

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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New **water system interconnect** is complete

This project provides for a greater redundancy of high-quality water supply through a partnership with the Village of Palatine.

Linking neighboring municipal water systems through interconnections provides an additional water supply backup that can help each community better manage water demand in the event of power outages, equipment failures, water quality issues, or other unforeseen disruptions. This \$1.3 million project is the Village's first water interconnection.

The Village of Hoffman Estates offers a high-quality and reliable primary water supply to residents and businesses sourced from Lake Michigan and delivered to the Village's water distribution system by the North Suburban Municipal Joint Action Water Agency. While the Village has a number

of backup wells that can provide potable water in an emergency, these municipal wells were drilled in the 1960s and 1970s and provide lesser quality water.

Like Hoffman Estates, the Village of Palatine also uses Lake Michigan water as its primary source. The water interconnection between the communities allows for the transfer of Lake Michigan water from one system to the other in response to an emergency, providing both municipalities the ability to distribute the customarily high-quality supply of water even during times of disruption.

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May is National Bike Month

National Bike Month this May is a great time to recognize that those who ride for fun, for fitness, with family, or to take essential trips to work or to shop are enjoying the benefits of safer streets, connected communities, a healthier planet, and happier people.

Do you want to get involved? The Village encourages you to walk, roll, or bike to work for Bike to Work Week, May 15-21. National Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 19, so get together with friends and colleagues and get active!

In 2023, a new grant-funded Multimodal Transportation Plan will look to improve the ways our cyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, and drivers get around the Village. Look out for opportunities to get involved. See you on the trails!



Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

The recent announcement on March 14, 2023, by the Cook County Forest Preserve on the establishment of Poplar Creek Preserve as a land and water reserve took me back to the failure of the proposed Leisure World development in 1965, which would have seen residential development in that area of the Village if not for the financial failure of Leisure World's corporate owner, Roosmoor Corporation.

Roosmoor was successful in building their Leisure World retirement communities across the country, in California and on the east coast. The communities are doing well and still draw people over 55 to their gated communities.

Failure isn't always a failure for all the parties involved in a project. After Hoffman Estates annexed the 3,700 acres needed to build Leisure World, the failure of the planned retirement community with a projected population of 50,000 opened the door for the Cook County Forest Preserve to purchase the land that would become the Arthur L. Janura Cook County Forest Preserve.

At the time, it was hoped that the Forest Preserve would compromise a bit by allowing the Village to keep some of the land for commercial development. No compromise was reached, but it was still a very positive outcome for the people of Hoffman Estates.

The large Arthur L. Janura Preserve now contains the Poplar Creek Preserve, as well

as miles of biking and walking trails. The newly named Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve is bounded by the Canadian National Railway on the west, Shoe Factory Road on the north, Sutton Road (Rt. 59) on the east and Golf Road on the south, and contains 572.14 acres. The Poplar Creek Land and Water Reserve also contains an extension of a rare gravel prairie, one of only a few gravel prairies still left in the northeastern part of the state.

This area is adjacent to the Shoe Factory Road Nature Preserve, which is already being restored by volunteers who are removing invasive species, collect seeds and plant native plants. The land is home to at least 27 plant and wildlife species that are in the greatest need of conservation. The entire Arthur L. Janura Preserve is a treasure trove of wild birds, animals, prairies and forests, giving our Village residents the peace and recreation needed for our busy lives.

The failure of a commercial and residential development back in 1965 has given us a wonderful opportunity to continue to protect the environment of our land and animals, and has resulted in a wonderful asset for Hoffman Estates that will last for years to come.

A special thank you to Jenny Whidden, climate change and environmental writer for the Daily Herald, who kindly helped with this article.

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Water Quality Report available in June

Beginning in June, the Water Quality Report for 2022 will be available online at hoffmanestates.org/WaterReport. Printed copies will still be available by request, by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing PublicWorks@hoffmanestates.org.

Water customers can expect to receive a notification that the Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) has been published on their June water billing statement. Water bills will contain the following description:

The 2022 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is now available. Please visit the Village of Hoffman Estates website at hoffmanestates.org/WaterReport to view this important document containing information about the source and quality of your drinking water in 2022. Please contact the Village at 847-490-6800 if you would like a digital copy of the report emailed to you, a paper copy of the report sent by mail, or if you have any questions.

If you do not receive monthly water billing statements, please contact Public Works at 847-490-6800 to be notified when the report becomes available.

Memorial Day ceremony

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Village of Schaumburg will host a joint Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 29, starting at 10 a.m. at the Hoffman Estates Veterans' Memorial site, 411 W. Higgins Road, just outside the Police Department. The observance will continue in Schaumburg at St. Peter Lutheran Church, 202 E. Schaumburg Road, at 10:45 a.m. Memorial Day is a special opportunity to recognize and pay tribute to the servicemen and women who have lost their lives serving our nation. Join the Village as it honors our country's military service members who fought valiantly on our behalf. Please visit the Village website at hoffmanestates.org/calendar for additional details closer to the event.



Northwest Fourth Fest back for 2023

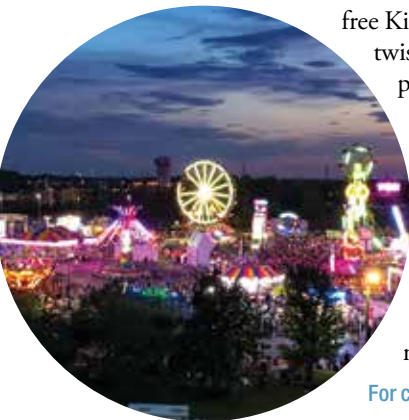
Northwest Fourth Fest, the region's largest free-admission Fourth of July Celebration, returns to Hoffman Estates this summer! Hosted by the Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Park District, Northwest Fourth Fest kicks off at the NOW Arena/Village Green with the carnival Thursday, June 29 through Sunday, July 2.

The full festival will take place on Saturday, July 1 and Sunday, July 2 with a jam-packed lineup of events and activities for everyone to enjoy. Start the day on Saturday morning at the annual Fourth of July parade at 9 a.m. along Illinois Boulevard. On Saturday and Sunday nights, enjoy live entertainment with performances by local favorites like American English, Hi Infidelity and 7th Heaven.

Weekend festivities also include Bingo, the very popular free Kid's Zone, a petting zoo, face painting, a balloon twister and more. Get active and race, climb and play on the inflatable bungee, slide and obstacle course. Everything in the Kid's Zone is free, and there will be plenty of family-friendly fun for all ages.

Join us to cap off the festival portion of the weekend with a state-of-the-art fireworks display on Sunday, July 2 at 9:30 p.m. With plenty of space on the festival grounds, there is not a bad seat in the house to enjoy the show!

For complete festival details, visit northwestfourthfest.com.



A message from Mayor McLeod

Congratulations to Trustee Anna Newell, Trustee Gary Pilafas, and Trustee Gary Stanton on their reelections on April 4! We are all proud to continue serving the Village of Hoffman Estates. Each member of the Village Board is invested in this community and has a great deal of pride in you, our residents and businesses. Growing to Greatness is a motto we take to heart – and we are excited to keep the momentum going.

May and June are packed full of fun activities here at the Village. Save the dates for our Summer Concert Series, Unity Day Celebration and other family-friendly events. As the weather gets better, pack a picnic and head out to enjoy the Village Green and the Hideaway Brew Garden. This is a space we continue to improve for the benefit of our residents, including upcoming concessions and restroom upgrades funded in part through a grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity Office of Tourism.

Mother's Day is just around the corner, and I'd like to acknowledge the women in our lives who love us and take care of us. For some it is a difficult holiday, as relationships are not always ideal and others are struggling with the loss of a mom, grandmother, sister, aunt, or friend. No matter how you choose to celebrate, I hope your day is a good one.

Finally, Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May, honors the men and women of our military who sacrificed their lives while serving our country. This beautiful day of remembrance allows us to recognize the individuals who died fighting for our freedoms. As a Village, we will continue to remember their sacrifice. Please join us for a special remembrance ceremony on Memorial Day which begins at the Hoffman Estates Police Department and concludes at St. Peter Lutheran Church Cemetery in Schaumburg.

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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Growing to Greenness!

Village named Tree City USA for 32nd consecutive year

For the 32nd year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named the Village of Hoffman Estates a Tree City USA. The National Arbor Day Foundation, in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, sponsors the Tree City USA program. To be designated a Tree City USA, Hoffman Estates must annually meet the following standards:

- Have an established tree board or department
- Have a tree care ordinance
- Have a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least \$2 per capita
- Have an Arbor Day observation and proclamation

A municipality's designation as a Tree City community strongly contributes to a community's pride and value in their private and public property. Hoffman Estates continues to provide a level of stewardship necessary to build not only a great community today, but to plan for the future.

The Tree City USA program is a nationwide movement that provides the necessary framework for communities to manage and expand their urban forestry. This program has been greening up cities across America since 1976.



May is Building Safety Month

The International Code Council (ICC) sponsors Building Safety Month every May to raise awareness about building safety. This campaign highlights how important it is for municipalities to adopt modern building codes and helps educate the public on what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures. A different area of building codes is showcased each week during Building Safety Month, stressing their importance to the safety and security of buildings for safer and better living.



The Village of Hoffman Estates utilizes building codes to protect residents from disasters like fires, weather-related events and structural collapse. Building codes offer the best way to protect homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores and entertainment venues through the issuance of building permits and regular inspections.

This year, the Village will adopt the 2021 International Codes, which are the most recent codes issued by the ICC. Adopting these codes reinforces our commitment to having buildings constructed and maintained within the Village held to the highest standards. For more information on Building Safety Month, visit iccsafe.org.

Building permit portal: create an account



The Village's new eTRAKiT permit portal requires residents and contractors to create an account online to apply for permits and schedule inspections. Residents planning to hire a contractor for an upcoming construction project should ensure that the company is aware of this requirement.

The Village encourages residents and contractors to create their online account now in order to expedite the process when they are ready to submit an application for a permit.

Public accounts can be created at any time for those homeowners that may be doing their own work. The portal can be accessed at hoffmanestates.org/permits.

Building & Code Enforcement staff are here to help guide residents and contractors through the registration and submittal process. All contractors must contact the Village in order to activate their account for the first time. To get started, email buildingpermits@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-781-2631.

Rental assistance available

A rental assistance program is still available for Hoffman Estates residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Grants up to \$12,000 are available for moderate and low-income Hoffman Estates residents who experienced a pandemic-related hardship and are behind on rent. Residents may be eligible if they meet the following criteria:

- Household income is at or below 80% of the area median income
- A rental unit is the primary residence in the Village of Hoffman Estates
- Can provide proof of financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Are currently behind on rent



The program is sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates using federal HUD/CARES Act CDBG-CV funds and is administered by the North West Housing Partnership (NWHP), a non-profit agency. This is expected to be the last year of the program, so please check with NWHP promptly. For further details, please contact NWHP at 847-969-0561 or visit nwhp.net.

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

Health and Human Services offers affordable physical and mental health services to the community. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule appointments.

Adult services and immunizations

- Blood pressure and pulse check: free.
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$2
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3

To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, or affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.

Cholesterol screening

This **FASTING** test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels. It requires a small drop of blood. Results are immediate, and include 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 6 minutes and the cost is only \$15. To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

Children and baby clinics

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 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.



May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

Approximately 46 million people in the U.S. have a hearing or speech disorder. Hearing loss can be present at birth, develop suddenly, or happen over time. It can make it difficult for a person to hear the phone, hear warning alerts, understand others, and often leads to feelings of isolation. For children, hearing loss can affect the ability to develop communication, language, and social skills.

The loss of hearing can be caused by some health conditions, medications, or earwax, but the most common cause is exposure to noise where sounds are either too loud or last too long.

Here are some ways to protect your hearing:

- Avoid noisy places and activities when possible.
- Wear earplugs, noise-canceling earphones or headphones when sounds are loud.
- Turn down the volume when watching TV, listening to music, and using earbuds or headphones.
- Take breaks from the noise.

If you have hearing loss, pain, discomfort, or ringing in your ears, be sure to see your doctor. This month is a time for everyone to focus on their hearing and make sure to get it checked.

For more information please visit:

- May is Better Hearing and Speech Month cdc.gov/nceh/features/better-hearing-and-speech-month/index.html
- Hearing, Ear Infections, and Deafness | NIDCD nidcd.nih.gov/health/hearing-ear-infections-deafness



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

It's that time of year again – solicitor season. Please be aware that all solicitors need to be licensed through the Village and wear a Village-issued ID badge at all times. They may not approach a home that has a “No Solicitors Invited” sticker displayed. If you do not already have a sticker and would like one, they are available at Village Hall.

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



Learning About the Aging Brain

Tuesday, June 6, 2023
7 – 8 p.m.

Have you wondered about your memory or noticed changes in the cognitive ability of someone you know? Join the Health and Human Services Department and Lynne O'Malley, Community Liaison and Certified Dementia Practitioner from Right at Home In Home Care and Assistance on Tuesday, June 6 at Village Hall from 7 to 8 p.m. to learn about the difference between normal age-related memory changes and Alzheimer's disease.

The 10 most common warning signs of dementia will be discussed in this informative, educational, and interactive session, along with local support resources. Registration is encouraged, walk-ins are welcome. To register, email Gina McCauley, RN at gina.mccauley@hoffmanestates.org. For more information, call HHS at (847) 781-4850.

La Toxica: A roundtable with Latinas to discuss using romantic relationships as a vehicle for personal growth.

The focus of this roundtable is to explore the ideas of romantic relationships within the Latino culture/media, while learning how to enrich connection. Event will take place on Monday, May 22 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Participants must be Latina/e female-identified individuals ages 18-35. The presenter is Bilingual (English/Spanish). RSVP at (847) 781-4862 or michelle.martinez@hoffmanestates.org.

La Toxica: Una plática entre Latinas sobre: Cómo usar las relaciones románticas como un vehículo para el crecimiento personal.

El enfoque de esta plática será explorar las ideas de las relaciones románticas dentro de la cultura y medios de comunicación Latinos y hablar sobre cómo enriquecer las conexiones interpersonales. El evento será el Lunes 22 de Mayo de 7 - 8:30 p.m. en Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. en Hoffman Estates. Participantes deben de identificarse como Latina y entre las edades de 18 a 35 años. La presentadora es Bilingüe (Ingles/Español). Favor de registrarse llamando al (847) 781-4862, o por correo electrónico a: michelle.martinez@hoffmanestates.org.

Unity Day: Festival of Cultures

The Village of Hoffman Estates Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to host this year's Unity Day Festival of Cultures. This multicultural event will feature the sights, sounds and tastes of many cultures representing the Hoffman Estates community and will be held on Saturday, June 3, from noon to 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Entertainment will include Grupo Folklorico Quetzal, Edizon Dayao, German Hott Productions NFP, Aztec Dance Chicago, Academy of Irish Music, I-Radha India Dance Academy and Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers. Hoffman Estates Historian Pat Barch will speak on the changes in demographics over the years.

To RSVP for the Unity Day Festival of Cultures, please call Hallie Karle 847-781-2606.



LGBTQ+ Community Group Series

According to the CDC, youth identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, or with another marginalized sexual orientation (LGBTQ+) are four times more likely to attempt suicide compared to heterosexual peers. The Trevor Project, an organization committed to ending LGBTQ+ youth suicide, emphasizes that queer and transgender young people are at higher risk for suicide due to systematic mistreatment and stigmatization in society.



Research supports that anti-queer discrimination can increase dramatically when political messaging targets LGBTQ+ youth. Access to spaces and healthcare affirming of queer and transgender identities is associated with lower rates of LGBTQ+ youth suicide attempts.

To provide an affirming space for LGBTQ+ mental health care, HHS is offering a free community group therapy series on LGBTQ+ Identity/Resilience during Pride month. The series includes 4 sessions for youth ages 14-17 who identify as LGBTQ+, and 1 session for parents/caretakers of LGBTQ+ youth.

Please note parents can attend even if they do not have a child in the youth sessions, and vice versa. LGBTQ+ youth are encouraged to attend as many youth sessions as possible, but attendance at all youth sessions is not required. Sessions will occur every Thursday in June from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. RSVP at 847-781-4861 or by emailing morgan.mccowan@hoffmanestates.org.

Dates:

LGBTQ+ Youth Session 1: Thursday, June 1, 2023, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Youth Session 2: Thursday, June 8, 2023, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Parent/Caretaker Session: Thursday, June 15, 2023, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Youth Session 3: Thursday, June 22, 2023, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

LGBTQ+ Youth Session 4: Thursday, June 29, 2023, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

For more information on LGBTQ+ Youth Suicide, see thetrevorproject.org/resources/article/facts-about-lgbtq-youth-suicide/

Drainage advice from the Engineering Division

Spring weather typically brings high levels of precipitation, which can contribute to localized drainage issues. The Engineering Division is available to assist residents with technical advice on solving nuisance drainage concerns.

Stormwater management systems are designed to convey stormwater to nearby waterways through storm sewers and surface swales. While it is common for high-intensity rainfall events to overburden storm sewers and cause temporary ponding in low areas, overland surface drainage paths are designed to ensure structures are protected from surface flooding.

To ensure that your house is protected, the Village recommends completing the following steps:

- Regularly check that the ground settlement adjacent to the home's foundation slopes away from structures toward the nearest side, front, or rear yard swale.
- Extend downspouts and sump pump discharges several feet from structures and direct them to the nearest drainage swale, but not closer than three feet to your property line.
- Do not block or obstruct drainage paths from upstream areas. Typically, drainage paths are located along property lines. Over time, these drainage paths may become blocked by gardens, sheds, or raised landscape features.

Drainage improvements normally involve grading and/or the installation of private storm sewer systems. Since this work usually requires a Village permit, Village staff can offer advice for residents to consider on how to proceed.

If you would like to take advantage of the free drainage investigation service, utilize one of the methods below:

- Click the "I Want To..." button on the homepage of the Village website, then click "Make a Request" and select "Drainage Issues."
- Contact the Engineering Division by phone at 847-252-5800 or by email at RoadConstruction@hoffmanestates.org.

Please note that demand for this service is generally high, so allow for several weeks to schedule the drainage investigation.

Medical transportation option - Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP)

A medical transportation option is available for residents age 60 and over and those age 18 and over with a permanent disability. The Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP) runs in partnership with Pace, offering qualifying riders low-cost transportation options for medical purposes in most of northwest Cook County.



The cost for TRIP service is between \$5 and \$10 each way, based on distance. Eligible appointments must be located within the following Townships: Barrington, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover, Schaumburg, Elk Grove, or Maine. Trips to Cook County Hospital or the VA Hospitals in Maywood or Elgin are also eligible.

For more information, or to register, contact your Township office. To find out which Township your home is located in, visit bit.ly/VOHETownship to view a map.

ComEd performing line clearance tree trimming

ComEd is scheduled to begin work to trim trees and branches that interfere with power lines in Hoffman Estates this May. Over the next few months, ComEd crews will perform this preventative tree maintenance that reduces the chance of power outages and other safety hazards.

Areas slated for tree trimming in Hoffman Estates include Higgins Road between Barrington Road and Gannon Road (including residential areas near Glen Lake Road); residential areas just west of Roselle Road north of Golf Road; and areas west of Roselle Road south of Higgins Road. The trimming that ComEd is performing is done by trained, qualified arborists, and includes trees in front and back yards throughout the Village. ComEd is notifying residents using mailers and door tags in advance of tree trimming projects.

The final shape of each tree after trimming will depend on its size, shape, and proximity to the power lines. For more information about line clearance work being performed by ComEd, please visit their website or call 1-800-Edison1 (1-800-334-7661).



Fire Department offering CPR course June 3

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering a Heartsaver CPR/AED course on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to noon 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.

2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program

The Village's 2023 Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Program is scheduled to begin this spring and continue throughout the year. This program is an important initiative that improves the integrity of the sewer system by lining, repairing or replacing aging or damaged sewer lines and manhole structures. This work not only improves the flow of wastewater, it also lowers the risk of sewer backups and overflows by reducing storm water inflow and infiltration into the sanitary sewer system.

Cured-in-place pipe lining is scheduled to be the primary method of sewer rehabilitation this year. This involves inserting a flexible tube inside of the existing pipe, where it is inflated and cured, resulting in a "pipe within a pipe" as it hardens. This allows repairs to be made with minimal disruption to surrounding areas. However, when necessary, select repairs or replacements may be made using traditional excavation techniques. Residents and businesses in affected areas will be notified in advance of any construction activity.

For more information about this program, including a list of areas planned for rehabilitation, please visit the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/publicworks. If you have questions, email Public Works at PublicWorks@hoffmanestates.org or call 847-490-6800.



Zoning Code Update Project Continues

Keep up to date with all the latest progress on the Village's Zoning Code Update project at VOHEZoning.org. Subscribe to the project newsletter now to be notified about the upcoming open house and other opportunities to provide input.

Storm vs. sanitary sewer: Where does the water go?

The sanitary sewer is a system of underground pipes that carry wastewater from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens and other plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant, where it is filtered and treated before being discharged into a waterway.

The storm sewer is a system designed to carry rainfall runoff and other clean water sources only. Runoff is carried in underground pipes or open ditches and then discharged - untreated - into local streams, rivers and other surface water bodies. Storm sewer inlets are typically found along curbs and other low-lying outdoor areas.



Disposal of chemicals or hazardous substances to the storm sewer system damages the environment. Motor oil, cleaners, paints and other common household items that get into storm drains pollute groundwater sources and can poison fish, birds and other wildlife. In addition, grass clippings, leaves, litter and organic matter can clog storm drains and contribute to flooding.

Here are some things you can do to help maintain the storm sewer system and keep our environment clean:

- Do not pour ANYTHING into storm sewer drains.
- Keep storm sewer drains clear of leaves, grass clippings, sticks and litter.
- Clean up your pet's waste and throw it away.
- Repair leaks from your vehicle and recycle motor oil.
- Clean up spills - DO NOT wash them into storm drains.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

All of us benefit from clean water, and all of us play a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater clean. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing PublicWorks@hoffmanestates.org.

For more information on how the Village works to ensure water quality, visit hoffmanestates.org/stormwater or scan the QR code here. Contact the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 for additional information.





Summer Sounds on the Green 2023

Sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District

All free concerts begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green located off Route 72 in the Prairie Stone Business Park (5510 Prairie Stone Parkway, just west of the NOW Arena), and enjoy the summer concert series featuring these talented performers. For more information and music samples, visit hoffmanestatesarts.com.



JUNE 15: SOUL 2 THE BONE

The world is a much better place when you add a little soul to it... a little soul from The Soul 2 The Bone Band.

JUNE 22: WILD DAISY

Wild Daisy is an energetic, dynamic, female-owned, female & male-fronted country band that plays a blend of current and classic country, and pop and rock favorites. With three lead singers, the audience hears a variety of styles.

JUNE 29: ARRA

Award winning ARRA is one of the best and largest drawing classic rock tribute bands in the Chicagoland area and has been for the past three decades. They perform the biggest hits by the biggest bands of all time.

JULY 6: MARTY "BIG DOG" MERCER

For close to two decades, Marty "Big Dog" Mercer's heartfelt, southpaw Blues and soulful voice have growled through the Midwest music scene and abroad. Mercer's ability to combine emotional lyrics that tell stories of life and his aggressive guitar style and slide guitar abilities make him an artist unlike any other.

JULY 13: JOSÉ VALDES & the MAMBO ALL-STARS

José Valdes & the Mambo All-Stars perform exciting high-energy music from Latin America including Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Cumbia, ChaCha, and of course Mambo and Latin Jazz. They are much more than a salsa band, they are an international orchestra featuring the music of Celia Cruz, Selena, Tito Puente, Grupo Aventura, and many more.

JULY 20: CLASSICAL BLAST

What happens when classical meets rock? Classical Blast! Classical Blast is dedicated to bringing the classical arts to mainstream rock and pop music. They're classically trained musicians who love to rock, and rock musicians who love all kinds of music, believing that music has no boundaries. You'll hear Beethoven, The Beatles, Mozart, Jimi Hendrix...and more.

JULY 27: THE STINGRAYS

The StingRays play the greatest 50's 60's & 70's Rock & Roll ever written – authentically and passionately. Children through seniors will enjoy dancing to hits from Elvis, Jerry Lee Lewis, the Beatles and more as the band plays with moves and costumes from the era.

AUGUST 3: STEVIE SWING & THE SINATRA EXPERIENCE

Stevie Swing is a popular jazz crooner, top Frank Sinatra impersonator and singer of vintage pop, soul and country. Stevie is known for his professional & personable style and dynamic "Vegas Vibe."

AUGUST 10: OH YES!

Oh Yes! is quickly becoming one of the hottest good time bands in the area. Their incredible harmonies, diverse set list, and crowd interaction create an electric atmosphere that gets everyone up dancing and singing along during their show. Songs include those by Bon Jovi, Journey, Pink, Van Halen, Johnny Cash, Kenny Loggins and MANY more.

AUGUST 17: JOHN "ELVIS" LYONS

John "Elvis" Lyons recreates the music of the concert years (also known as the Jumpsuit era). The voice, the moves, and the jumpsuits all come together in a show that will transport you back to the Elvis concerts of the 1970s.



Free children's entertainment series



We have a fun year planned for kids in 2023. On Fridays, join us for FREE entertainment and fun for kids. All performances are held at **VOGELEI PARK**, 650 W Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates, from **10:15 to 11 a.m.** Rainy day? No worries! We move the fun to the **TRIPHAHN CENTER**, 1685 W Higgins Rd, Hoffman Estates.

MISS CAROLE'S CONCERT FOR FAMILIES

Friday, June 9

ISTVAN & HIS IMAGINARY BAND

Friday, June 23

JASON KOLLUM (JUGGLER & MORE)

Friday, July 7

NANNY NIKKI

Friday, July 21

WENDY & DB

Friday, August 4



Wendy & DB

MORE CHILDREN'S EVENTS AROUND TOWN:

MARY MACARONI AND BUBBLE SHOW

Wednesday, June 14, 6 - 6:45 p.m.
Seascape Family Aquatic Center
1300 Moon Lake Blvd.

FINDING NEMO JR. LIVE THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE

Wednesday, July 19, 7 p.m.
The Village Green Amphitheater
5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy.

BEN TATAR & THE TATAR TOTS

Saturday, July 15, 1 p.m.
South Ridge Park
1450 Freeman Rd.



Ben Tatar & the Tatar Tots

For further details, visit the Hoffman Estates Park District website at heparks.org.

Community briefs

Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday event

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over on Friday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Admission is free; pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, contact 847-781-2606.

Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun luncheon events in May and June.

- Tuesday, May 9: luncheon at noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is May 4.
- Wednesday, June 21: summer luncheon with fun musical entertainment, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is June 15.

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. Payment must be received before a reservation can be confirmed.

Youth Commission hosting science show June 10

The Hoffman Estates Youth Commission, in partnership with Mad Science Northwest, is proud to present "Fire and Ice!" a free Science Show for the entire family. Join us for "Fire and Ice!" on Saturday, June 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, to learn about science in a fun and exciting environment. This event is appropriate for ages 6 and up, but the entire family is welcome. Please RSVP to Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606.

Memorial Day closure and garbage delay

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed by one day for the remainder of the week. Monday collection will occur on Tuesday, and Wednesday collection will take place on Thursday.

Watering ban reminder

All outdoor water use is banned between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning May 15 through October 1. This ban includes lawn sprinkling, washing cars, filling swimming pools or any recreational use involving hoses. This ban complies with state water conservation practices. Violators can receive a citation, including a \$50 fine for the first offense.



Seasonal brush drop-off program

In addition to the annual brush/branch curbside program, the Village offers seasonal brush drop-off opportunities for residents on the first and third Saturday of each month from June to September. Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge for this service. Only residential brush/branches will be accepted (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. Drop-off dates for 2023 are as follows: June 3 and 17, July 1 and 15, August 5 and 19, and September 2 and 16. For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce Hosting Community Fishing Derby June 17

Save the date for the Hoffman Estates Chamber's annual Community Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Ridge Lake, 1450 Freeman Rd. Pre-registration is now available for \$5, or register at the event for \$10. For more information, visit www.hechamber.com.

Proper mulch placement

Placing mulch around trees can improve soil structure, reduce weeds and slow evaporation of soil moisture. This keeps soil nutrients and moisture available for the tree's root systems to help them thrive. Proper tree mulching involves placing a 2-4" layer of mulch over the root zone in a saucer-like fashion. The tree's trunk should be allowed to stay dry by keeping mulch away from it. This prevents decay and insect or rodent damage, but permits moisture for the roots. Improper tree mulching can actually be harmful to a tree. Excessively deep mulch may decrease the flow of oxygen to the roots, resulting in smothering and root system decay.



Wood chips available

Using branches collected through tree trimming and brush pickup programs, the Village makes wood chips available free to residents throughout the year. Wood chips make an excellent mulch for trees, shrubs and planting areas. Residents may pick up wood chips during daylight hours at the Fleet Maintenance Facility located at 2405 Pembroke Ave., Monday through Friday after 3 p.m. or anytime on Saturdays and Sundays. Residents should bring a shovel and their own container(s). Proof of residency is required. Wood chips may also be delivered as a full or half load by Public Works. For questions, call 847-490-6800.

Branch pickup continues

The Village's free curbside tree branch pickup continues one zone per week through the last zone, which begins on May 15. Visit hoffmanestates.org/forestry for a map and pickup dates for your neighborhood. On the first date of your zone pickup, have neatly stacked branches at your curbside prior to 7 a.m. Do not tie branches in bundles or place in any containers. Keep branches clear of trees, mailboxes, signs, and parked cars as the equipment used for pickup needs to have clear, open access. Only one pass is made down each street. For more information, call 847-490-6800.

Welcome new businesses

Hard Rock Smoke and Vapor

1714 W. Algonquin Rd.

Makkah Signs & Printing

1019 W. Golf Rd.

Minuteman Press

2500 W. Higgins Rd. # 800

My Glow Salon & Spa

3029 N. Barrington Rd.

Smoke-N-Vape

3081 N. Barrington Rd.

Zenviro Tech US Inc. – Waste Disposal

2815 Forbs Ave. # 200

Harvest Community Church

2060 Stonington Ave.

Arlington Eye Physicians

1555 N. Barrington Rd. # 320

Microsoft Corporation – Data Centers

2200 Lakewood Blvd.

May & June calendar

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

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.
FS: Hoffman Estates Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.
VP: Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.
PW: Public Works Fleet Maintenance, 2405 Pembroke Ave.

SRL: South Ridge Lake, 1450 Freeman Rd.
SE: Seascape Family Aquatic Center, 1300 Moon Lake Blvd.
VG: Virginia Mary Hayer Village Green located off Route 72 in the Prairie Stone Business Park (5510 Prairie Stone Parkway)

May

Monday, May 1

- Spring Branch Pickup-Zone B
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

- Utility Commission Meeting, 12 p.m., PD

Friday, May 5

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, May 7

- Veteran's Flag #47: Pvt. Harland Goodnough, Army, WWII

Monday, May 8

- Spring Branch Pickup-Zone C
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 9

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 13

- Arts Commission String Art Workshop, 8:30 a.m.

*Sunday, May 14

- Veteran Flag #48 Cpl. John T. Olson, USMC, Iraq

Monday, May 15

- Spring Branch Pickup-Zone D
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Watering Ban Begins
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

*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.

- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 18

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 20

- Sister Cities Commission event "Is Fashion Art?" 11 a.m.

*Sunday, May 21

- Veteran's Flag #49 Capt. Peter A. Wastie, USMC, Vietnam

Monday, May 22

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Police Community Meeting, 7 p.m., PD
- La Toxica Roundtable, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 23

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 24

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, May 28

- Veteran's Flag #50 Sgt. Stephen J. Topolski, Army, WWII

Monday, May 29

- Memorial Day - Village Hall closed
- Memorial Day Ceremony, 10 a.m., Veterans Memorial at PD

June

Thursday, June 1

- LGBTQ Youth Session, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 2

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, June 3

- Seasonal Branch/Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m., PW
- CPR Course, 9 a.m., FS

- Cultural Awareness Commission- Unity Day, 12 p.m.

*Sunday, June 4

- Veteran's Flag #51 Cpl. James F. Farrell Jr., USMC

Monday, June 5

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

Tuesday, June 6

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Learning About the Aging Brain, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.

Thursday, June 8

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- LGBTQ Youth Session, 6 p.m.

Friday, June 9

- Children's Entertainment: Miss Carole, 10:15 a.m., VP

Saturday, June 10

- Youth Commission Science Show, 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, June 11

- Veteran's Flag #52 Pfc. Joseph Palacz, Army, WWII

Monday, June 12

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

Tuesday, June 13

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

Wednesday, June 14

- Mary Macaroni and Bubble Show, 6 p.m., SE
- Police Community Meeting, 7 p.m., Willow Recreation Center

Thursday, June 15

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- LGBTQ Parent Session, 6 p.m.

- Summer Sounds on the Green: Soul 2 the Bone, 7 p.m., VG

Saturday, June 17

- Seasonal Branch/Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m., PW
- Community Fishing Derby, 9 a.m., SRL

*Sunday, June 18

- Veteran's Flag #53 Tech Sgt. Emilio Hernandez, Air Force, Iraq

Monday, June 19

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

Wednesday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 22

- LGBTQ Youth Session, 6 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Wild Daisy, 7 p.m., VG

Friday, June 23

- Children's Entertainment: Istvan & His Imaginary Band, 10:15 a.m., VP

*Sunday, June 25

- Veteran's Flag #54 Sgt. Harold J. Christopher, Army

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 29

- LGBTQ Youth Session, 6 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: ARRA, 7 p.m., VG

View Village website calendar for event updates and details.



Various photos courtesy Mona S. Morrison

Police Department hosting community meetings

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Police Department are hosting community meetings with residents this spring and summer to provide opportunities for community engagement, to discuss current crime trends, and offer safety tips. These meetings also offer a great opportunity for the community to meet beat officers and command staff.

Community meeting topics include:

- Meet the beat sergeant and commander assigned to your neighborhood.
- Hear about updates to our website, including crime bulletins, press releases and complaint forms.
- Meet the police social worker and learn about the services she can offer.
- Find out about new policing initiatives with GIS and crime mapping.
- View traffic statistics and related initiatives.
- Get the upcoming PD events schedule.
- Q & A session with Chief Cawley.

MEETING SCHEDULE

- **May 22:** 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road for residents south of I-90 and east of Barrington Road
- **June 14:** 7 p.m. at Willow Recreation Center, 3600 Lexington Drive for residents north of I-90
- **TBD:** Details to follow for a meeting with residents west of Barrington Road

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Human Services847-781-4850
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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

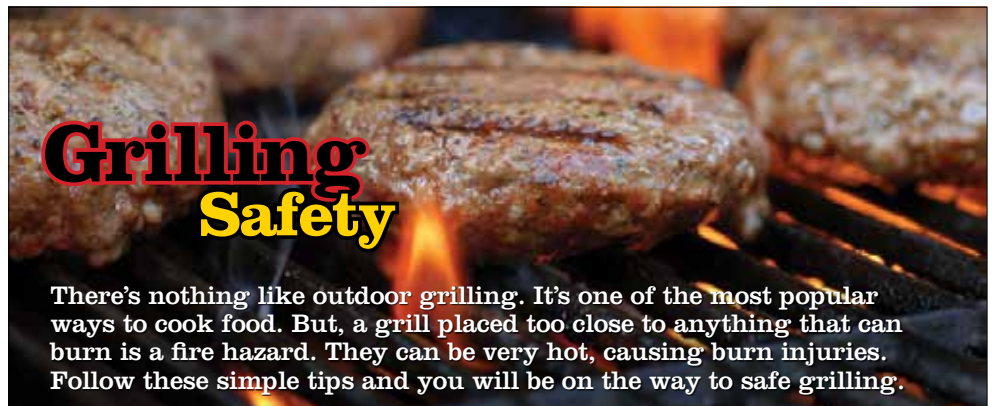
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Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

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SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

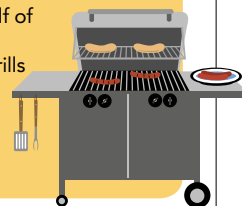
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION
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www.hoffmanestates.org/fire