

Hoffman Estates Citizen

September - October 2022

Platzkonzert Germanfest returns for its 16th year

The Platzkonzert offers residents of every background an exciting weekend with free admission, free entertainment and a play area for the children – the Kinderplatz!

The fest will take place rain or shine at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, just north of the NOW Arena. Enjoy authentic German music and beer on Friday, September 9, from 5 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, September 10, from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, September 11, from noon to 6 p.m. The Kinderplatz will offer free children’s activities from noon to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. In partnership with the Hoffman Estates Park District, Kinderplatz will feature arts, crafts, and much more.

True to the Platzkonzert name, a full line-up of music is planned over the three-day fest. The on-site Hideaway Brew



Garden will feature a selection of German craft beer and food options, and don’t forget to ask about a commemorative mug! Contests will take place Saturday, including the hilarious beer stein carry and stein hoisting!

Parking will be available in the lot east of the venue, off Pratum Avenue, in front of the Tate & Lyle building. Handicapped parking and shuttle service will be provided. Limited parking will also be available on Prairie Stone Parkway.

For more information and a full event schedule for the weekend, visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.

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Electricity bill credit

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Residents and businesses can expect to see a carbon mitigation credit that will reduce utility expenses through May 2023. The credit will appear on ComEd bills (or the ComEd portion of your supplier bill) as “Carbon-Free Energy Resource Adjustment.”

The reduction of 4.3¢/kWh for the four summer months and a 3.6¢/kWh credit on electricity bills for the eight non-summer months relates to the profitability of nuclear plants owned by ComEd’s parent company (Exelon). The Carbon-Free Resource Adjustment will be re-evaluated annually. If the market drops back to more historical levels, the charges may revert to ComEd customers.

TAXES & FEES		-\$16.35
Environmental Cost Recovery Adj	724 kWh X 0.00046	\$0.33
Renewable Portfolio Standard	724 kWh X 0.00502	\$3.63
Zero Emission Standard	724 kWh X 0.00195	\$1.41
Carbon-Free Energy Resource Adj	724 kWh X -0.04306	-\$31.18
Energy Efficiency Programs	724 kWh X 0.00233	\$1.69
Energy Transition Assistance	724 kWh X 0.00082	\$0.59
Franchise Cost	\$41.96 X 1.28800%	\$0.54
State Tax		\$2.39
Municipal Tax		\$4.25

Please contact the electrical utility provider listed on your billing statement for more information.

I knew eventually that the beautiful building was to be torn down, but when I saw the slow, deliberate demolition begin, there was sadness in my heart. Each time I drove by the old Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan building, presently BMO Harris Bank, I’d slow down to see what progress had been made.

It began on the inside. Through the tall windows, you could see the teardown begin. As with all demolition work, I’m sure what could be salvaged was salvaged for reuse somewhere else.

Then one day, as I drove down Higgins Road and headed to the post office, the large piece of machinery with a wrecking ball was on the south side of the building, beginning its tedious work of taking down this graceful and stylish building.

Through my research at the Schaumburg Township District Library, I learned about the details of its beginning at 1400 N. Gannon Drive in Hoffman Estates.

Lincoln Federal Saving and Loan of Berwyn made the announcement in 1973 that they would be opening a new branch in Hoffman Estates. Its postmodern style was designed by Godfrey L. Duke, an architect from Wheeling. The original plans were for two buildings, but they were modified, and it finally opened in June 1975.

The graceful colonnades supporting the roof overhang were pre-cast concrete of white quartz aggregate. It had two round fountains near the entrance and eight drive-in lanes. The interior of the bank housed an automatic 24-hour self-service post office, a welcome addition for the

Hoffman Estates residents. The vending machines offered stamped envelopes, stamps, postcards and weighing scales for packages. A convenient coin change machine was also available.

This has been a sad tear down of a lovely building. Our village changes each time we lose some of our early buildings. I remember our Village Hall on Gannon and Golf and the bowling alley on Higgins and Roselle. The teardown of the south end of Hoffman Plaza was very dramatic as it was not a complete tear down but a redesign of the 1959 building. Hoffman Plaza now has the beautiful Burlington Store and Lofts.

Hopefully, we’ll have new and exciting buildings replace those that fell to the wrecking ball.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.



HEFD Open Houses kick off Fire Prevention Week

You are invited to the 2022 Hoffman Estates Fire Department Open Houses to help kick off Fire Prevention Week! Come visit the fire stations and see what it is like to work and live as a Hoffman Estates firefighter. The Open Houses are family events with multiple activities and fire department apparatus for children to see.

Adults can obtain valuable fire prevention information and visit numerous community vendor booths, including ComEd, AMITA Health, NICOR, Illinois Fire Safety Alliance and the Hoffman Estates Park District. Children can play on the kids’ fire pole and

run through the firefighter obstacle course. This year’s open houses will also include hands-on skills stations on both CPR and fire extinguisher use with a live fire simulator.

Dates and locations are listed below. Open Houses run from 1 to 4 p.m. See you there!

- **October 8:** Firehouse 21, 225 Flagstaff (Helicopter)
- **October 15:** Firehouse 23, 1300 Westbury
- **October 22:** Firehouse 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe

Free Northwest Celtic Fest returns to Hoffman Estates

Come out on October 1 for the largest Celtic fest in the region! Northwest Celtic Fest kicks off at the NOW Arena from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes FREE family-friendly fun, games and more!

The 10th Annual fest gives families the opportunity to explore everything Celtic - from authentic food to foot-stomping music and Celtic goods available for purchase in the Celtic Marketplace. Fest-goers will encounter a variety of favorite groups and businesses, including animal interactions with the gentle Irish Wolfhounds and the Birds of Prey, among others.

This event highlights the community's Celtic heritage with live entertainment and plenty of Irish and Scottish music and dancing. Visit with clan representatives and partake in delicious authentic food and drinks.



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.

New this year is an incredible partnership with Feed My Starving Children (FMSC), an organization dedicated to feeding starving children around the world. The Celtic Nations have historically suffered times of famine that resulted in mass immigration to the United States. That history is honored at Celtic Fest this year through this new partnership, and the Celtic Fest Commission is delighted to welcome Feed My Starving Children to the NOW Arena.

Volunteers are needed to help FMSC pack meals! The Harvest O' Hope Mobile Pack Event will host 11 different volunteer timeslots starting on Thursday, September 29, through Sunday, October 2. FMSC is looking to recruit 480 volunteers per shift to help them achieve their goal of packing over one million meals over the course of the event. If your family, company, organization or neighborhood wants to volunteer, please email Carrie Wiggins, cwiggins@fmsc.org, to sign up!

The NOW Arena is located at 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway in the "Poplar Creek at 59/90" Entertainment District in western Hoffman Estates. See you there!

For a complete schedule of events and a list of craft beers, visit hoffmanestates.org/celtic or call 847-781-2610.



A message from Mayor McLeod

What a summer! We couldn't have asked for a better way to get back into the swing of community events and enjoy all that Hoffman Estates has to offer. Thank you for coming out to join us during the season's many activities.

The fun isn't over, as there is plenty more to come this fall! First up is the Village's Platzkonzert Germanfest from Sept. 9 through Sept. 11 at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green! We kick off the festivities on Friday, Sept. 9, with the traditional keg tapping at 5 p.m., followed by live music, authentic food and activities. This edition's cover story provides all the details you need to plan a full weekend at this fall festival. You can also visit hoffmanestates.org/platz for more information.

A somber yet beautiful event, the Village's September 11th Remembrance Ceremony will also take place to remember and honor all those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The event is hosted by our Celebrations Commission and Veterans Commission; details can be found on page 6.



In October, celebrations continue with the 10th annual Northwest Celtic Fest on Saturday, October 1, at the NOW Arena from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta on Saturday, October 15, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Both events feature the sights, sounds and tastes of their respective cultures! Learn more about these free events in the article adjacent to this message and on page 7.

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

Bill McLeod



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Get your **flu shot** today!

With fall and winter approaching, many people are wondering how to stay healthy from contagious illnesses such as the flu, colds and other viruses, including COVID-19. Luckily, there are simple things that you can do to improve your immune system. The following list offers a variety of ways to protect yourself:



- Wash your hands frequently. It is the number one way to protect yourself from getting ill.
- Avoid people who are sick.
- Keep hydrated to flush toxins and germs out of your body.
- Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.
- Get an adequate amount of sleep each night.
- Eat a diet rich in fruits and vegetables that provide a wealth of nutrients.
- Stay active to improve overall health.
- Be sure you are up to date on your yearly flu vaccine and COVID-19 boosters.



Health and Human Services will offer quadrivalent flu vaccines this fall to children 6 months and older and adults from all communities. High-dose flu vaccines (for seniors 65 years and older) will also be available. To schedule an appointment for children, please visit hoffmanestates.org/hhs. Adults should call 847-781-4850 to schedule.

For more information on how to stay healthy this fall, visit cdc.gov/flu.

HEPD introduces new social worker

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is pleased to welcome Nataly Correa to the team as the Village's first full-time social worker. The new position was made possible through a \$150,000 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant awarded to the Village and procured with the support of Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi and the WINGS Program, a local non-profit committed to breaking the cycle of domestic violence.



Nataly Correa is the Police Department's first social worker!

Police departments across the nation have seen an increase in calls for service relating to mental health and domestic violence. When responding to these calls, Hoffman Estates police officers recognized the need for additional resources, such as crisis intervention and long-term counseling. Adding Nataly to the Village's workforce allows the Police Department to respond to the increased demand and provide real-time services to victims of domestic violence.

Nataly brings a well-rounded background in social work to the Hoffman Estates community. She is bilingual and has a master's degree specializing in substance abuse, forensic psychology and criminal justice. As a licensed social worker, she is experienced in both police social work and children's advocacy. Nataly is passionate about assisting the community and places

a strong emphasis on helping victims of domestic violence.

Some of the services Nataly provides include crises intervention and court advocacy. If requested, she will walk a victim of domestic violence through the entire court process and provide them with long-term services. Nataly also assists with community outreach efforts and is able to provide professional referrals for chemical or substance abuse and mental health treatment. She also focuses on elderly and youth services, counseling and violent crime victim assistance.

Finally, Nataly also shares her time with the Village's Health and Human Services Department and the WINGS Program. Her work will be vital in streamlining and providing immediate assistance to those in need. To reach Nataly for services, contact the Police Department at 847-781-7800.



Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi presents the \$150,000 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to the Village of Hoffman Estates.

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

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

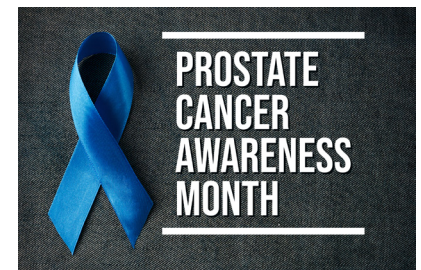
The clinic has always used outstanding infection control policies and has instituted additional guidelines according to the Centers for Disease Control, Illinois Department of Public Health and Occupational Safety and Health Administration. Added safety measures help to ensure the health of patients,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



Individual appointment times for each child include 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 two.
- 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 phone calls before appointments.
- Credit card payments (if necessary) will be completed over the phone.
- Staff members are required to wear 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. Clinic information is also updated on the Village website at 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.



September is National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month!

The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that approximately 268,490 men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year resulting in 34,500 deaths. Early diagnosis is key to increasing survival rates, and the ACS recommends that screenings begin at age 50. Those at a higher risk, including African Americans and men with strong family histories of prostate cancer, should begin screening at age 40.

Not all men experience symptoms of prostate cancer. Doctors often find early signs during routine check-ups. Be sure to check with your doctor if you experience any changes in urinary or sexual function since many prostate cancer symptoms can also indicate the presence of other diseases.

It is important for men to learn the facts and understand their risks for prostate cancer. During September, all men are encouraged to talk about prostate cancer with their health care providers. Stop by the Health and Human Services Department for your copy of "Health Facts for Men - Facts About Prostate Cancer." For more information, visit the American Cancer Society website at cancer.org and the Men's Health Network at menshealthnetwork.org.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

The Village of Hoffman Estates will be an early voting site for the November 8 Gubernatorial Election. Early voting will be available from Monday, October 24, through Monday, November 7. At the time of this publication, early voting times have yet to be established. Please check the Village website in October for updates. This election is expected to see a high turnout, so please prepare for a possible wait and give yourself plenty of time to vote.

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

Community briefs

Labor Day observance and service impacts

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day during the week of the holiday. The Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program on Monday, Sept. 5 at the Village Hall is also postponed. The service will resume on Monday, Sept. 12.

September 11 commemoration ceremony

Please join the Mayor and Village Board for a brief memorial service to remember the day that changed us forever. Everyone is welcome to this 9/11 ceremony conducted by the Celebrations Commission and Veterans Commission. The ceremony will take place outdoors at 11 a.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in front of the Hoffman Estates Police Department (411 W. Higgins Road).



A flag display at a previous 9/11 ceremony in Hoffman Estates

September dates for seasonal brush drop-off

Residents may bring brush to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 3, and on Saturday, Sept. 17. This free program accepts residential brush/branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. September is the last month of the year for seasonal brush drop-off. For more information, call 847-490-6800.



A resident drops off brush.

Police officers and firefighters play in softball fundraiser

The Hoffman Estates Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association (HECPAAA) is hosting its eighth annual Shootz & Ladderz Softball Fundraiser: HEPD vs. HEFD. This free event takes place on Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m.

at Cannon Crossings, 1675 Nicholson Drive (rain date: Oct. 8). There will be food and beverages (hot dogs, chips, water, pop, candy) for sale, as well as a 50/50 raffle. Proceeds from the raffle will be donated to the 100 Club of Chicago. For more information, contact Leigh at 847-490-0817 or by email at lab316@att.net.



Lil Critters Animal Show

The Youth Commission is excited to host the FREE Lil Critters Animal Show at noon on Saturday, September 24, at Village Hall located at 1900 Hassell Rd. Come enjoy this exciting and educational live animal show! You will get the chance to learn about and see some common and not-so-common critters up close. Tarantulas, snakes, lizards, tortoises, as well as some warm and fuzzies, are sure to delight everyone! Space is limited. Please RSVP to 847-781-4850 to reserve your space!



Coffee with the Board

The next Coffee with the Board is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall located at 1900 Hassell Rd. The informal meet-and-greet provides a relaxed forum where community members can speak with the Village of Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees. Residents are invited to express opinions, ask questions and provide input on items of interest in their community.

Halloween trick-or-treating hours

The hours for trick-or-treating will be from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 31. Homes that are welcoming trick-or-treaters should turn on their outdoor lights. Not all families

participate in trick-or-treating; please teach children not to ring the doorbell if an outdoor light is not on. Visit hoffmanestates.org for Halloween safety tips.

Protect our urban canopy by watering trees

Trees provide many benefits, and we need your help to care for the Village's urban canopy. As summer winds down, hot days and a lack of precipitation in early fall can still cause trees to suffer from stress and decline. Please water slowly in the early morning or late afternoon/evening to provide the most benefit (and to comply with the Village's watering ban, which is in effect from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily from May through September). Residents are encouraged to contact Public Works at 847-490-6800 with any tree questions; the Village has arborists on staff to assist you.

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 2021 expire October 31, and 2022 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 the expiration date is needed to register. For more information, call 847-882-9100. The pet license application can be found at hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses.

Welcome new businesses!

Advanced Allergists Ltd
1000 Grand Canyon Pkwy. #301

Bailey's Place
1618 W. Algonquin Rd.

DSN Group
2300 N. Barrington Rd. #400

IT Gym
2000 Center Drive #A213

Vivifica Ketamine & IV Hydration Center
1800 McDonough Rd. #210

Weicare Inc.
2300 N. Barrington Rd.

Sister Cities presents

“Meet Mary Cassatt: An American Artist”

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission is pleased to present “Meet Mary Cassatt: An American Artist,” a historical reenactment by Schaumburg resident and children’s author Lynn Rymarz. The event will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Discover Mary Cassatt, an American painter and printmaker who lived from 1844 to 1926. During Rymarz’s portrayal, you will hear about Cassatt’s childhood growing up in a wealthy Pennsylvania family and her early desire to become a professional artist. Although her father objected to her career choice, she began studying painting at the age of 15 before moving to Paris to study the master artists of her day.

Attendees will learn about the budding group of artists Cassatt became a part of and how they changed her life as an artist. See samples of her artwork and follow her life’s journey as she pursued her dream of becoming the artist she always wanted to be. Mary Cassatt has been described as one of “Les Trois Grandes Dames” (The Three Great Ladies) of impressionism.

The program begins at 11 a.m., and there is a \$5 program charge due at check-in. Reservations are required, and seating is limited. Please call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 by **October 21**, or register online to make a reservation at hoffmanestates.org/sistercities. Program information can also be found on the Village website.



Lynn Rymarz portrays Mary Cassatt.

Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta is Saturday, Oct. 15

The Village’s Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to celebrate the community’s diversity by hosting a Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta on Saturday, October 15, from 2 to 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. Families are invited to enjoy the dance groups representing Latin American countries, food, arts and crafts - and, of course, a piñata for the kids!

Check the Village website at hoffmanestates.org for additional details closer to the event date.



Renacer Boliviano Dance Troupe perform a traditional Bolivian dance at the 2021 festival.



Grupo Quetzal Mexican Dancers perform at the 2021 Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta.

Growing to greenness!

Branch pickup resumes Sept. 19

Monarch waystations

Let's talk monarch butterfly waystations! Milkweed and other nectar resources are in huge decline due to habitat loss, herbicide use, frequent mowing and climate change. Waystations are spaces where monarch butterfly habitats are planted to provide the resources butterflies need to survive.

Monarch butterflies were recently listed as an endangered species by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Waystations have become crucial to helping monarchs produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Milkweed and pollinating plants grown in waystations support egg laying, caterpillar growth and provide the energy sources needed for monarch livelihood and their migration flights.

One way you can support monarch butterflies and other pollinator populations is to do seed collections in the fall. This is a free and easy way to gather, propagate and expand your current native landscaping. Consider registering your native plant garden as a monarch waystation each year through the Monarch Watch website at monarchwatch.org to support this species and the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

Stay tuned for more information on the Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission's upcoming annual Seed Collection Event!



Hoffman Estates' free curbside branch pickup fall program will begin the week of Monday, September 19. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract. Zones and dates have been established for various sections of the community.

Only one collection pass will be made for each street. Do not ask for exceptions. Do not park in front of branches placed for collection.

If branches are too large, are mixed with unacceptable materials or have not been prepared properly, they will not be picked up.

Public Works crews **WILL** accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Branches from willow trees if separated from other materials

Public Works crews **WILL NOT** accept:

- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste

Visit hoffmanestates.org/branchpickup for more information.

On the first date of pickup listed for your zone, neatly stack branches at the curbside no later than 7 a.m. **Once branches from your zone are picked up, the branch pickup concludes for this zone until the spring pickup.**

DO NOT:

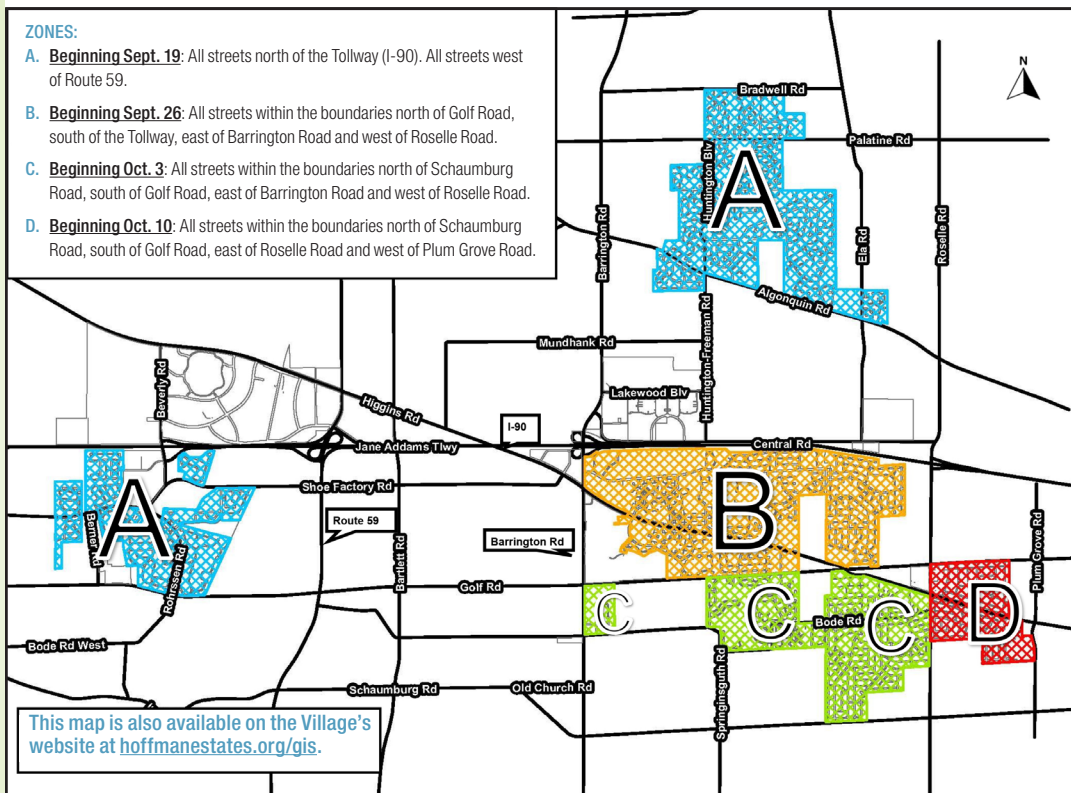
- Tie branches in bundles or place in any container
- Allow branches to protrude into the street or block sidewalks
- Stack branches around street signs, street lights, mailboxes or directly in front of parkway trees

While supplies last, free woodchips will be available to residents at the Village's Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., during daylight hours after **3 p.m.**, Monday through Friday and during daylight hours on weekends. Please bring your own containers.

If you have any questions or want to find out about free large truckload deliveries of wood chips, contact the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800.

ZONES:

- A. Beginning Sept. 19:** All streets north of the Tollway (I-90). All streets west of Route 59.
- B. Beginning Sept. 26:** All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- C. Beginning Oct. 3:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- D. Beginning Oct. 10:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road.



This map is also available on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/gis.

Soirée Culinaire

French dinner and silent auction

Join the Sister Cities Commission on Wednesday, October 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. for the 24th annual “Soirée Culinaire – Discovering French Delicacies.” The dinner takes place at the Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club, 1400 Poplar Creek Drive.

This year’s exciting culinary experience includes a three-course, French-inspired, plated meal and a silent auction. There will also be tastings of fine wines and a regional liqueur from the Village’s sister city, Angoulême, France.

The cost is \$55 per person. To reserve your space, register online at hoffmanestates.org/sistercities. Reservations will be accepted until Thursday, September 29. For more information, call Debbie at 847-781-2611.

BON APPÉTIT!



Pace On Demand and weekly schedule

Pace On Demand service is a reservation-based, curb-to-curb, shared ride service for commuters just like you. Reserving your trip is easy. Book your trip online at pacebus.com/ondemand or call 224-323-2998 to book a trip anywhere in the designated service area. Rides are booked on a first-come, first-serve basis, so make sure to reserve your ride at least one hour (or up to 7 days) in advance.

At the I-90 Barrington Road Station, pickups do not need to be prearranged. Timed stops are offered hourly from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on weekdays. **Pickups do not occur on Saturday, Sunday or holidays.** The Park-n-Ride lot is located north of I-90; east of Barrington Rd (enter off of Central Rd.). The Kiss-n-Ride area is just south of I-90; east of Barrington Rd.

Connections include:

- 603 - Elgin Transportation Center – Rosemont Express
- 605 - I-90/Randall Rd. Station – Rosemont Express
- 607 - I-90/Randall Rd. Station – Schaumburg Express
- 599 - Hoffman Estates On Demand

On Demand service is wheelchair accessible and is open to the general public. Pace On Demand accepts cash, Ventra®, Ventra transfers and honors the Reduced Fare Policy for eligible customers.

Weekday timed stops at Pace I-90 Barrington Rd. Station (At Barrington Rd. Kiss-n-Ride)

6:00 a.m.

7:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

For more information, visit pacebus.com.

Floodplain information and services

Flooding can happen to anyone. Even if you do not live near a body of water or have ever previously experienced flooding, a flooding risk may still exist. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) identify areas at higher risk of flooding, known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) (or commonly “floodplain”). FIRMs are prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify flood zones and determine risk. The Village can assist homeowners, renters and business owners in determining if your home or business is located within a SFHA.

The Village offers a service that is free to anyone interested in obtaining information regarding the Village’s FIRMs. Available information includes:

- Whether a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and if there may be a requirement to purchase flood insurance.
- FIRM flood zone, panel number, suffix, panel date and regulatory base flood elevation for a property.
- A map of the property with the flood zone overlaid.
- Additional flood map information, including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.
- Local drainage issues or flooding sources not identified on the FIRM.

- Information regarding wetland and open space areas within the Village and regulations prohibiting development.

The goal of the map information service is to educate the community about the potential flood risk on a designated property; to improve floodplain management; and to provide information about steps that can be taken to reduce losses as a result of potential flooding events.

As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), property owners within the Village are eligible for flood insurance policies at discounted rates. Only a specific flood insurance policy will cover damage related to flooding. Policy details and rate information can be obtained through most insurance agents.

Please contact the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org with any questions about flood risk. The FIRM panels are available for review at Village Hall or online at the FEMA Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. Additional resources are also provided on the official NFIP website at floodsmart.gov.

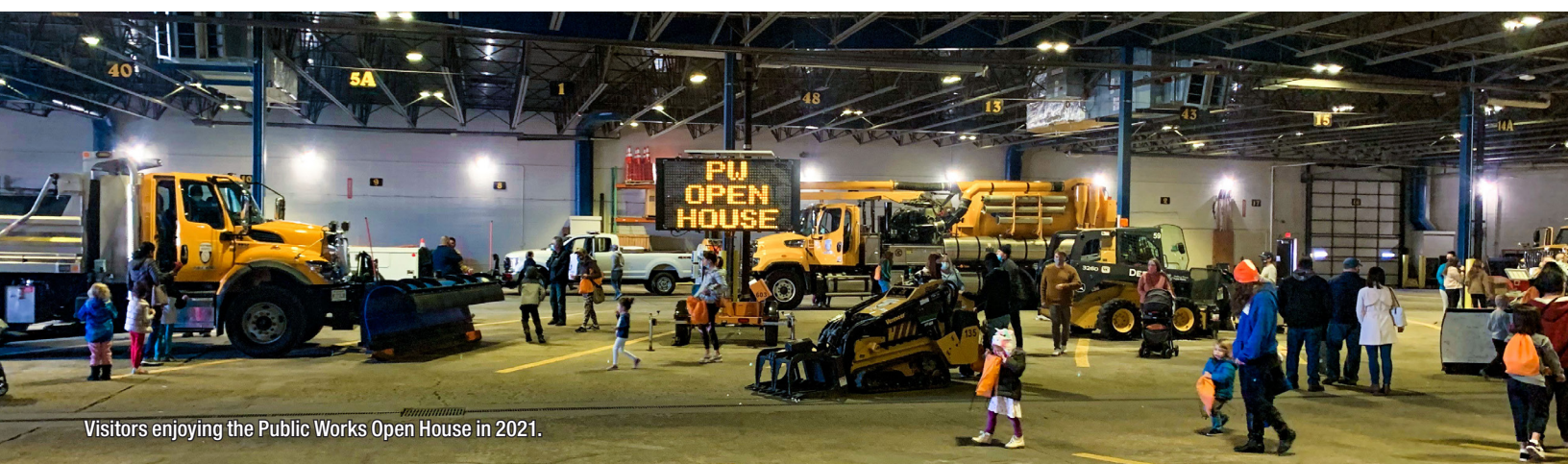
Save the Date: **Public Works Open House** is Nov. 5

Public Works is hosting its annual Open House on Saturday, November 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue. Guests of all ages can tour the facility to learn about the skills, tools and equipment used to maintain Hoffman Estates’ infrastructure.

This free event includes live demonstrations, interactive displays, snow plow rides and a touch-a-truck with vehicles and equipment like dump trucks, loaders, excavators, aerial lifts and more!

Light refreshments, giveaways and raffle items are also offered while supplies last. Public Works will also be smashing and composting pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns at the Open House in an ongoing effort to promote sustainability in a fun and exciting way (please remove candles and other decorations).

For more information about the Open House and Pumpkin Smash, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org.



Visitors enjoying the Public Works Open House in 2021.

September & October calendar



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

September

Friday, Sept. 2

- First Friday - Commission for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 4

- Veterans Flag 12: Frank S. Carter Navy - WWII, PD*

Monday, Sept. 5

- Village Hall Closed, Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 6

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

Wednesday, Sept. 7

- Utility Commission, PD, 1 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 8

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

Friday, Sept. 9

- Platzkonzert, Hideaway Brew Garden, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 10

- Platzkonzert, Hideaway Brew Garden, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 11

- Veterans Flag 13: Herb Kronberg Army - WWII, PD*
- 9/11 Ceremony, PD, 11 a.m.
- Platzkonzert, Hideaway Brew Garden, 12 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 12

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 15

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 18

- Veterans Flag 14: Emil J. Sifrer USMC - WWII, PD*

Monday, Sept. 19

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

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

Saturday, Sept. 24

- Lil Critters Animal Show, noon

Sunday, Sept. 25

- Veterans Flag 15: John M. Olson Navy, PD*

Monday, Sept. 26

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

October

Saturday, Oct. 1

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

Sunday, Oct. 2

- Veterans Flag 16: James W. Brewer Navy - WWII, PD*

Monday, Oct. 3

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 4

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

Wednesday, Oct. 5

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

- First Friday - Commission for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

- Fire Dept. Open House, Station 21, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9

- Veterans Flag 17: William E. Sarb Army - WWII, PD*

Monday, Oct. 10

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

- Fire and Police Commission, PD, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

- Soirée Culinare French Dinner, Bridges of Poplar Creek, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13

- 4th of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Cup of Casey, Bell Works, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 15

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- Fire Dept. Open House, Station 23, 1 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 16

- Veterans Flag 18: Robert M. Kissane Army, PD*

Monday, Oct. 17

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

- Police Pension Board, PD, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

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

Thursday, Oct. 20

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 22

- Fire Dept. Open House, Station 24, 1 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 23

- Veterans Flag 19: Daniel Bobel USMC - WWII, PD*

Monday, Oct. 24

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

- Arts Commission, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 30

- Veterans Memorial Commission, PD, 1 p.m.
- Veterans Flag 20: Ryan J. Cummings USMC - Iraq, PD*

Monday, Oct. 31

- Halloween Trick-or-Treating Hours, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue

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.

View this calendar on the Village website for event updates and details!



* The flag-rotation ceremonies are 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 months. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

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Gary J. Pilafas
Gary G. Stanton
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Karen J. Arnet

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Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

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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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“Fall” into rhythm with a “Cup of Casey”

Calling all moms! Summer has come to a close, and it's time to put away your sandy flip-flops and get excited about pumpkin spice lattes! Let's replace the unstructured days of summer with a cozy rhythm you can “fall” right into!

Local mom Casey Schmidt, an Eating Psychology, Health, and Life Coach, will present a FREE, live event to help you navigate the season at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., on Thursday, October 13, at 7 p.m.

Join Casey for a power-packed live event covering everything from after-school chaos to the season's never-ending meals, with some of her most favorite fall gems!

Grab your sister, mom, friend or daughter and get ready to “Fall” into your rhythm. Register for this free event online at hoffmanestatesarts.com!



**“Fall”
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Rhythm!**

“You aren't going to want to miss this! I know first-hand that when I am out of rhythm, everything feels so much more challenging - relationships, food, parenting etc. So, come join me for my best ideas and hacks on how to feel calmer and in more control of your day.”

- Casey Schmidt



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