

Hoffman Estates Citizen

November-December 2022

Friendship Tree Lighting

kicks off the holiday
season in Hoffman Estates

The Village's annual Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony, sponsored by the Celebrations Commission, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 19, at 5 p.m. in front of the main entrance of the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Mayor William D. McLeod will be joined by BSA Cub Scout Troop 297 to light the tree and kick off a large fireworks display. This year's celebration will be held entirely outdoors, so dress for the weather.

Each year, the large, living pine tree outside of Village Hall is adorned with lights and more than 700 red bows. The growing tree serves as a reminder of our community's continuing commitment to friendship and the environment. The lights at Village Hall remain lit throughout the winter season.



The Celebrations Commission will be collecting donations of canned or boxed nonperishable goods and personal toiletry items for area food pantries. Donations are also accepted in the Village Hall lobby throughout the year. For information on food pantries serving Hoffman Estates residents, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/foodpantry.

This free, family-friendly event fills up quickly, so plan to arrive early for a good view. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

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Growing to Greenness!

Electronics Recycling drop-off ends Nov. 14

Reminder: the last day for the large electronics recycling drop-off program, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will be Monday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon. The service will resume in the spring.

Residents still have a few weeks to drop off old computers (PCs and laptops) and computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, TVs, VHS players, and video game consoles. Visit www.swancc.org for a full list of acceptable items.



Hoffman Estates accepts small electronics for recycling in the Village Hall lobby year-round. After Nov. 14, residents should take large electronics to the following location for recycling:

Glenview Transfer Station
3 Providence Way, Des Plaines
Across from Maryville Academy
Saturdays year-round from
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Holiday closings: Nov. 26,
Dec. 24 and Dec. 31

Additionally, Groot offers a curbside pick-up option for recycling electronics. Residents can recycle up to two electronic items per week free of charge. Their truck is only in Hoffman Estates on certain days, so call Groot East at 800-244-1977 to arrange for a special collection.

For reuse or recycling options for home appliances and other electronics, visit SWANCC's Green Pages Directory at www.swancc.org.

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

What can you get for a dollar these days? Not much at all... but back in 1976, you could become the proud owner of a used fire station and the land that it stood on.

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department only wanted to retain the right to flush their pumper trucks and test their water pressure. A special underground tank had been built for this purpose when the community welcomed Fire Station #2 to the neighborhood at 1550 Hassell Rd.

The conversion of the fire station building brought an award to Hoffman Estates for its "firehouse to library" design, and the Branch Library moved in. However, as time went on, the building space was limiting the library from expanding. An offer of space in the Village Hall at 1900 Hassell Rd. resulted in a move in 1992.



Ribbon cutting at Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 2002

The old facility was then converted into a preschool

Eventually, buckets and pails started to show up at the depository due to an old and leaking roof. Plans went ahead to tear down the aging building and build a new and bigger Branch Library.

The newly constructed Hoffman Estates Branch Library, located on its old site at 1550 Hassell Rd., opened in 2002. Tucked into the old neighborhood again, it's become a quiet oasis for reading in front of the

fireplace, fun stories and books for the kids, or just a great "time out" place for everyone.

This year, the Schaumburg Township District Library's Hoffman Estates Branch is celebrating 20 years in the 2002 library building. It's been 54 years since it was originally established in the Fire Department's Station #2 in 1976.

Congratulations to a well loved neighborhood and family library.

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net



Keep fire hydrants visible

Public Works team members power washed and repainted 837 hydrants in 2022, with all 3,211 of the Village's hydrants having been painted during the last three years to maintain good visibility. To assist our first responders, residents are asked to try and keep hydrants clear of snow for easier accessibility in case of an emergency. If you see a damaged or leaking hydrant, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Veteran's Memorial Commission hosts annual Veterans Day ceremony

The Veterans Memorial Commission invites the community to join them on Friday, November 11, at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial site located at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road, for the annual Veterans Day ceremony. Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, both in wartime and peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty.



A message from Mayor McLeod

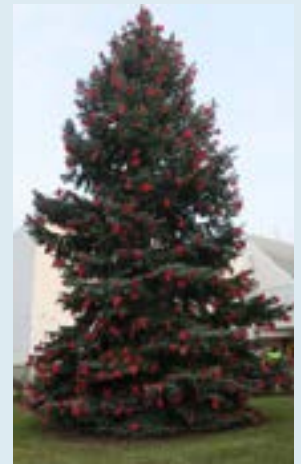
We had a beautiful and busy fall in Hoffman Estates! The community came out to celebrate and honor our diversity at events like Platzkonzert, Celtic Fest and the Hispanic Heritage Fiesta; we learned about what it's like to be a firefighter at the Fire Department Open Houses; and we celebrated our partnership with the City of Angoulême, France, at the Sister Cities French Evening. We are grateful for the community's involvement and participation, and especially thankful to the dedicated citizen commissions who are responsible for planning these wonderful events.

Looking ahead, the Veterans Memorial Commission will host a Veterans Day program at the Police Department on November 11 to honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces (see column to left).

One of our favorite events to kick off the holiday season, the Friendship Tree Lighting and fireworks, is scheduled for November 19. This is a great family-friendly community event that really gets everyone into the holiday spirit. Please remember to bring a food pantry donation to help those in need.

During this time of gratitude, as you celebrate the holidays, I hope you will join me in being grateful for our friends and neighbors that make Hoffman Estates a great place to be. I wish you all the best in your festivities and traditions, and may you cherish your time with friends and family.

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



Bill McLeod

Thanksgiving safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot, and kids should stay at least 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear to avoid tripping over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children - up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in a room with a lit candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



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Christmas tree and wreath disposal



Living Christmas trees (including flocked trees) and other greenery may be dropped off at no charge anytime between Monday, December 26, 2022, and January 6, 2023, at the following locations:

- Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility
2405 Pembroke Ave.
- The field next to Fire Station 23
1300 Westbury Drive
- The field next to Fire Station 24
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

All lights, ornaments, garland and artificial decorations must be removed from the tree, and plastic bags are prohibited. For more information, contact Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Groot will also have a curbside pickup on your regular service day for the first two weeks in January. Look for more information about their curbside pickup in the January/February 2023 edition of the Citizen.



Free holiday light recycling

Want to keep your non-working holiday lights out of landfills? At no cost to residents, lights may be recycled through a partnership between the Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This year's program runs from **Monday, December 5, 2022, through Friday, February 3, 2023.**

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.



Home repair loan assistance

The Village offers a Single-Family Home Repair program for qualified homeowners to help complete home repairs that address code violations, safety issues, and weatherization. A deferred loan for up to \$25,000 with zero percent interest and no monthly payments is available to help residents. This loan is financed through HUD's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Typical repairs include roofing, doors, windows, plumbing, electrical wiring, heating, and/or basic structural repairs. All work is inspected by the Village.

To qualify for a loan, you must:

- Reside in Hoffman Estates
- Own, live in and have equity in the home you wish to repair
- Be current on property taxes and mortgage
- Meet the income requirements found at www.hoffmanestates.org/cdbg.

North West Housing Partnership (NWHP) is a non-profit agency that administers this work for the Village. If you qualify, NWHP will assist you with the entire process from beginning to end. NWHP also hosts a program to assist with rent assistance for those impacted by COVID-19. For more information on both programs or to apply, contact NWHP at 847-969-0561 or view their website at www.nwhp.net and click "Programs" at the top of the page.



Hoffman Estates Police Tip Line



The Hoffman Estates Police Department has several resources available to residents when reporting a crime or providing general information. By utilizing the Hoffman Estates Tip Line, residents can communicate directly with the Police Department. If basic information is provided, such as an email address or phone number, the department will follow up and let

you know the outcome of your inquiry. The tip can also be left anonymously; however, please be aware that this prevents officers from reaching out to obtain more information if the tip is too vague. Activities such as vandalism, drug activity, the location of a known fugitive, or suspicious incidents are a few examples of the tips that can be reported to the Hoffman Estates Police Tip Line.

When notifying the Tip Line, please provide as much detail as possible. Basic information that will assist in these matters are the location and time of the incident, suspect and suspect vehicle information, and possible victim information.

If you would like to share information with the Police Department, you may anonymously contact the Tip Line by:

1. Calling 911. You can still remain anonymous when calling 911!
2. Submitting an anonymous police tip online at www.hoffmanestates.org/policetips.
3. Place a tip via call or text at: 224-254-0049.
4. Email PoliceTips@hoffmanestates.org.

As a reminder, if you see a crime in progress, or if there is ever an emergency, call 911! Other complaints, such as loud music or parking complaints, should also be reported through 911 to get an immediate police response. In progress crimes or emergencies should always be reported through 911 for an immediate response and not through any social media or online applications. The Police Tip Line will be monitored frequently, however, it will not be monitored 24/7 and therefore all emergencies should be reported through 911.

Working together, we can make the Village of Hoffman Estates an even safer community!

Tip Line How-To

The collage consists of three overlapping screenshots. The top-left screenshot shows the Hoffman Estates website's navigation menu with the 'Police' link circled in red. The middle-left screenshot shows the 'Police' page with the 'Crime Tips' section circled in red. The rightmost screenshot shows the 'Crime Tips' section in more detail, also with the 'Crime Tips' heading circled in red.

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 Babies Clinics

Health and Human Services offers several Children's and Babies' Vaccination Clinics. Each child will receive an individual appointment time. Please visit our website for vaccine specific appointment procedures.

We are happy to provide this important service to our community. Do not hesitate to call us with any questions at (847) 781-4850. Information regarding our clinics will also be updated on the Health and Human Services website at: www.hoffmanestates.org/hhs. To request an appointment, complete two forms on our website and email them along with your immunization records to HHS@hoffmanestates.org.

Holiday Giving Tree

Applications for the Holiday Giving Tree are now open! HHS is proud to host the annual Holiday Giving Tree program, which assists families with children in need with gifts for the holiday season. Applications are now being accepted for families who are experiencing hardship and would like to be recipients of gifts, as well as for residents or businesses who would like to sponsor a family in need. Space is limited, and applications will be accepted until November 11, 2022. Our goal is to ensure that no child in our community will go without a holiday gift due to hardship. To receive an application as a sponsor or as a recipient, and to learn about eligibility, please contact 847-781-4850.



Tips for dealing with stress

Stress is a body and mental response and reaction to harmful situations. The danger or harm can be real or perceived. It seems the original purpose of stress is survival, so humans could act and prevent being physically harmed. Our minds can perceive harmful situations, even when there is no potential harm. Whether or not physical harm is a possibility, the body typically responds with increased heart rate, tightening muscles, blood pressure increase and ultimately, the fight, flight, or freeze response can occur. Some stress is helpful, as it can protect us from danger, or it can even help us perform better if the stress is not too elevated. Stress can become really draining and exhausting when it is repeated and chronic. Here are some ways to help reduce stress:

Ask yourself if the stressful event is a real danger.

If the stressful event is not dangerous:

1. Breathe (breathe in for 5 seconds, hold for 2 seconds, breathe out for 5 seconds)
2. Get some exercise
3. Go on daily walks outside for at least 15 minutes to feel the sun and increase vitamin D levels
4. Decrease social media time
5. Talk with family or friends about what is stressful
6. Talk with a mental health professional
7. Connect with others through activities
8. Eat healthy meals so your body and mind feel better



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Planning a spring break getaway? The passport processing time is shorter than it was, but still rather lengthy. If you need a new passport for travel, or if your current one is about to expire, make an appointment with the Village Clerk's office today so that your plans will not be disrupted. Appointments are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and on the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.

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

Preventing Seasonal Affective Disorder



Seasonal depression, also known as Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD), is a form of depression that has a seasonal pattern, beginning in the fall and lasting through the winter. SAD is more intense than “winter blues,” negatively impacting a person’s ability to carry out daily tasks. Some signs and symptoms of SAD include feeling sad or down for most of the day, losing interest in once pleasurable activities, experiencing low energy, feeling tired, oversleeping, increased cravings for carbohydrates, overeating, weight gain, difficult concentrating, feeling hopeless and/or having thoughts of not wanting to live. No matter how mild or severe the symptoms, there are steps you can take to improve your mood and motivation during the fall and winter months. Ways to prevent SAD include: maintaining a consistent exercise regimen, following a healthy balanced diet, receiving an adequate amount of sleep, limiting caffeine and alcohol intake, taking steps to reduce work-related stress, increasing mindfulness, journaling about your feelings/things you are grateful for, making an effort to nurture meaningful social connections, and spending time outside as much as you can. The depressive symptoms experienced as a result of SAD typically resolve themselves in the spring and summer seasons. Examples of treatments for SAD may include light therapy (phototherapy), psychotherapy or medication.

Don't let the flu fool you!



Health experts believe that we may be headed for a more severe flu season this year. During the past two years, there was a drop in flu cases due to masking and social distancing measures practiced during the COVID-19 pandemic. While the lack of

exposure to flu viruses has lowered our natural immunity, flu vaccination rates have also decreased, especially for children, who are more severely affected than adults.

To reduce serious illness and complications from the flu, the CDC recommends that everyone 6 months and older get a flu vaccine. This year’s flu vaccine will provide protection from four influenza viruses that are expected to be circulating in the U.S.

HHS has quadrivalent flu vaccines available for adults and children 6 months and older, and high dose flu vaccines for seniors 65 and older. Appointments are required. To access the adult or child vaccine forms, please visit www.hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-4850 for more information.

Vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and others from the flu. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

November is Diabetes Awareness Month



Did you know there are no clear symptoms of prediabetes? A person can have prediabetes and be completely unaware of it. Before people develop type 2 diabetes, they almost always have prediabetes - a condition where blood sugar levels are higher than normal but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. This puts a person at higher risk of developing diabetes, especially without diet and lifestyle changes. If you think you may have diabetes or prediabetes, check with your doctor and get tested. Health and Human Services offers the hemoglobin A1C test, which helps diagnose diabetes and prediabetes, for a low cost (\$15); it is non-fasting, and takes just 6 minutes! A nurse consultation will also be provided with each visit. Call HHS to schedule an appointment at 847-781-4850.



Community briefs

Holiday observances

The Village Hall will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.



Village Hall will also be closed Monday, Dec. 26, and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day, respectively. Since the holidays fall on Sundays, Groot will observe the holidays on Mondays, delaying service by one day for the remainder of each week.

Daylight-saving time ends

On Sunday, Nov. 6, daylight-saving time will end and it will be time to roll back the clocks by one hour. The Fire Department reminds residents to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. CO alarms are recommended near sleeping areas.

Keep leaves off the street

Raking or blowing yard waste into the street is a violation of the Village's Municipal Code. When yard waste is pushed into the street, it can wash away to cover storm water grates, preventing water from flowing through them. Be sure that grass clippings, garden debris and raked leaves end up in brown paper yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker affixed to them.

Groot's 2022 yard waste collection program will end Monday, November 28 for residents that live north of the Tollway, and Wednesday, November 30, for those that live south of the Tollway (including households west of Bartlett Road). Yard waste information and stickers can be purchased at Groot's website, www.groot.com.



Commission for People with Disabilities: Fall Sock Hop Dance

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a Fall Sock Hop Dance First Friday event with a DJ for adolescents and adults with disabilities (ages 14 and over) on Friday, Nov. 4, at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall, located at 1900 Hassell Road. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, contact 847-781-2606. Please bring canned food to the event to donate to local food pantries.



Senior Commission Thanksgiving Luncheon

Please join the Commission for Senior Citizens as they welcome you back to Village Hall for a Thanksgiving Luncheon and entertainment on Wednesday, Nov. 16, at noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.). The cost is \$12 per person. To register, contact Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 and send in a check payable to the "Village of Hoffman Estates" at 1900 Hassell Rd. Hoffman Estates, IL. Register by Friday, Nov. 11. Payment must be received before an RSVP can be made.



Teddy Bear Holiday Party

The Historical Sites Commission is proud to present its Teddy Bear Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 3, at 1 p.m. sharp at the Sunderlage Farmhouse, 1775 Vista Lane, Hoffman Estates. The historic farmhouse will be decorated for Christmas with a tree trimmed with teddy bears. The event will feature stories and treats for children 3 to 6 years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There is no charge for this event. Remember to bring your teddy bears and cameras! Seating is very limited and reservations are required. Call 847-781-2606 to register.

Senior Commission Holiday Cheer

The Commission for Senior Citizens invites you to an afternoon of holiday cheer! Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12 noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) at Village Hall, located at 1900 Hassell Rd. To register, contact Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 and send in a check payable to the "Village of Hoffman Estates" at 1900 Hassell Rd. Hoffman Estates, IL. Enjoy an afternoon of good food, good friends, and holiday cheer! The cost to attend the event is \$12.

Save the date: Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

The Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to present the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 16, 2023. The event will be held at the Village Hall. Look for more information in the next Citizen!

Recreational storage regulations

As cooler weather arrives and residents begin to store their boats, campers, trailers and other recreational equipment, there are several regulations that must be observed. Recreational equipment stored in a front yard or side yard adjacent to a street must be parked on a permitted concrete or asphalt driveway surface. Recreational equipment stored in a side yard or back yard must be parked on crushed stone, gravel, brick pavers or on a driveway surface. At no time can any boat, trailer, camper or other recreational vehicle be parked on the grass or block the sidewalk. Please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631 with questions.



Welcome New Businesses

Heritage-Crystal Clean LLC
2000 Center Dr # C300

Vibrant Fusion LLC
1175 N Barrington Rd

Northwest Special Recreation Association
650 W Higgins Rd

Shine Up
1011 W Golf Rd

Joy Teriyaki
1145 N Roselle Rd

Lenos Restaurant Inc
1016 W Golf Rd

Pathway Vet Alliance LLC/Thrive Pet
2547 W Golf Rd

Public Works is ready for Winter

Public Works begins preparation for the winter season long before the weather turns cooler, with the ordering of supplies and maintenance needed to keep the Village's snow plows and equipment running all season long. Salt orders are placed, thorough vehicle checks are conducted, plows and other salting equipment are set up, routes are reviewed, salt is delivered, and annual snow and ice training is conducted.

Public Works subscribes to a certified local meteorological firm that monitors weather patterns and conditions, in addition to having their own weather station at the Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow Public Works Center. The information allows the Public Works Department to efficiently deploy personnel and equipment to best meet the needs of residents during each winter weather event.

As a reminder, major streets are plowed first, followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs. Do not shovel or blow snow into the street or onto fire hydrants; parking is prohibited on Village streets for eight hours after a 2-inch snowfall (until the street has been cleared); and remind children playing in the snow to stay away from the street.



Winter road problems? Know who to call

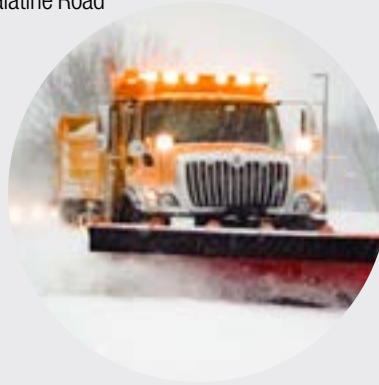
The Village's Public Works Department maintains and plows certain roads, while others are under the jurisdiction of either the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) or the Cook County Highway Department. Below is a list of IDOT and Cook County roads, as well as contact information for where to direct questions or concerns.

Plow Routes

The Village's Public Works Department does not plow IDOT or Cook County roads.

IDOT

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



Cook County Highway Department

- Bartlett Road
- Bode Road (Barrington Road to N. Sutton Road)
- Bradwell Road
- Central Road
- Ela Road
- Mundhank Road
- Freeman Road (between Mundhank Road and Algonquin Road)
- Plum Grove Road
- Schaumburg Road
- Old Sutton Road (north of Higgins Road/Route 72)
- Roselle Road
- Shoe Factory Road

Contact Information

Please see the appropriate contact numbers below related to different roadways in the Village.

• Hoffman Estates Snow Command: 847-490-6800

Call this number to report a problem on Village maintained roads. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a specific time when streets will be plowed.

• 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.

Emergency Car Kit

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with these items:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand (for better tire traction)



Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



Before Heading Out or to Bed

Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

FACTS

- ❗ More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ❗ More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



**NATIONAL FIRE
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The leading information and knowledge resource
on fire, electrical and related hazards



November & December calendar

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

November

Tuesday, Nov. 1

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

Wednesday, Nov. 2

- Utility Commission, PD, 12 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 3

- Arts Commission Special Meeting, 6 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 4

- "Sock Hop" Dance for Adults with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 5

- Shoot for the Sun - Photography Workshop, 9 a.m.
- Public Works Open House, 10 a.m., PWC

Sunday, Nov. 6

- Daylight savings time ends
- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Uhle F. Lachner, Army - WWII, PD*

Monday, Nov. 7

- Electronics Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 10

- Dr. JC: Anyone Can Sing...and Sing Well!, 1 p.m.
- 4th of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 11

- Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:45 a.m., PD

Saturday, Nov. 12

- Meet Mary Cassatt: An American Artist, 11 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 13

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Peter J. Giannopoulos, USMC - Iraq, PD*

Monday, Nov. 14

- Last Day for Electronics Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 15

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 16

- Senior Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.
- Celebrations Commission, 7 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 17

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 19

- Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 20

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Alan R. Ramsey, Army - Vietnam, PD*

Monday, Nov. 21

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

Thursday, Nov. 24

- THANKSGIVING - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

Friday, Nov. 25

- VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

Sunday, Nov. 27

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, James E. Sonnenberg, Navy - WWII, PD*

Monday, Nov. 28

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

December

Friday, Dec. 2

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

Saturday, Dec. 3

- Teddy Bear Holiday Party, 1 p.m., Sunderlage Farmhouse

Sunday, Dec. 4

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Rudolph Britt, Navy - WWII, PD*

Monday, Dec. 5

- Holiday Light Recycling Begins
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

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

Wednesday, Dec. 7

- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 8

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

Sunday, Dec. 11

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Frank Wallenberg, Army - WWII, PD*

Monday, Dec. 12

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 14

- Senior Luncheon, 12 noon.

Sunday, Dec. 18

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Walter Keller, Navy - WWII, PD*

Monday, Dec. 19

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

Sunday, Dec. 25

- Veteran's Flag Rotation Ceremony, Austin L. Utterback Jr., Army - Korea, PD*

Monday, Dec. 26

- Christmas Tree and Wreath Drop Off Begins, 8:30 a.m.
- VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

View Village website calendar for event updates and details!



PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

*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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Shop local this holiday season

When planning your holiday shopping, there's no reason to stray far from home! Hoffman Estates offers many unique gift options. From national chains to independent shops, to restaurants and entertainment, there's a Hoffman Estates gift for every taste! Local businesses create local jobs, shopping local saves gas and time, and a portion of your sales tax comes directly back to the community. Get out and explore the area to discover how many wonderful gifts can be found just minutes from your house. Additionally, you will benefit by keeping your spending dollars in your own community, where they help pay for services you need and use every day.

For holiday shopping safety tips from the Hoffman Estates Police Department, visit www.hoffmanestates.org.



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Village officials

Mayor

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

Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

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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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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 of 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.)

