

# Hoffman Estates Citizen

March-April 2023

## New residential development approved for Bell Works Chicagoland site

The residential component of the planned mixed-use development was approved by the Village Board on February 6.

This new development along the east side of the Bell Works campus, east of Barrington Road and north of I-90, will include 164 townhouse units. In addition to the townhomes, a 300-unit luxury apartment development has also been proposed for the 150-acre Bell Works site.

Initiatives to transform the former AT&T campus into a “Metroburbs” with a mix of commercial, professional, and residential spaces have been ongoing since 2019 when the property was purchased by Inspired by Somerset Development. The main commercial building on the campus continues to attract new businesses to Hoffman Estates, with office and co-working space, a conference center, fitness center, eateries, and event spaces.

Several new tenants recently held grand opening celebrations at Bell Works, including Heritage Crystal Clean, an environmental services firm that relocated its 140-employee headquarters to Hoffman Estates from Elgin. Other new business tenants include Headline Solar, Berkshire Hathaway/Starck Real Estate, Mortgage Mac, and Club Colors screen printing, which will bring 150 employees to Bell Works.

An additional 15,000 square feet of “Ready-to-Wear” office space is expected to be leased out in the facility this year to accommodate more small businesses and professionals.

Learn more about Bell Works Chicagoland and its “Metroburbs” concept online at [bell.works/Chicagoland](https://bell.works/Chicagoland).

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## Village seeks **feedback** for future **retail and restaurant** recruitment

With recent food and shopping additions in Hoffman Estates like Crumbl Cookies and HomeGoods, the Village's Economic Development Commission is seeking feedback from residents about what other types of retail businesses and restaurants they would like to see open in Hoffman Estates.

Please take a few minutes to fill out the Village's Resident Feedback on Retail survey online at [bit.ly/ResidentFeedbackSurvey](https://bit.ly/ResidentFeedbackSurvey) or by scanning the QR code here. This feedback will be used for future retail attraction efforts.



# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

In a dark corner of a storage warehouse sits a box of dusty files. One of the files is the cold case file of the Teets family murders over 43 years ago. Husband Earl, wife Elizabeth, son Gary and their dog were all killed in their farmhouse on Shoe Factory Rd. in Hoffman Estates on January 11, 1979. To this day the murders remain unsolved.

The Cook County Sheriff's Police were called to the scene after another son, Earl Jr., discovered their bodies. A neighbor had gone to visit them and called Earl Jr. when they got no response to their repeated knocking and horn blowing.

The Teets family lived a quiet farming life. Earl Sr. was a heavy equipment operator, and his son Earl Jr. was the farmer in the family, raising Black Angus cattle and growing corn and pumpkins. A portion of the farm was a pound for abandoned or damaged cars. They kept guard dogs on the property with warning signs posted on the farm. There was also a service station-style warning bell that rang when a car crossed over the hose stretched across the road at the front gate of the farm. Security was important, yet somehow, the

intruders murdered the family.

There isn't a time that I don't think of them as I travel near the farm. Nothing is left of the homestead now. A fire in early September 1979 took the main farmhouse. Firefighters determined that it was arson – vandals they said. Since it was abandoned property, the fire was left to burn safely to the ground. The Hoffman Estates Fire Department was called to the property once again on October 12, 1979 with the remainder of the buildings - a small barn and two small sheds - ablaze under suspicious circumstances. As with the earlier fire, these were allowed to safely burn out.

I've never taken a walk to the property, now part of the forest preserve, but would like to see where this family lived and what is still there. Their memory haunts me – all that I know is that it will remain a cold case file stored away in some warehouse, only to be taken out if or when some new evidence is brought forward and presented to the Cook County Sheriff's Police.

Email Pat Barch at [eagle2064@comcast.net](mailto:eagle2064@comcast.net)

## Online **building permit** tips

The Village's new online building permit system, eTRAKiT, went live this past January. The Village continues to make updates to the system to provide an excellent user experience.

Here are some great tips for those using the new eTRAKiT portal for the first time:

- Access to the eTRAKiT portal is through the Building Permits webpage at [hoffmanestates.org/permits](https://hoffmanestates.org/permits).
- Google Chrome is the best web browser to use while working in the eTRAKiT portal.
- Start by searching address numbers without the street name to broaden the search.
- Check the DASHBOARD to see all active permits. Previously saved information is accessible through the dashboard.
- Online payments for building permits should be made using the eTRAKiT portal. If a payment is accidentally made elsewhere on the Village's website, please contact the Building Division directly at 847-781-2631 as soon as possible.
- If you receive an error that your account does not exist when trying to log on, verify that you are in the eTRAKiT portal and not the Village's website login page.
- A contractor or public account can be created at any time. If you are anticipating an upcoming permit, feel free to create your account ahead of time. This is especially useful for contractors who also need to complete the contractor license process.
- As a reminder, contractors follow a different process to create an account and must first contact the Building Division directly.



For questions or assistance, please call the Building Division staff Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 847-781-2631.

# Sister Cities presents: “Is Fashion Art?”

Join the Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission as they embark on a visual journey to find out “Is Fashion Art?” during a special presentation at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Saturday, May 20, at 11 a.m. Historian and public speaker Annette Baldwin will present a discovery of Parisian fashion, featuring late-nineteenth century avant-garde designers Charles Worth, Paul Poiret and Elsa Schiaparelli, who dared to experiment with fabric, silhouette and a color palette far outside safe and accepted styles of their time period.

Annette Baldwin’s past professional life as head of production for Marshall Field’s flagship State Street store, as well as her interest in vintage fashion, women’s history and architecture, inspire many of her subjects for public speaking. Her lectures and performances have been presented in 20 states.



Cost to attend this presentation is \$10, and reservations are required. In the spirit of the program, please feel free to wear a fashion style of the era - or should we say - your fashion art?

Starting April 17 and through May 10, register online at [hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities](http://hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities), or call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 to register.



## A message from Mayor McLeod

As winter turns to spring, it is an exciting time for economic development here in Hoffman Estates. In addition to the two-phase Microsoft data center currently under construction on Lakewood Boulevard, Microsoft recently purchased the neighboring property, formerly owned by Meijer. This expanded footprint will increase Microsoft’s long-term investment in our community.

There is currently a high demand for luxury apartments in the northwest suburbs, and developers are looking to Hoffman Estates as a good market area for multi-family housing. In order to prepare and learn more, the Village Board held a special meeting on January 30 to review a recent market study prepared by real estate consultants Tracy Cross & Associates.

Another successful Valentine’s Day Card Project for our senior communities is under our collective belt, with over 1,100 cards delivered. Thank you to everyone who participated in this fun, annual event – it means a lot to our senior residents and makes a difference by brightening up their spirits, especially for those who don’t often get cards or visitors.

Over the past few months, Police Chief Kasia Cawley, Fire Chief Alan Wax and I have had an opportunity to meet with local elementary students at Thomas Jefferson and Frank C. Whiteley Schools. The kids are always excited to learn about local government and to ask questions about community issues, including what it is like to be Mayor or a Police or Fire Chief. Teachers interested in having us visit can contact my office to arrange a visit, either here at Village Hall or at your school. Please call Jennifer Djordjevic at 847-781-2610 to set something up.

The Hoffman Estates Chamber is once again hosting its annual Bon Appétit Food and Drink Festival at Bell Works Chicagoland on April 20 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This festival features cuisine from around the world, prepared by restaurants in and around Hoffman Estates. Visit the Chamber’s website at [hechamber.com](http://hechamber.com) to learn more.

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

*Bill McLeod*



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# Growing to Greenness!

## Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program Resumes in April

Hoffman Estates residents can drop off old, unwanted electronics for recycling at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Mondays between 10 a.m. and noon starting April 3. This electronic recycling program, provided in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), runs through the end of November. There is no charge to residents for this service, but all recycling must come from households.

The following electronics will be accepted for drop off as part of the program: computers (PCs, laptops and tablets) and computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), TVs, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, and video game consoles. Visit [swancc.org](http://swancc.org) for a full list of accepted items.

Residents from all SWANCC communities are eligible to participate; addresses will be verified. Electronics will not be accepted outside of the posted dates and times. Visit [hoffmanestates.org/garbage](http://hoffmanestates.org/garbage) for additional information about recycling and waste collection.

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



## Sustainability Commission – helping residents grow to greenness

According to statistics from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), 75 percent of the materials collected for recycling do not meet reuse standards and end up in landfills. The Village of Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission is motivated to help the community improve environmental stewardship by finding viable and practical solutions for the Village's residents and businesses.

Through advocacy and educational campaigns, the commission's mission is to promote a culture of environmental and social responsibility that is prosperous, healthy, and sustainable. In addition to creating a Hoffman Estates Sustainability Plan, the commission hosts Community Pride Awards, a Green Business Recognition Program, litter collection events, an Environmental Fair, a Build-a-Birdhouse event, solar energy workshops, textile recycling and composting service programs, and the Village's annual Recycling Extravaganza. New volunteers have recently joined the group and are helping to develop even more exciting and relevant programs.

Find out more about participating in the Commission's sustainable environmental programming on the Village's website at [hoffmanestates.org/green](http://hoffmanestates.org/green).

## Get a jump on spring cleaning with discounted roll off containers from Groot

As part of their contract with the Village, Groot offers Hoffman Estates residents discounts on roll off containers for a set-two-week period once a year. For the 2023 program, 10 cubic yard dumpsters are \$189.02, and 20 cubic yard dumpsters are \$270.79.

The discount period will begin on:

- **April 3** for residents in Zone A (All streets north of the Tollway (I-90) and all streets west of route 59)
- **April 17** for residents in Zone B (All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- **May 1** for residents in Zone C (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- **May 15** for residents in Zone D (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road)

See the zone map on page 5, which is also used for branch pickup.

**The discounted dumpsters are for residential use only, and are not to be utilized by contractors. Materials including but not limited to liquid waste, concrete, dirt, roofing shingles, landscape waste, tires, electronic waste, remodeling waste, or white goods will not be accepted in the dumpsters.**

To arrange for the discounted container, call Groot at 800-244-1977.



# Spring branch pick-up begins by zone on April 24

The free curbside spring tree branch pickup program through Hoffman Estates Public Works begins on Monday, April 24, starting with Zone A. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

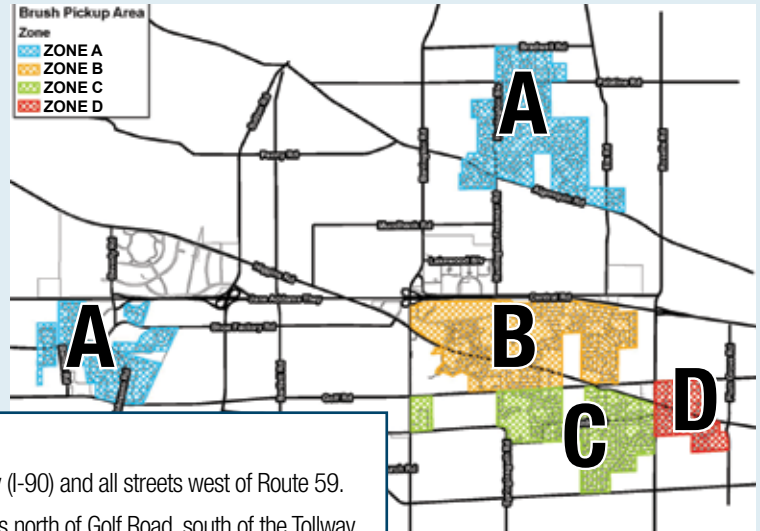
Please note that only one collection pass will be made for each street with no exceptions. If branches are too large, are mixed with unacceptable materials or have not been prepared properly, they will not be picked up.

Public Works crews WILL accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter and/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



## BRANCH PICKUP COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**ZONE A:** Beginning April 24: All streets north of the Tollway (I-90) and all streets west of Route 59.

**ZONE B:** Beginning May 1: All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.

**ZONE C:** Beginning May 8: All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.

**ZONE D:** Beginning May 15: All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road.

On the first date of pickup listed for your area, neatly stack branches at curbside by 7 a.m., facing the cut ends toward the street. Please do not tie branches in bundles or place in any container. Do not allow branches to protrude into the street or block sidewalks.

While supplies last, free wood chips will be available to residents at the Village's Vehicle Maintenance facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, 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 are interested in free large truckload deliveries of wood chips, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

## Curbside Recycling Guidelines

### Put in Recycling Cart LOOSE! - Empty & Clean



**Glass**  
Bottles & Jars



**Plastic**  
Bottles - Caps On Preferred,  
Tubs, Jugs, Jars  
No Bags, Film, or Foam



**Metal**  
Steel & Aluminum  
Depressurize Aerosols



**Mixed Paper & Cartons**  
Flatten Boxes

### DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!



**No Batteries, Electronics, or Sharps**



**No Plastic Bags or Wrap**



**No Food, Liquids, Diapers, or Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires, or Hangers**

Scan for FAQs:



## No-fee garage sale permits required

Residents must obtain a no-fee permit to hold a garage sale. The permit can be acquired by logging onto the Village's eTRAKiT online permitting portal at [hoffmanestates.org/permits](https://hoffmanestates.org/permits). Click the "apply now" link and follow the steps to create a public user account and submit the application right through the portal.

Garage sales are only allowed to take place on Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, and a sale may not extend more than four consecutive days. A maximum of three garage sales are allowed per address each calendar year and must take place within the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. If a garage sale is conducted without a permit, a \$10 "on-site" permit fee will be assessed. For more information, call 847-781-2631 or email [garagesales@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:garagesales@hoffmanestates.org).



## Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host a Coffee with the Board event on Saturday, April 15, at 10 a.m. in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 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.



# Physical symptoms of stress often overlooked

April is National Stress Awareness Month, bringing attention to the negative impact of stress. Stress is the body's reaction to an apparent threat, and can be known as the "fight or flight" response. Many people know that stress can impact mental health, but physical symptoms of stress often get overlooked.

Some of these physical stress-induced effects can include: headaches, upset stomach (diarrhea, constipation, nausea), low energy, insomnia, sweating, shaking, dizziness, rapid heartbeat, and clenched jaw/teeth grinding. Chronic stress may also cause or worsen many existing health problems like heart disease, high blood pressure, eating disorders, menstrual problems, sexual dysfunction, gastrointestinal problems, or can even cause psoriasis or eczema flare ups.



Not all stress is bad. In fact, life could be boring without any stress at all. Chronic, long-term stress, however, can have harmful impacts on physical and mental health. Managing negative stress includes regular exercise, keeping a routine, and avoiding excess caffeine. Learn more creative tips to help manage stress at [cdc.gov/mentalhealth/](https://cdc.gov/mentalhealth/).

## Health and Human Services Department offers health screenings

Health and Human Services offers health screenings, preventative tests, affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing. 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 consultation with a nurse. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850. The cost is \$22.

### Hemoglobin A1C Screening

The Hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you are at risk or have diabetes by measuring your average blood sugar levels over the past three months. The test takes six minutes and the cost is only \$15. Call 847-781-4850 for an appointment.

### Children and Baby Clinic

Health and Human Services offers several Children's and Baby's 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, and ask that you please do not hesitate to call us with any questions at (847) 781-4850. Information regarding our clinics is also available on the Health and Human Services website at: [hoffmanestates.org/HHS](https://hoffmanestates.org/HHS).



VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL

# Budget in Brief

2023

The **Budget in Brief** summarizes the Village's annual budget. To view the entire budget, visit the Village's website at [hoffmanestates.org/budget](http://hoffmanestates.org/budget).

Each year, the Village of Hoffman Estates establishes an Operating and Capital Budget to guide spending. The operating budget includes funds for services the Village provides to the community, while the capital budget is a long-term plan for larger purchases, such as upgrades to the Village's infrastructure. Together, these documents establish a firm financial foundation for long-term success.

The budget is created over six months, beginning in June. Departments work closely with the Finance Department and the Village Manager's Office to

estimate how much money will be received and spent in the current and upcoming year. After several rounds of review, a draft budget is shared with community stakeholders, including the Village Board and the Capital Improvements Board. Both are comprised of residents who serve to represent the community in budget discussions and decision-making. The Village Board then holds several meetings to review the budget and, if necessary, request changes. At a public hearing, the Board votes to approve and adopt the budget. All budget hearings are open to the public, and community members are invited to participate.

The FY2023 Operating and Capital Budget was approved by the Village Board in early December 2022. The total budget for all funds is **\$167.9 million**.

## VILLAGE BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Village Board has established strategic priorities to guide how the Village allocates resources for the community. During the year, the Village strives to communicate these priorities in a clear, direct and proactive manner that increases understanding of the Village's services, initiatives and programs.

### COMMUNICATION



SUSTAINABILITY



TRANSPORTATION



INFRASTRUCTURE



PUBLIC SAFETY



FISCAL  
RESPONSIBILITY



ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT



TECHNOLOGY



ORGANIZATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

## BUDGET FAST FACTS



**\$167.9 MILLION**

TOTAL BUDGET



**14 AWARDS**

FOR BUDGET  
PRESENTATION



**S&P BOND RATING**

FOR "STABLE OUTLOOK"



**PROPERTY TAXES**

NO INCREASE IN LEVY



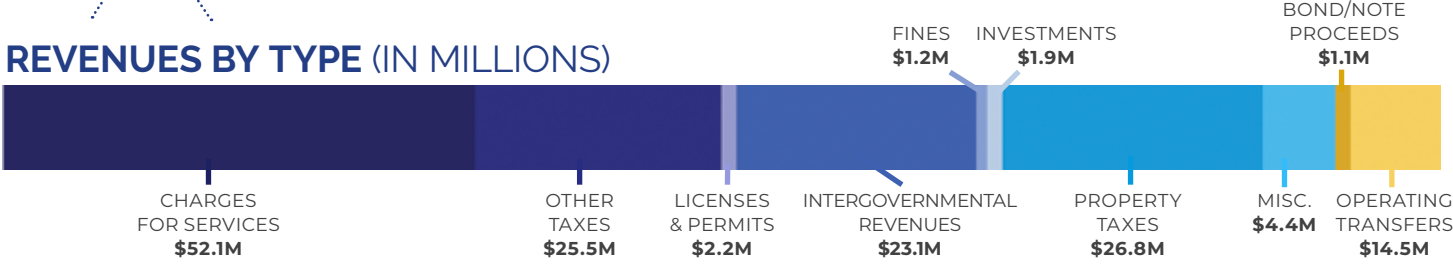


# REVENUE AT A GLANCE

TOTAL ALL REVENUES  
**\$152.8**  
 MILLION  
 ▲ 2.8% Increase from 2022

## WHERE DOES THE VILLAGE GET ITS MONEY?

There are several sources of revenue for the Village. The largest is “Charges for Services,” like water and sewer charges. “Property Taxes” are the second-largest revenue, followed by “Other Taxes” and “Intergovernmental Revenue.” Note that taxes paid to the State of Illinois that are redistributed to the Village, such as income tax, are included under “Intergovernmental Revenue” rather than “Other Taxes.” To plan the annual budget, staff conservatively estimate how much money will be received during the fiscal year. In 2023, **\$152.8 million** in revenue is expected, a **2.8%** increase from the 2022 budget. This can be attributed to anticipated increases in sales and income taxes and building permit fees.



## REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

**\$26.8 MILLION**  
 PROPERTY TAXES  
 Property tax is the Village’s second-largest revenue source. **In 2023, there will be no property tax increase for current residents or businesses.** Holding property taxes flat at the previous year level was made possible by positive investment returns in 2021 and strong strategic financial planning.

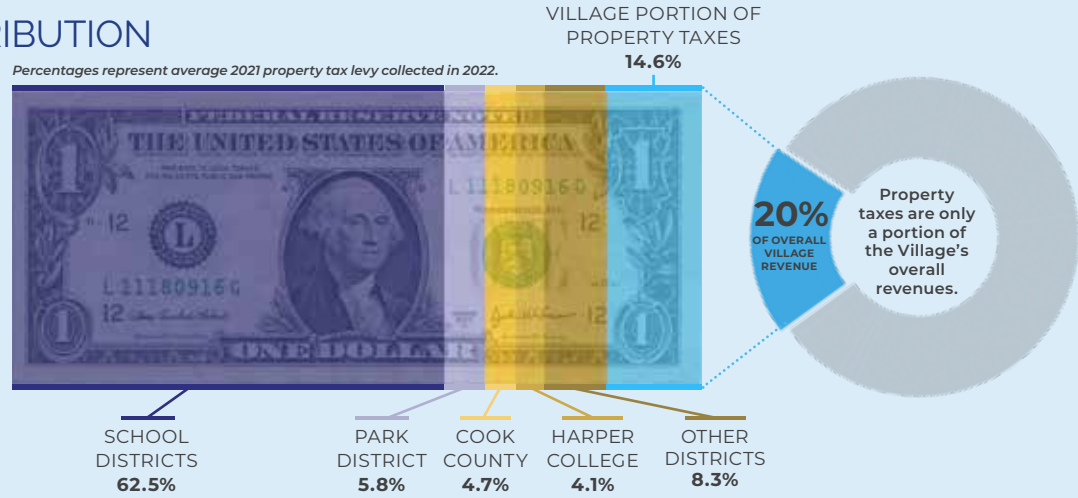
**\$25.4 MILLION**  
 OTHER TAXES  
 Other municipal taxes, such as electricity, natural gas, and home rule sales tax, make up **17%** of all revenues.

**\$21 MILLION**  
 WATER & SEWER FEES  
 Water and sewer charges are the most significant portion of all Charges for Services, making up **40.3%** of the \$52.1 million in revenue.

**14.5 MILLION**  
 OPERATING TRANSFERS  
 Nearly **\$5 million** of General Fund reserves will be used toward the \$23.1 million of total capital needs in FY2023. Additionally, approximately **\$2.5 million** in Motor Fuel Taxes received by the Village will be transferred to the Road Improvement Fund for the street revitalization program this year.

## PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

The Village receives only a portion of the property taxes that Hoffman Estates residents and businesses pay. Approximately **85%** of the average property tax bill can be attributed to other taxing districts, such as school, libraries, forest preserves, townships and county government.







# SPENDING AT A GLANCE

## HOW IS VILLAGE MONEY SPENT?

The Village always makes an effort to anticipate expenses and plan for them within the budget document. Overall, the Village's expenses can be broken down into the categories defined below. Additional detail, such as fund types and how the Village's accounts are structured, can be found in the full budget document. Expenditures in 2023 total **\$167.9 million**, a **5% increase** from the prior year. The increase can largely be attributed to inflation, but is offset by spending less than anticipated on employee benefits for 2023 due to a change in the plan year for the Village's insurance carrier, the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative.

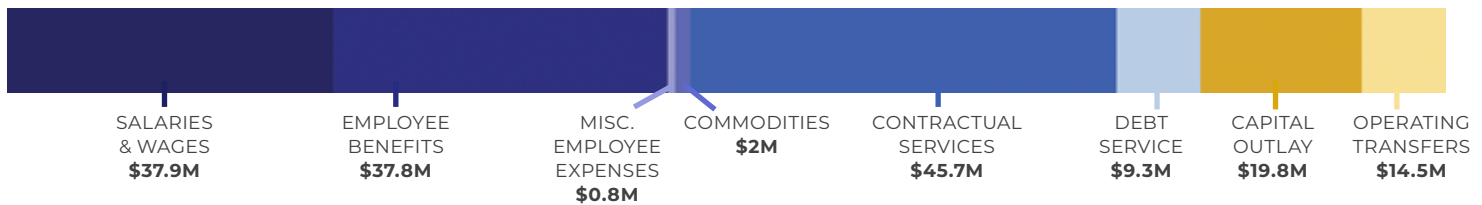
TOTAL EXPENDITURES

# \$167.9

MILLION

▲ 5% Increase from 2022

## EXPENDITURES BY TYPE FOR ALL FUNDS (IN MILLIONS)



### EMPLOYEES

Employees and the services they provide are the Village's most valuable investment. Personnel-related costs make up **46%** of the annual budget.

TOTAL EMPLOYEES  
**363** FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT

### COMMODITIES

Commodities include essential goods and everyday items like small tools, office supplies and photocopies. This category only accounts for about **1%** of the Village's budget.

### CONTRACTUAL SERVICES

Contractual services most often include expenses related to hiring a third party to complete a service. Examples of a contractual service include insurance, vehicle maintenance and 911 dispatch for police and fire services.

### DEBT SERVICE

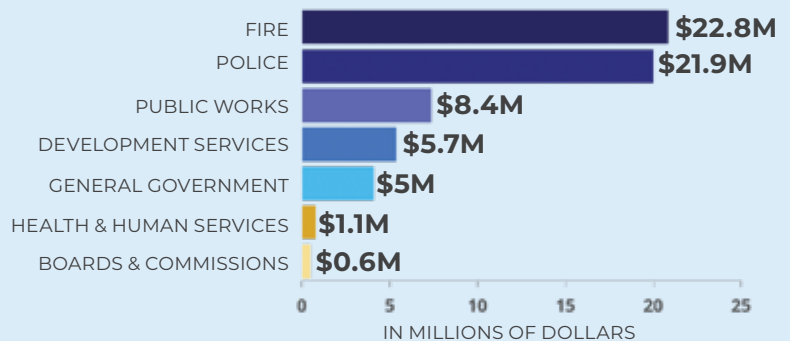
Debt service is the amount of money paid toward principal and interest the Village has incurred from issuing bonds or notes to pay for public projects, like a new building.

## GENERAL FUND EXPLAINED

The Village's General Fund receives money and pays for programs and services not otherwise accounted for in a separate fund, which is most of the day-to-day government operations. Examples of spending types across the departments include employee salaries, commodities like salt used to treat roads during winter events, or contractual services with vendors, such as with the Village's insurance provider. Costs related to public safety make up the largest share of the General Fund.

In 2023, General Fund revenues are estimated to be **\$66.8 million**. Expenditures are expected to be approximately **\$71.7 million**, so a transfer of **\$4.85 million** from the fund balance, or savings, is included in the 2023 budget year. This transfer will be used primarily to fund one-time capital projects.

## EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT





# CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES  
**\$23.1**  
 MILLION  
 ▼ 9.1% Decrease from 2022

The Capital Improvements Program is the Village's multi-year plan for major purchases and improvements to facilities, land, and infrastructure. Capital purchases are considered to be largely one-time costs that are \$25,000 or more, except for vehicles, which are always considered capital projects. With the positive financial results from the two prior years, the Village has made it a priority to tackle its growing list of capital needs in FY2023. This year, **\$23.1 million** is budgeted for capital purchases. While this represents a **9.1%** decrease from 2022, the 2022 budget included items carried over from 2021 that were postponed due to economic uncertainty. The Village will focus on important technology upgrades in 2023, as well as projects in the categories highlighted below.

### CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

 <b>\$7.4 MILLION</b> STREETS & RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE	 <b>\$2 MILLION</b> PUBLIC BUILDINGS	 <b>\$5.7 MILLION</b> WATER & SANITARY SEWER	 <b>\$5.5 MILLION</b> MISC. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS	 <b>\$1.2 MILLION</b> EQUIPMENT	 <b>\$1.3 MILLION</b> TECHNOLOGY	
 <b>STREET        REVITALIZATION</b> \$6.2 million	 <b>SANITARY        SEWER REHAB</b> \$2.1 million		 <b>WATER MAIN        REPLACEMENTS</b> \$1.1 million		 <b>AMBULANCE        REPLACEMENT</b> \$450,000	 <b>BODY WORN        CAMERAS</b> \$122,000

## UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR 2023

**ZONING CODE  
 UPDATE**



Updated zoning codes are important for attracting development to Hoffman Estates. Public feedback will be sought on the comprehensive update of the Village's zoning codes this year. Visit [VOHEzoning.org](http://VOHEzoning.org) for details.

**TECHNOLOGY  
 & GIS**



Business processes will be analyzed as the Village improves usage of technology to best serve the community. Geographical Information Systems (GIS) integration will be a specific focus area for updated implementation.

**FIRE STATION  
 ANALYSIS**




With a fire station conditions, spaces and locations study concluding in early 2023, recommendations will be reviewed to determine next steps for meeting facility needs for the Hoffman Estates Fire Department.

### WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Details about the FY2023 Operating and Capital Budget is available online at: [hoffmanestates.org/budget](http://hoffmanestates.org/budget).



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FOR MORE FY2023  
 BUDGET  
 INFORMATION



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

## March Community Event: Friendly Feud - Senior Edition

COME ON DOWN! It's time to play... Friendly Feud - Senior Edition! Community members 65 and older are invited to join Health and Human Services on Thursday, March 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Village Hall for a friendly competition in a "Family Feud" inspired trivia game. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by calling Bella Duran at 847-781-4868 or email [isabella.duran@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:isabella.duran@hoffmanestates.org). Survey says... it will be a blast!



## April Community Workshop: "My Tummy Hurts!"

Often, our bodies can tell us a lot about our emotional health. The Health and Human Services Department is hosting a workshop on Saturday, April 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Village Hall for parents of school-aged children and adolescents who often have concerns with stomach or abdominal pain, headaches, and/



or fatigue or tiredness. This 90 minute seminar will focus on a child's physical body as a window into their mental health.

This workshop aims to:

- Inform parents how the family as a whole can target stressors to help children manage pain and anxiety.
- Increase parental awareness and understanding of the mind/body connection.
- Allow parents to begin asking questions about their child's emotions as they relate to bodily pain.
- Encourage parents to feel more competent related to their child's health.

No experience is necessary, and all are welcome. Sign up early, as space is limited for this workshop. RSVP by calling (847) 781-4857 or email [Claire.Spinka@HoffmanEstates.org](mailto:Claire.Spinka@HoffmanEstates.org).



## March is National Kidney Month

The kidneys are responsible for many functions to keep your entire body healthy. They filter the blood

several times each day to remove excess waste through the urine, control red blood cell and vitamin production, balance fluids and nutrients, and control blood pressure.

Approximately 37 million people in the United States have chronic kidney disease (CKD). This means that the kidneys are damaged and cannot work as well as healthy kidneys. Risk factors for CKD are kidney diseases, family history, over 60 years old, and conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

Here are some ways to keep your kidneys healthy:

- Eat healthy and maintain a healthy weight
- Drink fluids to flush the kidneys
- Control blood sugar and blood pressure
- Stay active
- Avoid smoking, which can slow blood flow to the kidneys
- Use alcohol in moderation
- Minimize use of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications

This month we are all encouraged to focus on better kidney health. If you are at risk for CKD, talk to your doctor about getting screened. The National Kidney Foundation of Illinois is a wonderful resource to help those at risk or affected by kidney disease. For more information, visit the National Kidney Foundation of Illinois website at [nkfi.org](http://nkfi.org).



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625 or email [bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org).

## Clerk's corner

The upcoming Consolidated Election on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, provides voters with the opportunity to elect many local officials, including those running for Village, park district and school board seats. Early voting runs from Monday, March 20 through Monday, April 3. Hoffman Estates Village Hall is an early voting site. Voter registration is available online at [cookcountyclerkil.gov](http://cookcountyclerkil.gov) and in person during early voting.

# Community briefs

## Upcoming programs for people with disabilities

Please join the Commission for People with Disabilities for two events this spring.

- Friday, March 3: First Friday St. Patrick's Day for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over, 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Free admission includes DJ, pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.



- Saturday, April 15: Connect to Community Transition Summit with a "Focus on Housing" presentation, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Village Hall. To register or for more information, email [ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com).

## Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun luncheon events in March and April.

- Thursday, March 15: luncheon and presentation on the Chicagoland history of St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day traditions by Historian Jim Gibbons, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is March 8.
- Wednesday, April 19: spring luncheon, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is April 12.



To register, call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 and send a check payable to "Village of Hoffman Estates" to 1900 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169. Payment must be received before a reservation can be confirmed.

## Youth Commission hosting literacy event March 18

The Youth Commission hosting a free, fun family literacy event Saturday, March 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Village Hall featuring Disney and Marvel characters leading storytelling fun and games. Call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 by March 13 to register.

## Yard waste collection resumes April 3

The yard waste collection program through Groot resumes April 3. Grass clippings, plant material and leaves must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags. Bags cannot exceed 45 pounds, and a yard waste disposal sticker must be affixed to each bag. Yard waste stickers are available at Village Hall, local stores and online at [groot.com](http://groot.com) and [hoffmanestates.org/yardwaste](http://hoffmanestates.org/yardwaste). An annual subscription for unlimited yard waste pickup is also available through Groot. Call 800-244-1977 for more information.



## Garden plot sign-up begins April 3 at 8:30 a.m.

Beginning Monday, April 3, residents may reserve plots in the Village's community gardens for \$25. There are two garden plot locations in the Village: north at Mumford Drive and Westbury Drive, or south at Volid Drive and Vista Lane. Plot assignments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a garden plot, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email [publicworks@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:publicworks@hoffmanestates.org) beginning April 3 at 8:30 a.m. Calls or emails before 8:30 a.m. will not be accepted. All voicemails and emails received after 8:30 a.m. will be processed according to the date and time received. If leaving a message, please leave one message only, providing all of the information requested below.

A garden plot request must include:

1. Full name
2. Address including zip code
3. Phone number
4. Email address
5. Garden location (north or south) & plot number preference (if known)

Voicemail messages or emails must contain all required information above or they will not be accepted. Residents will be able to reserve only one plot per address. Requests for additional plots will be placed on a waiting list and assigned only if plots are still available after the initial sign-up. Plot assignment confirmations will be emailed or mailed to residents the following week.

## Spring hydrant flushing begins soon

Annual hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin the week of March 27 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. This 6-week program ensures delivery of the best water quality in the Village by circulating fresh water through the system. Watch for signs advising of the exact days that hydrant flushing will take place in your neighborhood. When flushing occurs in your

immediate area, tap water may be temporarily discolored. Run the water for a few minutes to make sure it is clear before using. Also, be sure to check the water before doing laundry, as sediment may stain clothes.

## Sister Cities Commission hosting youth pastry class April 18

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission, in partnership with Pastry Chef Sylvain Demarais from the



Village's sister city, Angoulême, France, is hosting a youth pastry class on Tuesday, April 18 at Village Hall at 7 p.m. Chef Sylvain will instruct students ages 12 to 15 in this dessert making course. Cost is \$15 per person, due at time of registration. Class size is limited to 12 participants. Register starting March 15 by calling 847-781-2606 or online at [hoffmanestates.org/sistercities](http://hoffmanestates.org/sistercities).

## Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce hosting Bon Appétit Festival April 20

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Bon Appétit Food and Drink Festival at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., Hoffman Estates, on Thursday, April 20 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This festival features cuisine from around the world, prepared by restaurants throughout the northwest suburbs. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Visit the Chamber's website at [hechamber.com](http://hechamber.com) to learn more.

## Welcome new businesses

**Jetti Mining – Cryptocurrency**  
140 W Higgins Rd.

**Keyrenter NW Chicago – Property Management**  
2300 N. Barrington Rd. #400

**Opus Plastic Surgery – Medical Office**  
2500 W Higgins Rd. #380

**Spark'd Dispensary – Cannabis Dispensary**  
5 E. Golf Rd.

**Sabrina's Cafe – Restaurant/Gaming**  
1133 N. Roselle Rd.

**Studio Carney Architecture – Architect**  
2000 Center Dr. #D219

# Hoffman Estates Police **implement** use of **body-worn cameras**



Almost a year ahead of the state mandated requirement date of January 1, 2024, the Hoffman Estates Police Department has already implemented body-worn cameras for all sworn Police Officers and Community Service Officers. The AXON body-worn cameras will record the interactions of the public with officers both audibly and visually.

Illinois Governor JB Pritzker signed House Bill 3653 into law on February 22, 2021, requiring all Police Officers to wear body cameras while on duty or engaged in “any law enforcement-related encounter or activity.” The law set deadlines based on the population of the municipality for implementation.

While there are several benefits of the body-worn camera program, the most prevalent is that it increases the public’s trust in officers while also providing officer safety. The recording provides better documentation and supports accounts of incidents provided by both the public and officers. AXON cameras are also slated to be installed in all Hoffman Estates Police vehicles this summer.

Studies show that the use of body-worn cameras contributes to better cooperation from the public during police encounters. Because officers are required to advise the public that the interaction is being recorded, some behavior changes toward officers can occur. This change in behavior can help to de-escalate situations, therefore allowing officers to perform their duties without the use of force.

Body-worn cameras also aid in evidence collection. Footage collected at a crime scene can be used in court as documentation of the entire event, and may include details that an officer may have forgotten or inadvertently omitted. Body-worn cameras have been linked to less down time on reports, better corroboration of evidence, and higher prosecution rates.

From a training standpoint, officers are able to use body-worn camera footage to learn from and prepare for specific situations. A previously recorded incident can provide officers with information as to what strategies worked for that incident that could potentially work in a similar incident. This provides an additional professional development opportunity, as the Hoffman Estates Police Department looks for ways to implement better and safer tactics to serve and protect the community.

## New **cannabis dispensaries** opening in Hoffman Estates

A new retail cannabis dispensary recently opened in Hoffman Estates, and another one is expected to open later this spring. Spark'd, at 5 E. Golf Rd. (just east of Roselle Road), held a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting on January 31, and Exxotic Strains, 1237 N. Barrington Rd. (just south of Golf Rd.), is anticipated to open in March 2023. These are the first two dispensaries that were approved in Hoffman Estates since the Village Board voted to allow adult-use cannabis businesses as a special use in December 2019.

In addition to going through the Village’s special use application process, businesses operating as cannabis dispensaries are required to meet numerous State requirements, including those in the Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Both the owners at Spark'd and Exxotic Strains have previous experience working in the cannabis dispensary sector.

The Village Code caps the number of special use permits for the Cannabis Overlay District at three, so there is currently one remaining special use permit available for a future dispensary to open in Hoffman Estates.



# Streets selected for 2023 Street Improvement Program



The Village will be investing more than \$6 million to rehabilitate 31 streets in 2023. These investments will benefit residents and businesses by improving neighborhoods with safe and serviceable streets and infrastructure for years to come.

Information packets will be mailed in March to all residents living within the project location limits before work begins. Work is expected to begin in April and be completed by the end of November. A full list of project locations is shown below.

## Reconstruction Streets

- Brighton Lane from Kettering Road to Hassell Road
- Hassell Court from Hassell Road to end of street
- Navajo Lane from Newton Street to Nogales Street
- Pleasant Street from Washington Boulevard to Paris Lane
- Princeton Street from Perry Lane to Orange Lane

## Resurfacing Streets

- Arrowwood Lane from Whispering Trails Drive to Dogwood Drive
- Ashland Street from Arizona Boulevard to Thacker Street (E)
- Barberr Court from Whispering Trails Drive to end of street
- Barcroft Drive from Castaway Lane to Bradwell Road
- Bison Lane from Providence Drive to Caribou Lane

- Brookside Drive from Moon Lake Boulevard to Brookside Lane
- Brookside Lane from Brookside Drive to Brookside Drive
- Canterbury Lane from Kelberg Avenue to end of street
- Caribou Lane from Bison Lane to Red Oak Drive
- Carnation Lane from Apricot Street to Bluebonnet Lane
- Dennison Road from Frederick Lane to Highland Boulevard
- Dexter Lane W from Dovington Drive to Gannon Drive
- Dogwood Court from Dogwood Drive to end of street
- Dogwood Drive from Whispering Trails Drive to Whispering Trails Drive
- Fairfield Lane from Glen Lake Road to Glen Lake Road
- Halloran Lane from Maureen Drive to Kelberg Avenue

- Hawthorn Lane from Apple Street to Basswood Street
- Huttner Court from Brookside Drive to end of street
- Paris Lane from Pleasant Street to Illinois Boulevard
- Pheasant Trail Court from Mallard Lane to end of street
- Shorewood Drive W from Westbury Drive to Huntington Boulevard
- Sumac Trail from Olmstead Drive to Downing Drive
- Tamarack Drive N from Silver Pine Drive to Thornbark Drive
- Tamarack Drive W from Thornbark Drive to Silver Pine Drive
- Wainsford Drive from Bode Road to Bode Road
- Winston Drive from Charleston Lane to Freeman Road

Weekly updates about the street program and other construction projects in the area will be posted on the Village's website at [hoffmanestates.org/roadconstruction](https://www.hoffmanestates.org/roadconstruction). Subscribe to an email list for construction updates by calling the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800, or by emailing [roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org) with "Street Project" in the subject line.

# March & April calendar

All meetings are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. For up-to-date information, visit [hoffmanestates.org/calendar](http://hoffmanestates.org/calendar).

## March

### Wednesday, March 1

- Utility Commission, PD, 12 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.

### Friday, March 3

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

### \*Sunday, March 5

- Veteran's Flag 38: Robert Scholl, Navy, Korea

### Monday, March 6

- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 7

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

### Thursday, March 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

### \*Sunday, March 12

- Veteran's Flag 39: WM R. Dreher, Army, WWII

### Monday, March 13

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 14

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

### Wednesday, March 15

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, March 16

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 18

- Youth literacy event, 10 a.m.

### \*Sunday, March 19

- Veteran's Flag 40: Thomas W. Christian, USAAF, WWII

### Monday, March 20

- Early voting starts
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, March 22

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, March 23

- Friendly Feud Senior Edition, 10:00 a.m.

### \*Sunday, March 26

- Veteran's Flag 41: Henry W. Dietz, Army, WWII

### Tuesday, March 28

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

## April

### \*Sunday, April 2

- Veteran's Flag 42: Arthur Richoz, Army, WWII

### Monday, April 3

- Yard waste collection program restarts

- Garden plot sign-up starts, 8:30 a.m.
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- CPR Course, FD, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 4

- Election Day, polls open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, PD, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

### Friday, April 7

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

### \*Sunday, April 9

- Veteran's Flag 43: Sumner L. Cowan, USAF, Iraq

### Monday, April 10

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 11

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

### Thursday, April 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, April 14

- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.

### Saturday, April 15

- Focus on Housing presentation, 9 a.m.

### \*Sunday, April 16

- Veteran's Flag 44: Bernard J. Timm, USAAF, WWII

### Monday, April 17

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

### Tuesday, April 18

- Police Pension Board, PD, 1 p.m.
- Youth pastry class, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 19

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, April 20

- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 22

- "My Tummy Hurts" workshop, 10 a.m.

### \*Sunday, April 23

- Veteran's Flag 45: Harold Christopher, Army, WWI

### Monday, April 24

- Spring Branch Pickup begins - Zone A
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, April 25

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

### \*Sunday, April 30

- Veteran's Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.
- Veteran's Flag 46: Theodore C. Geiersbach, Army, Korea

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.  
FD: Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.



\* 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.

## Fire Department Offering CPR Course April 3

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering a Heartsaver CPR/AED course on Monday, April 3 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hoffman Estates Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

The course is intended for those with little to no medical training who want to learn CPR and AED use. Participants will learn when to phone 9-1-1, how to administer CPR, how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), and how to provide relief from choking. The cost of the course is \$50 per person.

Registration is required; class sizes are limited. Call the Hoffman Estates Fire Department Administration Office at 847-843-4825 to register.

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Human Services . . . . .847-781-4850  
Event Hotline . . . . .847-252-5443

### Village officials

#### Mayor

William D. McLeod

#### Trustees

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

*Visit our website for  
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

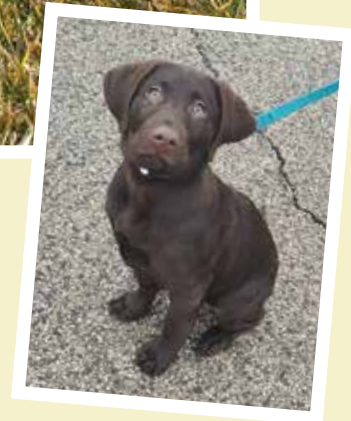
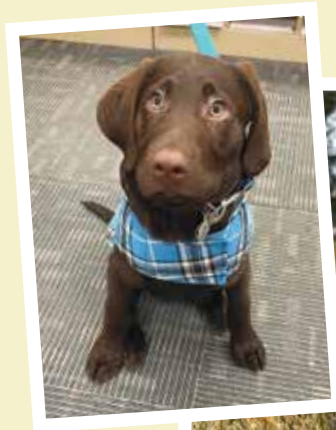
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#### Public Works Center

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## Meet Charlie, Therapy-Dog-In-Training



The Village's Health and Human Services Department welcomed its newest staff member this past December. Charlie, the Village's "therapy dog in training," is spending time getting to know staff and visiting Village facilities.

After about a year of training, Charlie will be able to apply for Therapy Dog Certification. Studies show therapy dogs provide patients with a decrease in blood pressure and stress levels. Once Charlie is certified, these benefits will be shared as he visits with Health and Human Services clients.

Learn more about **Charlie** and his **training** by following him on Instagram **@VOHETherapyDogCharlie**.