doubt, the same great content and pertinent information will continue to be included! I also encourage you to visit our website and social media pages and sign up for the Village's weekly eNews email for regular updates on events and other activities important to residents and visitors.

While we continue to work to keep residents safe, the Village's boards and commissions are actively planning events and in-person gatherings over the next several months. The Commission for People with Disabilities has restarted their First Friday events (held at the Village Hall), and the Sustainability Commission is presenting an informational workshop in January on solar energy. Our Health and Human Services Department will also continue to offer immunization clinics and other in-person services, as well as workshops addressing a variety of health and wellness concerns.

I am happy to announce the Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will take place in person on Monday, January 17. Hosted by the Cultural Awareness Commission, this event is a great opportunity to come together for a morning of fellowship in remembrance of Dr. King, a renowned civil rights activist and a staunch advocate for peaceful race relations. We are honored to have the opportunity to open the Village Hall doors for such a significant event. This event has limited capacity – please register today! Details of the event can be found in the Citizen on this page.

Last but not least, I welcome you to join me and the Village Board at the Mayor's Update Breakfast on Tuesday, February 22, at the NOW Arena. Enjoy a great breakfast and learn about the Village's plans for the upcoming year. Call the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce at 847-781-9100 or visit www.hechamber.org to register.

As always, please contact me anytime at bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org or 847-781-2604 with your questions or comments. Have a happy and safe 2022!

Bill McLeod



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Community briefs

Village Hall closed for New Year's

The Village Hall will be closed on New Year's Eve (Friday, December 31). Happy holidays!

Coffee with the Board

The first Coffee with the Board of 2022 will take place on Saturday, January 15, at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall. Ask questions and give comments to the Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees.



Snow removal reminders

It is unlawful to move snow into the street, as this can create traffic hazards and block the flow of water into storm sewers. Businesses must clear their sidewalks for accessibility purposes and residents are also encouraged to do so. If you have any questions for the Code Enforcement Division, email buildingcodes@hoffmanestates.org.



Residential rental license renewals due by January 17

Residential Rental license fees must be received by January 17 to be in compliance with Village Code. Payments can be made by mail, in person, or online by visiting the Village website at www.hoffmanestates.org and selecting the 'Online Payments' tab. For those who do not pay on time, late payments will be assessed with a penalty equal to 25% of the license fee. Notification will be sent when it is time for the annual inspection to be scheduled. For questions regarding the program, or if you are a tenant renting property and are unsure whether the property has been licensed, call 847-781-2650 or email rentalhousing@hoffmanestates.org.



Holiday garbage collection schedule

The New Year's holiday will not affect garbage and recycling collection service. Collection will occur on the regularly scheduled pickup days the week of January 3. Christmas tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January. A yard waste sticker will be required and should be attached to the tree trunk or a branch. Please remember that all lights, ornaments and garland must be removed from the tree, and plastic disposal bags are prohibited. Wreaths and garland will also be accepted, provided the wiring has been removed. These items should be placed in a Kraft yard waste bag with a disposal sticker attached. See www.groot.com for more information.



Keep fire hydrants clear of snow

During the winter months, firefighters face many issues when responding to structure fires, including locating fire hydrants buried in snow. It may take firefighters several minutes to dig out a hydrant in order to use it.

Homeowners: please keep the fire hydrant on your parkway clear of snow and other debris year-round. This is a great help to the members of the Fire Department.



January is Mental Wellness Month!

Many of us may be beginning to experience the "winter blues" around this time of year. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is partnering with the Hoffman Estates Park District's E-Sports Zone at the Vogelei Park Barn (650 W. Higgins Road) to host a "free-play" event January 17 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.! The E-Sports zone is open to youth ages 8-18 and provides more than a dozen video-gaming computer stations and consoles. During this "free-play" video gaming event, HHS staff will host two, 20 to 30-minute presentations and interactive conversations between noon and 1:30 p.m. with youth players to explore the relationship between video gaming and mental wellness, different game preferences, and more. The benefits of video gaming and how players can approach it in a healthy manner will also be discussed. The presenter will be available to answer any questions youth or their parents/guardians may have. To attend, RSVP to justin.chu@hoffmanestates.org. Spots are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis!

Welcome new businesses!

Dog Training Now

2160 Stonington Avenue

Support Home Health Care LLC

2815 Forbs Avenue #107

Victor Construction Company, Inc.

2000 Center Drive East #C219

Alliance Contractors Inc.

2500 W. Higgins Road #1110

Healthcare Resource Center Inc.

2500 W. Higgins Road #1131

Peppos Pets LLC

1461 Palatine Road

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

- 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 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

The clinic has always used outstanding infection control policies and has instituted additional guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures help to ensure the health of patients, as well as to protect employees.



Health and Human Services is offering **individual appointment times** for each child and uses the following precautions:

- Appointments will be staggered to promote social distancing.
- A COVID-19 questionnaire will be answered by each individual.
- Temperature checks are performed 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 are 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 at 847-781-4850. Information regarding clinics is also updated on the Health and Human Services website at www.hoffmanestates.org/HHS. To request an appointment, complete two forms on the website and email them, along with your immunization records, to HHS@hoffmanestates.org.



Flu Shots are still available for adults and children 6 months and older by appointment. Quadrivalent (4 strains) vaccines and high dose flu vaccines are available for seniors 65 and older. To access vaccine forms, visit www.hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-4850 for more information.

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



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

I hope that all of you had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. The New Year brings many new ideas for projects to do around your homes. Those projects can create questions, many of which can be answered by the Village's Municipal Code. You can view our Municipal Code by going to the Village's web site, www.hoffmanestates.org, following the path to the Municipal Code, and locating the item that you have a question about. As always, please contact the Clerk's Office if you have any questions.

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

Important winter information

Winter phone numbers

Hoffman Estates Snow Command:
847-490-6800

Call this number to report a problem. Unfortunately, it is not possible to tell you exactly when your street will be plowed.

Illinois Dept. of Transportation (IDOT):
800-452-4368

Call this number for conditions regarding IDOT roads. To report an incident on IDOT roads, call 847-705-4612.

Cook County Highway Department:
312-603-1600

Call this number for conditions regarding county roads.

Illinois Tollway Information Line:
800-865-5394

Call this number for Tollway information, including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans.

Plow routes

The Village's Public Works Department does **not** plow IDOT and county roads.

IDOT:

- Higgins Road (Rt. 72)
- Golf Road (Rt. 58)
- Algonquin Road (Rt. 62)
- Sutton Road (Rt. 59)
- Barrington Road
- Palatine Road

Cook County Highway Department:

- Central Road
- Roselle Road
- Bartlett Road
- Ela Road
- Schaumburg Road
- Plum Grove Road
- Bradwell Road
- Bode Road (west of Braintree Drive to Barrington Road)
- Shoe Factory Road

Village budget continues recovery in FY2022 and beyond

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The Village will conduct several studies aimed at providing guidance for future decision making. Included in the budget is a rewrite of the Village's zoning code; an analysis to provide recommendations for fire station facilities; a study of the Village's water system examining ways to improve redundancy, interconnections with neighboring communities as well as emergency backup; an evaluation of the Village's existing software platforms; and the development of a strategic plan for information technology.

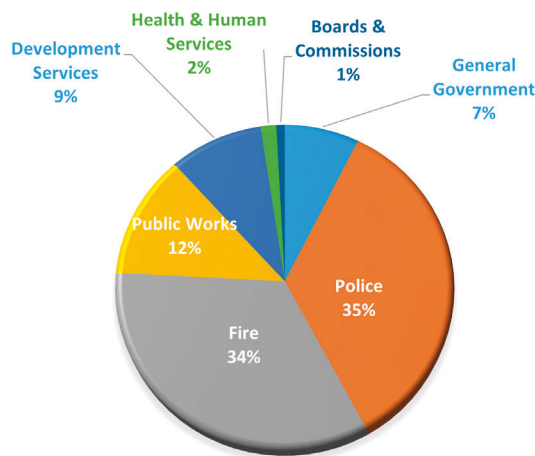
The Village continues to fund its capital improvement program to invest in much needed infrastructure improvements. The FY2022 budget includes over \$26 million in capital projects. Neighborhood investments will include a robust Street Revitalization program (totaling \$6.6 million for 25 resurfacing and 9 reconstruction projects), ongoing water and sewer capital improvements, and upgrades to the Village's storm water management system.

The FY2022 budget continues to advance the Village Board's strategic planning priorities for the community, with a strong emphasis on communication. The Village strives to effectively

communicate its priorities and information to the community in a clear, direct and proactive manner that increases engagement and understanding of Village services, initiatives and programs.

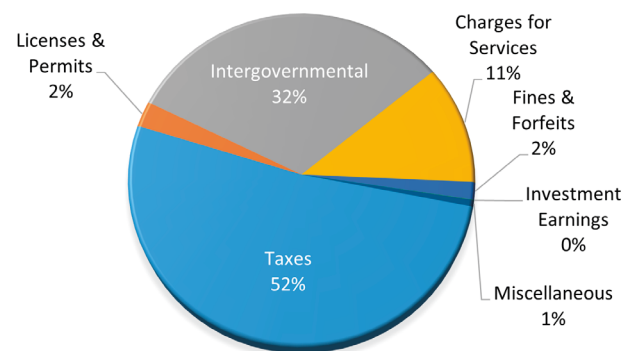
The FY2022 budget for all funds totals \$159,934,400. While the Village is optimistic that sales tax and other consumer-driven revenues will continue to outperform expectations in 2022, FY2022 budget projections remain conservative. Revenues to the General Fund, the Village's primary operating fund, are projected to increase by 5.7% (\$3.4 million) from the FY2021 budget. On the expense side, the Village is projecting an increase of 5.7% (\$3.5 million) in General Fund expenditures from the FY2021 budget, primarily related to reinstatement of capital projects, programs and personnel that were put on hold in 2021 due to the pandemic.

The new budget addresses the Village's fiscal challenges, while ensuring that the Village of Hoffman Estates continues to provide high-quality services to its residents, businesses and other stakeholders.



General Fund Expenditures by Program

General Fund Revenues



Mayor's Update Breakfast

Join the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry for its annual Mayor's Update Breakfast on Tuesday, February 22, at the NOW Arena. Registration and the breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mayor McLeod recapping 2021 and providing a look ahead at 2022. Village staff will also be available to answer any questions you have on current and future developments. This event is open to the public. Admission includes a hot breakfast buffet. Register today by calling 847-781-9100, or by visiting www.hechamber.com.



10 Tips *Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze*

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

February is **Black History Month**

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

Growing to Greenness!

Free holiday light recycling

Holiday lights will be accepted for recycling at no cost to residents through a partnership between the Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This year's program runs through Friday, February 4, 2022.

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

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



Solar for your home information session

Join the Sustainability Commission and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) on Saturday, January 15 at 11:30 a.m. to learn how homeowners can access solar energy! CUB will present information about the electric "grid," available credits and rebates, safety and insurance considerations, and more! Members of the Village's permitting staff will also be on hand to answer questions about the building permit process for solar installations. The event takes place at Village Hall. Can't attend in person? Visit www.hoffmanestates.org/solar for more information!

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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Leash your pets!



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



Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Cervical Cancer Awareness month is recognized during the month of January and is a great time to learn about prevention. Cervical cancer is a disease where malignant cells start to grow in the cervix (the area that connects the uterus to the vagina). The Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is almost always the cause of cervical cancer, which is why vaccination against HPV is so important. HPV can also cause other cancers of the genitals, anus, mouth, and throat. The CDC recommends giving the vaccine when children are around the age of 11 or 12 years old, before they are exposed to the virus. The HPV vaccine became available in the US in 2006, and recent studies show that rates of cervical cancer have dropped since introducing the vaccine. The largest declines were among girls and women who were 15 to 20 years old, the age group most likely to be vaccinated against HPV.



Health and Human Services offers the HPV vaccine to those who qualify. Call 847-781-4850 for more information or visit Health and Human Services' website under the "Government" tab at www.hoffmanestates.org.

Self-Compassion Workshop

"Unlike self-criticism, which asks if you're good enough, self-compassion asks, "what's good for you?" – Kristen Neff

Self-compassion...it might sound fanciful and unrealistic, but building and practicing compassion toward ourselves has been found to have powerful effects. Self-compassion has the power to increase happiness, life satisfaction, self-confidence and physical health, while decreasing stress, shame, depression and anxiety. In honor of National Self-Compassion Month, the Health and Human Services department is inviting you to an interactive workshop where you can learn more about:

- What really is self-compassion?
- Why is self-compassion important and powerful?
- And how can I build self-compassion in myself?

This workshop is free and open to all, ages 18 and up. It will be held in-person at Village Hall on Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. RSVP by February 4 to meena.chockalingam@hoffmanestates.org or at 847-781-4858. Sign up as early as possible, as space is limited. CDC guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of all attendees. Come explore how self-compassion can increase your wellbeing!

Keep your heart healthy

According to the American Heart Association, over 600,000 Americans die from heart disease each year. Heart health risks have increased during the COVID-19 pandemic because of poor lifestyle choices and delayed medical care. Fortunately, there are several things that you can do to protect your heart and stay healthy. This includes eating a nutritious diet, managing weight, regular physical activity, proper sleep, quitting smoking, managing stress, managing blood pressure, controlling cholesterol and reducing blood sugar. Be sure to visit your doctor and do not delay healthcare for any medical concerns.

Now is the time to make healthy choices, manage health conditions and become educated.

Health and Human Services is offering cholesterol and glucose screening for only \$20 during the month of February. A1C is also available for \$15.

Call 847-781-4850 for more information or to schedule an appointment. Learn about living a heart healthy lifestyle by visiting www.nhlbi.nih.gov/heartmonth.

#OurHearts
are healthier together

February is American Heart Month

Share how your hearts are healthier together.

Winter driving safety tips

Winter driving will soon be upon us! Here are some tips from the National Highway Safety Administration to help guide you through a winter wonderland!

Winter driving safety

Driving safely in winter weather can be a challenge for even the most experienced driver. It's easy to forget after months of mild conditions that snow and ice demand careful driving and special preparation for your vehicle. But since 17% of all vehicle crashes occur during winter conditions, it's clear that we could all use a refresher.

Ready your vehicle

Driving safely begins before you even get on the road. Regular tune-ups and maintenance are the starting point for safe driving year-round. In winter, pay special attention to your vehicle's battery, wipers, coolant, tires and other systems that can take a beating when the temperature drops. If you're using snow tires, have them installed before the snow begins to fall. When you know your vehicle is ready for the road, make sure to clear snow, ice or dirt from the windows, forward sensors, headlights, tail lights and backup camera.



Ready yourself

Drive slowly. It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered road. Increase your following distance so you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you. Remember that every vehicle handles differently; this is particularly true when driving on wet, icy or snowy roads. Take the time to learn how your vehicle handles under winter weather driving conditions. Before heading out, know the weather and traffic conditions, and plan your route accordingly. Give yourself more time to get where you're going, because you'll be driving more slowly in inclement weather.

Prepare for an emergency

Even if you and your vehicle are prepared, crashes happen. Vehicles break down. Any of us can get caught out in the elements, and help might not be just around the corner. Keep blankets, flashlights, jumper cables, and flares or emergency lights in your vehicle. Even if you don't need them, they can be used to help someone else in need on the road.

Safe driving: rain, sleet, snow or otherwise

While winter driving demands special care, safe driving is a year-round habit. You and everyone in your vehicle should be wearing seat belts for every ride. Children should be in age- and size-appropriate child seats. Never drive after drinking. Never drive when distracted by an electronic device or anything else. Those are the essentials for safe driving, whatever the weather.

Village snow parking ordinance and fire hydrants

Village Ordinance HE-11-1305 (parked blocking snow removal) goes into effect after two inches of snowfall, based on reports received from O'Hare Airport. Vehicles shall not be parked in a manner that blocks or impedes the removal of snow on your street. If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please try to clear the snow around the hydrant – it is there to protect you and your neighbors!

Mailbox damage from plows

The Village replaces mailboxes that have been damaged through direct contact with a snow plow, if the original mailbox was installed in compliance with Village regulations. If your mailbox is struck, a temporary repair will be made so that you can continue to receive mail delivery.



Contact the Public Works Department immediately to report mailbox damage at 847-490-6800 or publicworks@hoffmanestates.org.

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 October 31 each year and 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 www.hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses. 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 are microchipped. 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.



January - February calendar



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

January

Saturday, Jan. 1

- NEW YEAR'S DAY

*Sunday, Jan. 2

- Veteran's Flag 67: Stanley C. Paige, Army, Vietnam

Monday, Jan. 3

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 4

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

Wednesday, Jan. 5

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 7

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 9

- Veteran's Flag 68: Fernando Figueroa, Army, Vietnam

Monday, Jan. 10

- Standing Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 11

- Fire and Police Commission, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 15

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 16

- Veteran's Flag 69: Richard J. Collins, USMC, WWII

Monday, Jan. 17

- Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Police Pension Board, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

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

Thursday, Jan. 20

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 23

- Veteran's Flag 70: Robert W. Church, Army, WWII

Monday, Jan. 24

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 30

- Veteran's Flag 71: David L. Jacobs, USAAF, WWII
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 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.

**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.*

February

Tuesday, Feb. 1

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

Wednesday, Feb. 2

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 4

- Holiday light recycling drop-off ends
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 6

- Veteran's Flag 72: Ray F. DeCola, Army, WWII

Monday, Feb. 7

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

- Historical Sites Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 10

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 13

- Veteran's Flag 73: James "Francis" Pfrank, Army, WWII

Monday, Feb. 14

- Standing Committee, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16

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

Thursday, Feb. 17

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 20

- Veteran's Flag 74: William P. Kollias, Army, WWII

Monday, Feb. 21

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

Tuesday, Feb. 22

- Mayor's Update Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at NOW Arena
- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 23

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 27

- Veteran's Flag 75: Robert Sutherland, USMC, WWII

Monday, Feb. 28

- Standing Committee, 7 p.m.



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Village officials

Mayor

William D. McLeod

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Karen V. Mills
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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

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Exciting changes coming soon... online building permits & inspections!

After many months of planning and design work, in December, Village staff began using a new software program for permitting, plan reviews, inspections, and code enforcement. This initial phase only affects behind-the-scenes processing, but changes are coming soon for the public! Planning to submit a building permit? Make sure to check www.hoffmanestates.org/permits for the most current information and submittal requirements.

One immediate change is that you can now submit your full application and plans

electronically. During the transition period, please submit all documents by email to buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org. This should include the completed application, available as a fillable pdf on our website. If you have issues submitting electronic plans, the Village will continue to temporarily accept paper submittals up to 11" x 17" in size. Eventually, staff will be available to assist with scanning and inputting of permit requests at the Village Hall front counter – stay tuned and check our website often for updates.

