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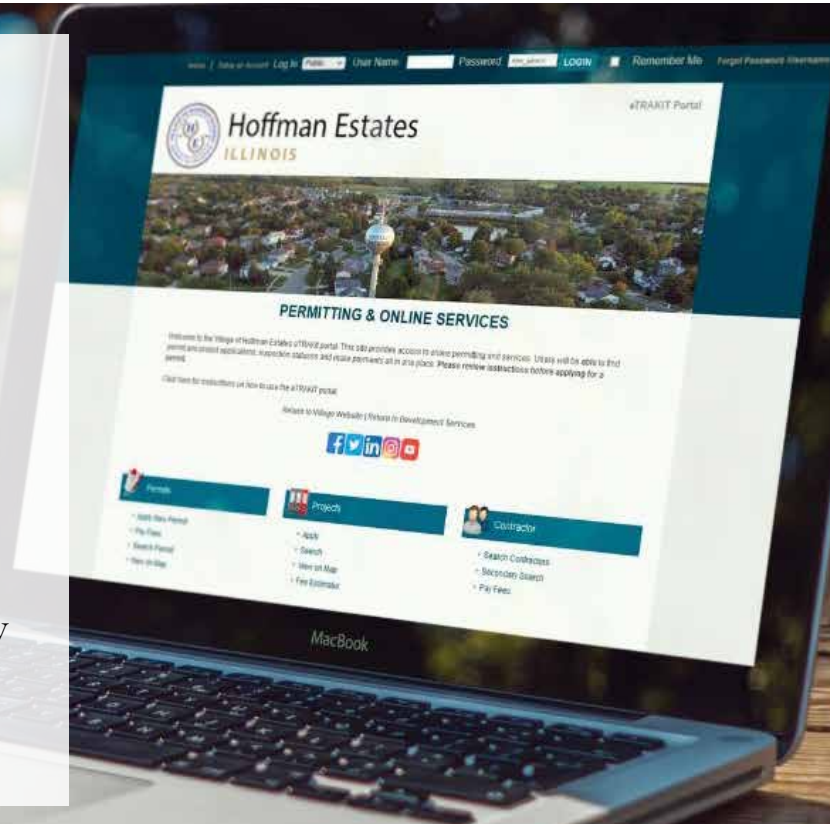
January-February 2023

Building permitting process moves online

Contractors and residents will now apply for building permits and schedule inspections through a streamlined online portal.

Updating a home or business in Hoffman Estates just got easier. Following several months of design and planning, the Village's Development Services Department launched its new permit application portal.

The new eTRAKiT system moves the entire permit application and plan review process online, creating an easier and more efficient experience for the applicant. Users will submit and access all of their permit documents electronically, including those issued by the Village.



Users will need to create an account in the new eTRAKiT portal, which is available on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/permits. After creating an account, users may submit required documents, receive notifications, and communicate with staff throughout the review process.

The portal can also be used to schedule inspections and even track the status of permits and plan reviews. Users are also able to use the portal to search for permits within

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

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, Feb. 3.

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

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



The Schaumburg Township District Library celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2022. After a humble beginning, the main library is now housed in a 166,501-square-foot facility at 130 S. Roselle Road, with branches in Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park.

In 1958, Edna Shore, culture chair for the Lakeview PTA, was encouraged to start a planning committee to establish a Hoffman Estates library. Diane Woodhouse served as the first chairman, along with committee members Rev. Albert Harkins, Leonard Pecilunas, Bonnie Samuels and Bernice Suttle. The Hoffman Estates Women's Club went door to door collecting books and money for the proposed library, setting a goal of \$550.

Residents donated 4,000 books, and Jack Hoffman donated space in the basement of the Hammerstein Farm Community Center. D.E. Allison & Assoc. Architects & Engineers in Roselle drew up plans for the new

library, but a fire forced the library to find a new home. Mary Zimmerman, principal of Hoffman School, offered a classroom as a temporary home. The Arthur Hammerstein Library officially opened on April 6, 1961. Pure Oil Co. donated book stacks, John Steffen donated time to remodel the library area, and F&S Construction contributed \$500 toward the project.

In 1959, the Village of Schaumburg started a library committee that brought the Fox River Valley Regional Library bookmobile to the area. The bookmobile soon ran out of funds, and the Hammerstein Library was running out of space. Both committees realized that neither Hoffman Estates nor Schaumburg were large enough to support a library. They decided to establish a township library, and a successful referendum was held on Sept. 8, 1962, with a vote of 430 for and 69 against.

The Arthur Hammerstein Library committee donated its books and equipment to the new Schaumburg Township Public Library. An additional 2,000 books were loaned from the state library. A small house on the west side of Roselle Road, just north of Schaumburg Road, was rented from Mr. Mraz, and the new library opened on Jan. 3, 1963. On that first day, 76 books were checked out, and 19 applications for library cards were filled out. In 2011, during the busiest month of July, the library checked out an average of 7,716 books each day, or 723 books per hour!

Looking back, we can thank the early residents of Hoffman Estates for their foresight to establish a library for their community. The Schaumburg Township District Library is a premier library, and the heart of our community.

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Mayor's Update Breakfast

Join the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry for its annual Mayor's Update Breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the NOW Arena.

Registration and the breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mayor McLeod recapping 2022 and providing a look ahead at 2023. 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 hechamber.com.

Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in January

The Cultural Awareness Commission cordially invites the community to celebrate its 19th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 16. This free, joyful event will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast at Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.

This event celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of history's most inspiring and influential civil rights leaders. Dr. King's example of sacrifice, service and conviction in the face of great injustice reminds us that positive change is possible when we all join together in solidarity.

A special keynote address will be given by Hassahn Liggins, an accomplished songwriter, journalist, co-author of the book "The Soulful Parent" and the Co-Founder/Host of the Cypher Lounge Radio program. Hassahn is also Producer/Writer of the documentary film and web series, DEMOS.



Guests at the 2020 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

Entertainment from the Christian Tabernacle Church Praise Choir and a musical performance by singer-songwriter Char will be included in this event.

Seating is very limited, and reservations are accepted on a first come, first-served basis through 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11, or until the event is full. There is a limit of four persons per reservation. To reserve your spot today, call Hallie Karle 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.

We hope you will be able to attend this uplifting celebration!



A message from Mayor McLeod

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023! The last few years have been tough, but our residents, business owners and Village staff have proven to be resilient. I especially thank our many volunteers for their service to our community through the various Village boards and commissions. Events continued through 2022 and more are being planned for this year. First up is our Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, hosted by the Cultural Awareness Commission. This annual event is one not to miss! Information and registration details can be found on this page.

Last year, my office collected more than 1,000 valentine cards for Hoffman Estates residents living in senior communities. These handmade cards brought a tremendous amount of joy to residents of Alden Poplar Creek, Brookdale, and other senior communities, many of whom are homebound or have few family or friends to talk with. A heartfelt card is the perfect gift for Valentine's Day! Cards may be dropped off at the Village Hall, in the lobby, between now and Friday, February 10, 2023. Everyone is encouraged to participate. For further information, please contact Jennifer at 847-781-2610 or Hallie at 847-781-2606.

Do you know a Great Citizen that deserves to be recognized? Nomination forms can be found on our Village website at hoffmanestates.org/greatcitizen. Be sure to include specific details about why they are being nominated so that we can properly recognize them at a future Village Board meeting.

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

Bill McLeod



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Building permitting process moves online

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the Village and pay for permit fees.

While contractors and residents will benefit from the online portal, the Village will also see a more efficient process behind the scenes. Going paperless is an important step for the Development Services Department, which continues to see increased volume in permitting and other services.

These ongoing efforts support the Village's commitment to technology and sustainability, which are strategic priorities established by the Village Board.

[For more information about the building permit process, please call Development Services at 847-781-2631 or email \[buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org\]\(mailto:buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org\).](https://www.hoffmanestates.org/buildingpermits)

Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host a Coffee with the Board event on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 1900 Hassell Road.

This informal meet-and-greet provides a relaxed forum where the community can speak with Mayor McLeod and Trustees. Residents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee, express opinions, ask questions, and provide input on items of interest in the community.



Village Board approves Economic Development strategic plan

New plan will guide Village growth efforts

The Village of Hoffman Estates Board of Trustees unanimously approved the Village's new Economic Development Strategic Plan on November 21, 2022. The plan was developed over the course of 15 months in collaboration with community, industry, and government stakeholders, and will be used by the Economic Development Division of the Development Services Department to guide development efforts over the next five years.

After receiving Board approval in 2021 to update the Economic Development Strategic Plan, staff worked in collaboration with an outside consultant to obtain third-party stakeholder feedback from public data sources and through a public survey. The plan had been last updated in 2005.

The feedback and data were used to formulate the strategic plan, which includes nine strategies developed to create an environment for the business community to succeed and prosper. The overall goal of these strategies is to improve the quality of life and the identity of the community while growing the Village's tax base to ensure long-term financial sustainability.

"We are excited about the updated Economic Development Strategic Plan and look forward to seeing the positive effects that these initiatives will have in Hoffman Estates," said Mayor Bill McLeod. "We remain focused on making sound decisions in an ever-changing economy, and I think this plan reflects just that."

The economic development plan strategies include:

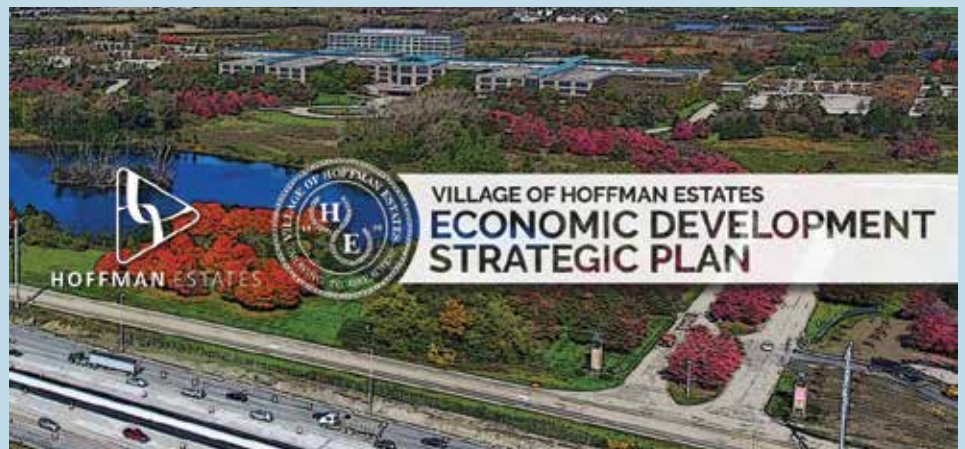
1. Attraction & Recruitment
2. Business Retention & Expansion
3. Foreign Direct Investment & Targeted Industry Clusters
4. Housing
5. Marketing & Communications
6. Quality of Life & Placemaking
7. Small Business Development
8. Tourism
9. Workforce Development

The plan includes an executive summary, a full existing conditions report, new incentive guidelines, and an improvement actions checklist.

Working with the Economic Development Commission of Hoffman Estates, the Village's Economic Development Division will prioritize the improvement actions and collaborate with key external partners to execute the plan.

"We are thrilled to have this road map for our work and service to the community over the next five years," said Economic Development Director Kevin Kramer. "We appreciate the Board's trust in allowing us to craft this plan and their guidance in working toward a more prosperous Hoffman Estates."

[Learn more online at \[hoffmanestates.org/EconomicDevelopment\]\(https://www.hoffmanestates.org/EconomicDevelopment\).](https://www.hoffmanestates.org/EconomicDevelopment)



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.

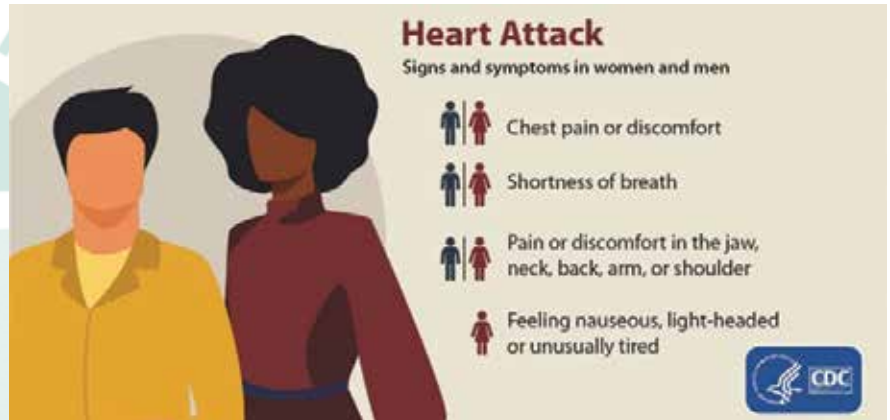
Hemoglobin A1C screening

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 vaccination clinics for children and babies. 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 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.

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is the most likely cause of cervical cancer, which is formed by a growth of abnormal cells in the cervix. Both men and women can be affected by HPV, which can also cause genital, anal, and mouth/throat cancers. Fortunately, there is a vaccine to prevent the most serious forms of HPV.

The CDC recommends that all males and females aged 9 to 26 get the HPV vaccination. Adults up to age 45 may also get the immunization, if recommended by their doctor. Health

and Human Services offers the HPV vaccines to children that qualify. Uninsured adults can receive the vaccine for only \$20. Call 847-781-4850 or visit hoffmanestates.org/hhs for more information.

February is Heart Month

Men and women can experience different symptoms of a heart attack. According to the CDC, heart attack symptoms for adults include chest pain and discomfort, shortness of breath, pain in jaw, neck, back, arms, or shoulder. Women can experience slightly different symptoms, such as nausea, lightheadedness, fatigue, or even have no symptoms at all. Women are also more likely to have indigestion and radiating pain instead of sharp chest tightness. If you notice symptoms of heart attack in yourself or someone else, immediately call 9-1-1.

Early intervention will reduce the amount of damage done to the heart. Ways to prevent and reduce risk of heart attack include: eating a heart healthy diet that is low in sodium, getting regular exercise and maintaining a healthy weight. These behaviors can also decrease your cholesterol and blood pressure, therefore reducing the risk for heart disease.

Health and Human Services is offering cholesterol screenings for only \$20 and A1C tests for \$15 during the month of February. For more information, call 847-781-4850 or visit hoffmanestates.org/hhs.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Happy New Year to all! Did you know that the Village has a permanent spot to drop off non-perishable canned and boxed goods and toiletries that will be used to help restock local food pantries? We accept donations year round so that the pantries are able to continue to help those in need.

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625 or email 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

Comprehensive Zoning Code Update project underway

Zoning codes promote high quality development throughout the Village, attract and retain local businesses, and help ensure community safety from environmental hazards. Up-to-date codes are imperative as business trends change and new best practices emerge.

The Village has recently contracted with Teska Associates and Ancel Glink on a comprehensive update to the Village's zoning codes. Public involvement is key to this process, so there will be several opportunities for residents to provide feedback on what they want from a new code.

Visit the [Zoning Code Update website at VOHEzoning.org](http://VOHEzoning.org) for meeting date information and other ways to get involved in the process.



Black History Month celebration

Join the Cultural Awareness Commission for a special celebration honoring Black History Month on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 2:00 p.m. at Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. This commemoration will feature entertainment, light refreshments and a musical performance by singer-songwriter Char.

A native of Jamaica, Char's name literally means "singer, song, delight." She has a powerful and dynamic voice, and her style ranges from gospel, pop, R&B, jazz

and classical. Char's music brings the gift of hope and inspiration, packaged in beautiful melodies.

Black History Month is an outgrowth of Negro History Week, an event created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, an African-American scholar and historian. In 1976, the annual event was extended to last for one month, during which achievements of African-Americans are honored. Black History Month takes place in February to commemorate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, a former slave, intellectual and abolitionist.



The event is free, but reservations are required. Call Hallie at 847-781-2606 today to RSVP.

Village budget maintains **high-quality** service levels with **no increase** to property tax levy

The Hoffman Estates Village Board approved a Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Budget on December 5 that includes no increase to the property tax levy while maintaining the high-quality services provided to the community.

The Village’s budget is balanced and relies on its reserves to fund its capital program. The Village’s property tax levy, which will remain flat for FY2023, is used to fund its public safety operations and pensions. Even with a flat levy, the Village is able to make an additional contribution of \$700,000 over the required actuarial payment to its public safety pensions.

“The Village Board and I are pleased to adopt the fiscal year 2023 budget that keeps our property tax levy flat,” said Mayor Bill McLeod. “We are fortunate that the organization is on solid financial footing, and this budget will continue that practice while being sensitive to our taxpayers.”

Budget highlights for FY2023 include:

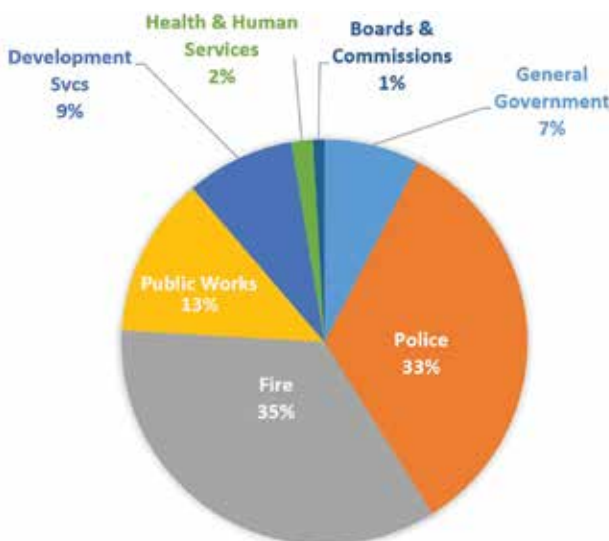
- The Village will continue to invest in much needed infrastructure improvements. The FY2023 budget includes nearly \$21 million in capital projects. Neighborhood investments will include a robust street revitalization program totaling \$6.2 million for 27 resurfacing and 5 reconstruction projects, ongoing water and sewer capital improvements, and upgrades to the Village’s storm water management system.
- Economic development will continue to be a focus for the Village Board. A newly created Economic

Development Strategic Plan (see p. 4) will be implemented with a focus on multi-family housing, industrial development, and data centers.

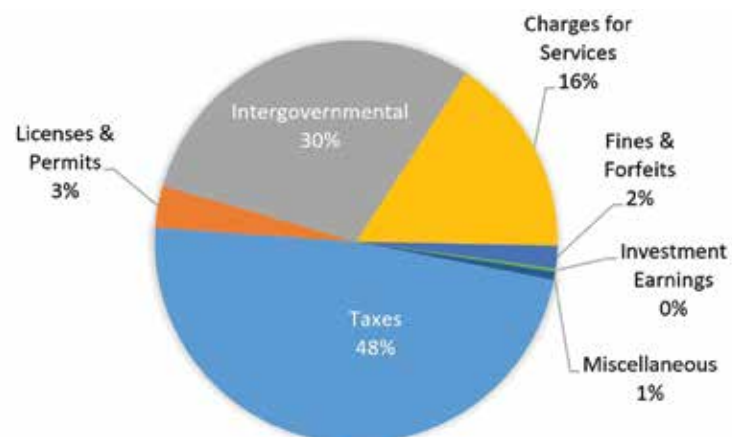
- Operational studies that started in FY2022 will be completed and implemented in FY2023. These include a fire station location and existing condition analysis, a water system study that analyzes emergency redundancies, and information technology business process/software evaluations.
- The FY2023 budget for all funds totals \$167,884,250. Although FY2022 financial results are very positive in several areas, the Village is being conservative with expectations going forward. Revenues to the General Fund, the Village’s primary operating fund, are projected to increase by 5.6% (\$3.5 million) from the FY2022 budget. On the expense side, the Village is projecting an increase of 9.1% (\$5.9 million) in General Fund expenditures from the FY2022 budget, primarily related to additional capital projects that are being funded by the General Fund.

The newly adopted 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. The budget also 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.

General Fund Expenditures by Program



General Fund Revenues



Community briefs

Taxi Discount Program available for eligible residents

The Village has a Taxi Discount Program to provide transportation for residents 60 or over, residents with low income, and/or residents with disabilities. Eligible residents can receive up to 10 coupons per month, with each coupon worth \$7 towards any taxi journey that starts or ends within the Village. Visit hoffmanestates.org/Taxi for more information and to find a sign-up form, or call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5803.



Holiday garbage collection schedule

Garbage and recycling collection service will be on the holiday schedule the week of New Year's Day, with collection delayed by a day the week of January 1. Christmas tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January. A yard waste sticker is 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. Visit groot.com for more information.



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 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, email rentalhousing@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-2650.

Upcoming programs for seniors

Please join the Commission for Senior Citizens as they start the new year off with two fun luncheon events.

- Tuesday, Jan. 17: January luncheon, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is Jan. 10.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8: Valentine's Day themed luncheon, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is Feb. 1.

To register, call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 and send a check payable to the "Village of Hoffman Estates" to 1900 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL. Payment must be received before a reservation can be confirmed.

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.



January Grief Workshop

Grief is a natural reaction to loss in a person's life. Join the Health and Human Services Department for a grief workshop on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Village Hall to learn more about the stages of grief and how each person processes grief differently. This free workshop is open to the public for anyone above the age of 18. Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required, RSVP by calling 847-781-4860 or email anthony.mackar@hoffmanestates.org.

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.



February Stress Management Workshop

The Health and Human Services Department will host a workshop on stress and burnout prevention on Saturday, Feb. 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Village Hall. Participants in this workshop will identify signs of burnout and explore stress management techniques that can promote a sense of much deserved relief. This free workshop is open to the public for anyone above the age of 18. Refreshments will be provided. Registration is required. RSVP by calling 847-781-4859 or email sara.rosenquist@hoffmanestates.org.

Welcome New Businesses

Bella Bistro (Restaurant)
707 W. Golf Rd.

Crumb! Cookies (Confectionery)
2726 N Sutton Rd.

Farmer's Fridge (Meal Service)
2875 Greenspoint Pkwy.

HomeGoods (Retail)
2870 N Sutton Rd.

Jiffy Lube (Automobile Service)
1 W Higgins Rd.

Medcare Laboratory (Medical Facility)
1800 McDonough Rd. #201

Starck/Berkshire Hathaway Real Estate (Office)
2000 Center Dr. #C202

Illinois Smoke Alarm Law updated

An updated Smoke Alarm Law goes into effect in Illinois on January 1, 2023, requiring any new smoke alarm being installed within a single or multi-family home to be an alarm that features a 10-year sealed battery. Currently-installed alarms are exempt from the requirement and may remain in use until they exceed 10 years from the date of manufacture, as long as they are operating properly.



What is the Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law?

- Since 1988, all dwellings in Illinois have been required to have smoke alarms.
- In 2017, Public Act 200 was passed to update the Illinois Smoke Detector Act to reflect advances in technology.
- Effective January 1, 2023, single and multi-family homes that are still using smoke alarms with removable batteries are required to install new 10-year alarms that feature non-removable, sealed batteries.

Exemptions:

- Homes built after 1988 that already have hardwired smoke alarms.
- Homes with wireless integrated alarms that use low-power radio frequency communications, Wi-Fi, or other Wireless Local Area Networking capability.

- Battery powered detectors currently installed, not exceeding 10 years from date of manufacture.

Are You Protected?

- 3 of every 5 home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no working smoke alarms!
- Install smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Alarms don't last forever, remember to replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Plan and practice your escape route with your family at least twice a year.
- If your smoke alarm does sound, leave the home immediately and call 9-1-1.

For more fire safety information, visit the Hoffman Estates Fire Department online at hoffmanestates.org/fire.

Host families needed for Sister Cities cultural exchanges

The Sister Cities Commission of Hoffman Estates is seeking host families for two cultural exchanges in 2023, as they prepare to welcome guests from our Sister City, Angoulême, France.

The first exchange is scheduled for April 15-22, when three culinary students and two instructors will visit and participate in the Chamber of Commerce Bon Appétit restaurant event on April 20. The second exchange is scheduled for June 21-28, when four runners will be here to participate in the Fit America race, held at Bell Works (former AT&T headquarters) on June 24.

A host family meeting will be held prior to the exchanges,

which will include development of daily itineraries and transportation options for the guests. Host families are not required to speak French, and do not need to be available each day, as the commission will accompany exchange guests to outings.

Please help continue this tradition of friendship and sharing of cultures by considering becoming a host family.

For more information, call Jill Wood-Naatz at 847-507-9724 or email jill.woodnaatz@gmail.com.

Staff Spotlight

Village celebrates recent achievements

Police lieutenants graduate from Northwestern University Public Safety Staff and Command Class

The Village offers congratulations to Hoffman Estates Police Lieutenants Suzanne Levin and Scott Lawrence on their graduation



Lieutenant Scott Lawrence, Center



Lieutenant Suzanne Levin, second from left

from the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety Staff and Command Class #531. This intensive 10-week course covers all aspects of a Police Department. Graduating from this course is a significant personal and professional accomplishment.

Additionally, Lieutenant Levin was awarded the prestigious Franklin

M. Kreml Leadership Award, which is awarded to the student who best displays the dedication, devotion, ethics, sense of justice, and other professional values that exemplify the kind of leadership needed in today's law enforcement community.

Building and code enforcement director earns certification

The Village is also proud to congratulate Building and Code Enforcement Director Bryan Ackerlund for obtaining the Master Code Professional (MCP) certification from the International Code Council (ICC).



Building and Code Enforcement Director Bryan Ackerlund

Bryan joins an elite group of just under 900 individuals worldwide who have demonstrated the proficiency necessary to achieve ICC's highest certification. Not only does this achievement advance Bryan's career, but his wide-ranging knowledge and dedication to the profession will also benefit the entire Hoffman Estates community.

Mailbox damage from plows

The Village replaces mailboxes that have been damaged through direct contact with snow plows if the original mailbox was installed in compliance with Village regulations. If a mailbox is struck, a temporary repair will be made so that mail delivery can continue. Contact the Public Works Department immediately to report mailbox damage by calling 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@hoffmanestates.org.



January is Stalking Awareness Month

January 2023 marks the 19th annual National Stalking Awareness Month, a call to action to recognize and respond to the serious crime of stalking. There are resources and preventative measures accessible to victims of stalking and domestic violence, including obtaining an order of protection.

There are two types of orders of protection: **criminal and civil**. A **criminal order** of protection is obtained after a crime has been committed against someone, such as in cases of assault or battery, and is enforceable by the police. A criminal order of protection is often granted in conjunction with the prosecution of the offender. A **civil order** of protection is obtained through a petition process, and does not necessarily involve a previous crime. A violation of a civil order is brought before a judge who then decides, based on the facts provided, if the order is enforceable by the police. The Cook County State's Attorney's Office at the Third Municipal District Courthouse in Rolling Meadows can assist with processing both criminal and civil orders of protection. Call them at 847-818-2326 for more information.

The Hoffman Estates Police Department believes that all people deserve to feel safe and protected, and takes a proactive approach to addressing domestic violence. For resources for victims of stalking or domestic violence, or for assistance with obtaining an order of protection, please contact a social worker at the Hoffman Estates Police Department by calling 847-882-1818.



January & February calendar

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

January

*Sunday, Jan. 1

- NEW YEAR'S DAY
- Veteran's Flag 29: James Wheller Uhlenbrauck, Army, Vietnam

Monday, Jan. 2

- VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

Tuesday, Jan. 3

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

Wednesday, Jan. 4

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

Friday, Jan. 6

- Christmas tree and wreath drop-off ends
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 8

- Veteran's Flag 30: Edward Green, Army, Korea

Monday, Jan. 9

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 15

- Veteran's Flag 31: Frank J. Benham, Army, WWII

*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.

Monday, Jan. 16

- 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. 17

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, PD, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 21

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- Grief Workshop, 11 a.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 22

- Veteran's Flag 32: George Bailey, Army, Spanish-American

Monday, Jan. 23

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, Jan. 29

- Veteran's Flag 33: Sidney Daitch, Army, WWII
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

February

Wednesday, Feb. 1

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 3

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

*Sunday, Feb. 5

- Veteran's Flag 34: Arvo A. Mattson, Army, WWII

Monday, Feb. 6

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 7

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 10

- Senior Valentine card drop off deadline

*Sunday, Feb. 12

- Veteran's Flag 35: Robert J. Kalas, Army, WWII

Monday, Feb. 13

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 14

- Historical Sites Commission, 5 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

- Mayor's Update Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at NOW Arena
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 16

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 18

- Stress Management Workshop, 11 a.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 19

- Veteran's Flag 36: Frank S. Carter Jr., USAF, WWII

Monday, Feb. 20

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

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 25

- Black History Month celebration, 2 p.m.

*Sunday, Feb. 26

- Veteran's Flag 37: John M. Kmetz, USMC, WWI

Monday, Feb. 27

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.

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Train like a firefighter: join the 2023 Citizens Fire Academy. Participants will complete search and rescue drills, learn CPR, rappel from height, extricate with the Jaws of Life, and more. Citizens Fire Academy courses will run Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. March 8 through May 10, with a graduation ceremony on May 15.

Register today online at hoffmanestates.org/fire. For more information, email thomas.zito@hoffmanestates.org.



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Bev Romanoff

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Eric J. Palm

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1900 Hassell Road

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225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

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