

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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Fire Department assists hearing-impaired resident with special equipment

Early alerting is critical when it comes to protecting against smoke, fire or carbon monoxide within the home.



As her hearing-impaired daughter sought more independence in her teen years, Hoffman Estates resident Isela Marquez was reluctant to leave her daughter Dulce home alone for fear that there would be no one around to hear a smoke detector go off and get her to safety. After researching smoke detection options for hearing-impaired individuals, Isela called the Fire Department to see if they could provide assistance with the equipment and installation.

Promoting safety and fire protection for each and every resident is fundamental to the mission of the Hoffman Estates Fire Department, so when Isela's request came in for assistance to make her home safer, the Fire Department worked with employees and contractors to help.

A grant acquired by the Fire Department from Walmart, along with in-kind donations from Firefighters Local 2061 and

Arrow Electric, were used to purchase and install specialized smoke and carbon monoxide detectors with strobe lights that activate when an emergency occurs. A bed shaking alarm is also part of the interconnected system designed to alert the teen in case of a fire or carbon monoxide emergency.

"We are very happy that we are able to provide this service to the family, and that they are now protected," said Fire Chief Alan Wax. "I am proud of the work that our members did here to meet this family's special fire protection needs."

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department, in partnership with the Illinois State Fire Marshal, has a program in place to assist residents in need, or with special needs, with smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Contact the Fire Department at 847-843-4825 to request more information about this program.

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Make sure your address is visible

Emergency services personnel need to quickly locate and easily read your address to provide emergency and other services to you. Help us protect you, your property, and your family by making sure your address is correctly displayed and easily readable.

Village Code calls for residential properties to have street numbers posted that are visible from 100 feet away, and it prohibits all buildings and developments from displaying numerical identification other than the actual street address.



Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

As soon as the weather warms up and we head outdoors to garden, picnic or just sit on the front porch, we learn to check the weather forecast before we head out for the day. Especially now, with concerns about climate change, the weather seems to be getting a little bit wilder with frequent warnings of possible tornadoes popping up when thunderstorms are in the area.

Many of us believe that it can't happen here, but tornado-like winds did \$500,000 worth of damage on a Friday evening, July 14, 1972. There was a tornado watch in place that night, along with a severe thunderstorm warning. While we had no problems in my family's neighborhood that night, many areas of town were hard-hit.

The Herald for Hoffman Estates-Schaumburg reported the Friday night storm on the front page of the July 17, 1972 issue, with the headline reading "\$500,000 Storm Damage Comes To Hoffman Estates." The story reported, "The path of destruction began at Berkley Ln. near Grand Canyon Parkway, hop scotching its way toward Conant High School which went untouched by the storm." Damage was most extensive along Berkley Ln., leaving many duplex owners unable to return home. One duplex sustained heavy damage, while the other duplex was left completely unharmed.

Fairview Elementary School on Arizona was extensively damaged, with broken windows and large sections of the roof torn off. According to then-Fire Chief Carl Selke, whose home was seriously damaged, the storm hit at 11 p.m. Fences along Roselle Rd. had sharp pieces blown off that were later found in a pile several houses away, and a storage shed was lifted up and thrown across the street. "All across parcel C, cars were found damaged; garages collapsed and swimming pools were devastated," the Herald reported. One swimming pool was found atop a telephone pole, and some of the siding from a home was found hanging from electric lines on Saturday morning.

Gas lines were reported broken across the area, but no fires started from this damage. Firefighters, police officers and civil defense worked into the night to clean up the destruction and secure the area. Chief Carl Selke commented that "I don't know how lucky we can get."

That storm was 51 years ago. It was eventually reported as an F1 tornado by the weather bureau. Tornadoes can happen here in Hoffman Estates, so be sure to keep your eye on the weather forecast.

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Updated, modern building codes adopted

The Village of Hoffman Estates prides itself on being at the forefront of modern building codes. These codes help protect the buildings and properties in the Village from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapse. Building codes are the best way of protecting homes, offices, schools, manufacturing facilities, stores, and entertainment venues.

The Building & Code Enforcement Division is tasked with administering the building codes through permits and inspections. Routinely updating these codes is an essential exercise for the Village. With the rate building practices, products, and standards change, having the most current tools available increases staff's ability to effectively enforce codes to ensure buildings and properties are safe.

This past June, the Village adopted the 2021 International Codes (I-Codes) and the 2020 National Electric Code (NEC). The adoption of these codes, which are the most current codes available, keeps the Village in line with its 6-year adoption cycle for building code updates.



For questions relating to code changes, contact Code Enforcement at buildingcodes@vohe.org or for additional information visit hoffmanestates.org/permits.

Celtic Fest moves to the Village Green

The Northwest Celtic Fest is moving outdoors to the Village Green for 2023. Join us on Saturday, August 12 from 1 to 6 p.m. for Celtic Fest: Shenanigans on the Green!

“We wanted to do something different, and seeing as most of our outdoor festivals are so successful, we thought Celtic Fest would do just as well,” said Mayor McLeod.

Many of the traditional festival activities from Celtic Fest will be included, including the Celtic Marketplace, Birds of Prey demonstrations, mini-horses from Soul Harbor, clan meet and greets, dancing and entertainment, and free children’s activities. Authentic Celtic fare and a variety of beer and other beverages will be available for purchase.

According to Celtic Fest Commission Chair Jenn Djordjevic, the outdoor space creates opportunities for additional games and activities, like axe throwing, trackless train rides, a giant inflatable slide, balloon twisting, face painting and more.

Live festival entertainment includes They Might Be Irish, Whiskey Mick, Baal Tinne, Academy of Irish Music, Ar Aris Aris, Thistle and Heather Highland Dancers, Rebecca McCarthy School of Irish Dance, and the Dundee Pipe Band.

The Celtic Fest Commission is “food raising” again this year. Although not required for entry, guests are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to support local food pantries that support Hoffman Estates residents.

The Hoffman Estates Village Green is located at 5510 Prairie Stone Parkway, adjacent to the NOW Arena. Admittance and parking for Celtic Fest are free. Parking is available in the Tate & Lyle parking lot at 5450 Prairie Stone Parkway, which has a foot path leading to the Village Green.

For a complete schedule of events, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/celtic or call 847-781-2610.



A message from Mayor McLeod

Summer is well underway here in Hoffman Estates! Summer Sounds on the Green has already kicked off at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, located adjacent to the NOW Arena on Prairie Stone Parkway. Summer Sounds runs every Thursday night starting at 7 p.m. through August 17. Visit the Arts Commission website at www.hoffmanestatesarts.com for a full line up of entertainment as well as information about parking, food, and drinks.

Up next is the much-anticipated Northwest Fourth Fest filled with great food, live acts, carnival rides and fireworks. A complete lineup of activities was mailed to residents in June, and can be found online at northwestfourthfest.com. Don’t forget to join us at the parade on Saturday, July 1, stepping off at 9:00 a.m. along Illinois Boulevard. This year’s parade theme is “Hoffman Estates – Celebrating the American Dream”! Get there early and find a great seat!

Mark your calendar for August 12 and join us at Northwest Celtic Fest: Shenanigans on the Green. The event will be held outdoors for the first time, at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, and starts at 1 p.m. Please join us for all the fun activities, including a Celtic Marketplace, live entertainment including Irish dancers, clan tables, children’s activities and more. The event is free to attend and offers free, easily accessible parking. See the article on the left for additional details.

On a sad note, I would like to acknowledge what a difficult time this is for our Village Board, staff and residents as we move forward without Trustee Michael Gaeta, who passed away on May 21. Michael was a wonderful family man who was devoted to the business of the Village and loved getting to know residents. His presence filled a room and if you had the chance to meet him or talk with him, you’d no doubt remember it. He will be missed.

As always, please contact me anytime at bill.mcleod@vohe.org or 847-781-2604 with your questions or comments. Have a happy and safe rest of your summer.

Bill McLeod



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Growing to Greenness!

Ten Facts about Storm Water

1. Storm sewers are designed to collect rainwater runoff only.
2. Water entering the storm sewer system is not treated before moving into downstream waterways (ponds, creeks, wetlands, etc.).
3. All open grated drains that can collect surface water are part of the storm sewer system.
4. Sump pumps that collect surface water or ground water from the house perimeter discharge into the storm sewer through surface runoff or direct pipe connection.
5. All interior house drains, including floor drains and ejector pump discharges, do not enter the storm sewer system. These sources enter a separate sanitary sewer system that flows to a water treatment plant before releasing into downstream waterways.
6. Dumping of any pollutants or waste into a storm sewer is never permitted and can pollute downstream waterways.
7. Runoff may become polluted as it runs along roads, parking lots, roofs, lawns and construction sites.
8. Runoff may contain pollutants, such as automotive fluids, fertilizers and pesticides, leaves, sediment, litter and pet waste.
9. Please do your part to keep storm water clean! Everyone can help reduce the amount of pollution carried in storm water.
10. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing publicworks@vohe.org. Use the Police non-emergency number, 847-882-1818 after 4 pm on weekdays or on weekends.

The Village encourages all residents and businesses to take pride in their storm water quality. Visit the storm water management web page for tips and more information at hoffmanestates.org/stormwater.



Annual Recycling Event

Hoffman Estates is hosting its free annual recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, August 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue.

Residents should remain in their vehicles while attending this event, and workers will unload recyclables from vehicles. Paper documents should be contained in paper bags or small cardboard boxes – not in plastic bags. If a resident has a variety of materials to recycle, please keep them separated in the back of the vehicle to ensure items are recycled properly. Accepted items include textiles, medications and sharps, batteries, printer cartridges, and fluorescent light bulbs.

Paper Shredding

Only sensitive documents will be accepted, including medical records, bank statements and tax forms. Do not include magazines, greeting cards or newspapers, as these can be recycled curbside. Paper is cross-shredded on site. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Plastic, metal clips and binders should be removed. Do not bring paper in plastic bags. Plastic is a contaminant, as are photos, slides and any non-paper item.

Electronics Recycling

Remove electronics from plastic packaging and boxes before the event. Accepted electronic items include cable and satellite receivers; cell phones and tablets; computers and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, monitors, etc.); fax machines, printers and scanners; MP3 players; TVs; video game consoles; video recorders/players; and Zip drives.

Items NOT accepted include air conditioners; CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes; humidifiers/dehumidifiers; lamps; microwaves; refrigerators and other large home appliances; speakers; stereos; and vacuum cleaners.

Additional Services

In addition to electronics, the Village will be accepting these items for recycling:

- Textiles and small household goods through Simple Recycling (new or used clothing; boots and shoes; belts and ties; handbags; hats and gloves; toys; towels; sheets and blankets; small kitchen appliances; and more)
- Expired drugs/sharps
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- Latex (water-based) paint:
 - Quarts: \$2.99
 - One-gallon containers: \$5.99
 - Five-gallon buckets: \$19.99

NOTE: flammable materials will not be accepted.

For more information about this recycling event and other sustainability programs, visit hoffmanestates.org/green.

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

Health and Human Services offers affordable physical and mental health services to the community. To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850.

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. The cost is \$22.

Hemoglobin A1C screening

The Hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you are at risk for 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.

Children and baby clinics

Health and Human Services offers several vaccination clinics for babies and children. 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.

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@vohe.org.



Unplug and Play event

Join the Village of Hoffman Estates Department of Health and Human Services and the Hoffman Estates Youth Commission at the Hoffman Estates Park District Unplug & Play event on Saturday, July 15 at South Ridge Park, 1450 Freeman Rd., from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for fun, interactive activities for the whole family.

In addition to participating in the obstacle course, families are encouraged to add to the "Better Together" mural, which will serve as a physical reminder that we all bring something unique and beautiful to our community. The mural will be displayed in the Health and Human Services Department at Village Hall as a symbol of community connectedness.

Refreshments will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis. No registration or RSVP needed, just find us at the Unplug & Play event! We look forward to connecting with you!



Back to School Shots

An important step in preparing your child to return to the classroom this fall is ensuring they're up-to-date on any back-to-school immunizations. Health and Human Services offers free or low cost vaccines to children and teens who are eligible. Visit the Health Services website at hoffmanestates.org/HHS to schedule an appointment. For more information, email us at hhs@vohe.org.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

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

Clerk's corner

The Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall is an official passport acceptance facility. Passport processing takes approximately 10 to 13 weeks, so if you're planning on a winter getaway, apply for your passport now! The Village Clerk's Office takes appointments Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and on the second Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Call 847-781-2625 or email VillageClerk@vohe.org to make appointments or for more information.



Bicycle Safety Tips

Bicycling is a great activity for the entire family. Before setting out on a biking trip, consider the following safety recommendations from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

- Wear a bicycle helmet. Everyone, at every age, should wear bicycle helmets.
- Adjust your bicycle to fit. When standing over your bicycle, there should be 1 to 2 inches between the rider and the top tube (bar) if using a road bike, and 3 to 4 inches if using a mountain bike. The seat should be level front to back and the height should be adjusted to allow a slight bend at the knee when the leg is fully extended. The handlebar height should be level with the seat.
- Check your equipment. Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that the brakes work.
- See and be seen. Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, bad weather, or at night, make yourself visible to others. Wear neon, fluorescent or other bright colors when riding to be most easily seen. Wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. Remember, just because you can see a driver does not mean the driver can see you.
- Control the bicycle. Ride with two hands on the handlebars, except when signaling for a turn.
- Watch for and avoid road hazards. Look for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash.
- Use verbal and non-verbal communication. This includes eye contact with drivers, using turn signals, pointing to road hazards for bicyclists behind you and communicating with others "passing on your left," or "on your left."
- Avoid riding at night. It is hard for drivers to see bicyclists at dusk, dawn, and nighttime. Use reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle. White lights and red rear reflectors or lights are required by law in all states.

Hoffman Estates named Municipality of the Year by Illinois Real Estate Journal

The Village of Hoffman Estates was named 2023 Municipality of the Year by the Illinois Real Estate Journal at the Fourth Annual Real Estate Awards held June 1 in Rosemont. The award recognizes the economic progress in the Village over the past year.

"We are extremely proud to be recognized by the Illinois Real Estate Journal as Municipality of the Year," said Mayor Bill McLeod. "From the Board of Trustees to our Village staff, this award is a reflection of the team effort it takes to advance a strong economic development program."



Major projects in Hoffman Estates over the past year include construction of Seasons of Hoffman Estates, the Village's first multi-family development project in over three decades; the completion of the first of two new 200,000 square foot data centers for Microsoft; and numerous businesses relocating to Bell Works Chicagoland, where over 250,000 square feet of space has been leased, or is in the process of being leased since 2021.

The Village also recently facilitated significant reinvestment in the retail sector, with Home Goods, Crumbl Cookies, and Bath & Body Works opening in 2022. New retail outlets for 2023 include two approved marijuana dispensaries – Spark'd Dispensary and Aroma Hill; two Popeye's Chicken restaurants; and a new Dunkin' Donuts.

"We are thrilled that the activity and work to be pro-development and pro-growth is recognized," said Economic Development Director Kevin Kramer. "This win isn't just for the Village, but for all the businesses who help make this a great community."

The Village was selected from a group of four finalist communities by the judges, a panel of distinguished real estate professionals. Hoffman Estates was also named Municipality of the Year by the organization in 2021, and was a finalist for the same award in 2022.

World's Fair by Fairgrounds opens in Bell Works Chicagoland

A grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony was held on June 7 at World's Fair by Fairgrounds Coffee and Tea, 2000 Center Dr., located inside Bell Works Chicagoland.

The cafe is located in a space themed after the Chicago World's Fair, just inside the Bell Works east entrance, and is open to the public. World's Fair offers a breakfast and lunch menu, a cocktail bar, and an outside patio. Learn more online at fairgrounds.cafe/worlds-fair-by-fairgrounds.



Fireworks Safety



FIREWORKS are often used to mark special events and holidays. The only safe way to view fireworks is to attend a professional show. It is important to know that **fireworks are not safe in the hands of consumers**. Fireworks cause thousands of injuries each year.

A few ideas to get into the patriotic spirit, without fireworks:

1. Use glow sticks, they glow in the dark and are a safe alternative to a sparkler. Fun for all ages.
2. Loud and proud. Noise makers are sure to make a statement. They can be found at local party supply stores or make your own.
3. Outdoor movie night. Set up a screen and projector. Don't forget the bugspray!
4. Red, white and blue silly string...fun for all ages.
5. Make a patriotic craft with the family.
6. Throw a birthday party for the USA, and don't forget the cake.



FACTS

- ! More than 19,500 reported fires are started by fireworks annually.
- ! Burns account for 44% of the 9,100 injuries treated in emergency rooms in the month around July 4.
- ! Half of the fireworks injuries seen at emergency rooms were extremities: hands, fingers, or legs. One-third were to eyes or other parts of the head.
- ! Children ages 10–14 had the highest rate of fireworks injury, with more than one-third (36%) of the victims of fireworks injuries under age 15.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) 2018 Fireworks Annual Report



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Trees can become stressed too

Are your tree leaves starting to droop a bit? Does it look like autumn already as the tree leaves turn yellow/brown and perhaps even fall to the ground? These are common signs of a tree undergoing heat stress. Trees experiencing heat stress are more susceptible to pests, which cause even further tree decline. Avoid stress by providing the tree with deep watering (softening the top 10" of soil) during the hot summer weather to encourage the formation of long, deep roots.

Tree Watering Tips:

- Avoid evaporation by watering in the early morning or, if necessary, in the early evening.
- Use a soaker hose or oscillating sprinkler to allow water to infiltrate the soil slowly for deeper watering. It may take a few sessions to loosen up over-dried soil.
- The area near the drip line (furthest extension of tree canopy) should be watered. This is where the root tips that bring moisture to the tree are located.
- Mature trees require deep watering twice a month in normal conditions.
- Newly planted trees require deep watering 1-2 times a week, contingent on precipitation received.
- In a drought situation, water more frequently, but be mindful of water use restrictions.

Trees contribute to better air quality, carbon storage, increased property values, energy savings and reduced storm water runoff. Trees beautify surroundings and bring the enjoyment of nature into your neighborhood. Be kind to your trees this summer and give them a drink of water!



Show your **community pride**

Nominate a neighbor today!

The nomination deadline for the 24th annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is Monday, July 31. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three "best" landscaping categories:

- Detached single-family home
- Attached single-family home
- Neighborhood or homeowners' association

This program also recognizes beautiful properties that may incorporate "green" practices. If you see a neighbor using rain barrels, composting, incorporating nontoxic methods of pest and weed control, or other sustainable practices, let us know! Photographs will be taken in early August of areas viewable from the street. For more information and an online nomination form, visit hoffmanestates.org/sc.



Community Pride Recognition Award nomination form

I nominate the residence at: _____

Owner(s) name (if known): _____

"Green" landscape techniques (if known): _____

Neighborhood/homeowners association: _____

Contact person: _____

Your name and address: _____

Please complete and return to:

*Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o Sustainability Commission
1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*

Welcome New Businesses

Kritunga Indian Cuisine, Restaurant,
2336 W. Higgins Rd.

Rstyle Nail Studio, Nail Salon,
977 N. Roselle Rd. #22

Benchmark Aspen & Associates,
Accountant, 2815 Forbs Ave. # 107

STL Staffing Solutions, Staffing Agency,
2815 Forbs Ave. # 107

Machine Factory Outlet, Pre-owned
Machines, 2000 Center Dr. # D219

Brilliant Nails Lounge, Nail Salon,
2170 W. Higgins Rd. # 330

Integra Asset Solutions, Auction House,
2000 Center Dr. # D219

Mortgage Mac, Mortgage Lender,
2000 Center Dr. # D219

Applications open for **Police Academy** programs

Citizen's Police Academy

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is pleased to announce they are offering the 33rd Annual Citizen's Police Academy and the Second Annual First Responder Teen Academy programs in 2023.

The Citizen's Police Academy will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. between August 29 and November 28. The academy will take place at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road, and includes a tour of the Northwest Central Dispatch Center.

Citizen's Police Academy presentations will be made by:

- Firearms Instructors
- Problem Oriented Police/Crime Prevention Division
- Investigations
- Use of Force Instructors
- Evidence Technicians
- Traffic Section/DUI
- Tactical Unit/Gangs/Narcotics
- Northern Illinois Police Alarm System (N.I.P.A.S.) / S.W.A.T.

First Responder Academy for Teens

To encourage future careers in public service, the Hoffman Estates Fire and Police Departments are once again hosting a joint First Responder Academy for Teens. The teen academy will meet weekly on Thursday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. for 12 weeks, September 7 through November 30 (no class on Thanksgiving, November 23).

Topics covered include K-9 functions, fire apparatus explanations, evidence/crime scene processing, vehicle extrications, major crime investigations, fire hose pulls, SCUBA, ladder rescues and more. Interested individuals ages 14 to 20 are encouraged to apply now.

Applications for both the Citizen's Police Academy and the First Responder Academy for Teens are located on the Police Department's website at hoffmanestates.org/Police. Any questions should be directed to Sergeant Dan Donohue by calling (847)781-2866 or by emailing Daniel.Donohue@vohe.org.

Police Department Offering Public Safety Cadet Program

The Hoffman Estates Police Department will visit local high schools at the beginning of the 2023-24 school year to recruit new cadets for the Public Safety Cadet program.

Public Safety Cadets are young adults who aspire to careers in law enforcement. Police officers volunteer as advisors and mentors to train and offer guidance to cadets in all aspects of police work including traffic accident investigations, handling domestic disputes, processing crime scenes, building searches and arrest techniques.

Requirements for the Public Safety Cadets are as follows:

- Age 14 (completed 8th grade) but not more than 20 years of age
- Have good moral character
- Remain in school and maintain a "C" average (70%) or higher
- Clean police record
- Ability to attend weekly cadet meetings
- Commitment to the Public Safety Cadet Code to exemplify the professional image of the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

If you are a resident of Hoffman Estates or Schaumburg, a student at Conant, Schaumburg, or Hoffman Estates High School, and would like more information about Cadet Unit #806, call Post Director Lisa Notarnicola at (847) 781-2865 or email Lisa.Notarnicola@vohe.org.



Celebrate **National Night Out** on August 1

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is throwing a going-away party for crime, and you're invited! Join us for the National Night Out Against Crime at the Police Department, 411 Higgins Rd., on Tuesday, August 1 from 5 to 8 p.m. to meet up with neighbors and police officers to celebrate our true sense of community.

National Night Out is celebrated across the country the first Tuesday in August each year, where communities and law enforcement agencies join forces to promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie.

Come out to enjoy food, drinks, and live music along with police personnel and local business owners; see a K-9 demonstration; take tours of the Police Department; and learn about our teen cadet and emergency management programs.

For more information about the National Night Out celebration, visit our website at hoffmanestates.org/Police or call Sgt. Donohue at 847-781-2866.

Police officer applications

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is currently accepting entry level and lateral police officer applications. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a police officer, please visit the Police Department's website at hoffmanestates.org/Police for further information or contact Sergeant Dan Donohue at (847)781-2866, Daniel.Donohue@vohe.org.



Community briefs

Upcoming Programs for Seniors



The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun events in July and August!

- **Wednesday, July 19:** annual summer Bingo and Ice Cream Social, 10:30 a.m. at Village Hall. Cost is \$3, registration is required.
- **Monday, Aug. 14:** summer luncheon with musical entertainment from Edizon Dayao, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration is required.

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.

Coffee With the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host a Coffee with the Board event on Saturday, July 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.

Save the Date: French dinner and silent auction

The 25th Annual Soirée Culinare, sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 24, at 5:30 p.m. at The Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road. This unique event features a French-inspired meal prepared by Chef Sylvain Demarais from Angoulême, France and a silent auction. Look for more information in the next issue of the *Citizen*.



Seasonal brush drop-off program

Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 1, July 15, Aug. 5, Aug. 19, Sept. 2 and Sept. 16. This free program is for residential brush/branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. For more information, call 847-490-6800.



Platzkonzert Germanfest Returns September 8, 9 & 10

The Village's annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest will take place at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green on Friday, Sept. 8 through Sunday, Sept. 10. The event begins at 6 p.m. on Sept. 8, with lively traditional music and authentic German cuisine. Activities start at noon on Saturday, Sept. 9 and include a free Kinderplatz area for the kids, while adults can enjoy friendly competitions and live music all day (and into the night). Music and Kinderplatz activities will continue on Sunday Sept. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. For a full schedule or to sign up to volunteer, visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.



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.

JULY 6: MARTY "BIG DOG" MERCER

Enjoy southpaw blues and a soulful voice.

JULY 13: JOSÉ VALDES & the MAMBO ALL-STARS

This show features high-energy music from Latin America including salsa, merengue, bachata, cumbia, ChaCha, mambo and Latin jazz.

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.

JULY 27: THE STINGRAYS

The StingRays play the greatest 50's 60's & 70's rock & roll ever written – authentically and passionately.

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.

AUGUST 10: OH YES!

Oh Yes! features incredible harmonies, a diverse set list, and crowd interaction to create an electric atmosphere that gets everyone up dancing and singing along during their show.

AUGUST 17: JOHN "ELVIS" LYONS

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.

July & August calendar

All events 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: Vogeley Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

PW: Public Works Center, 2405 Pembroke Ave.

NOW: NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Pkwy.

SRP: South Ridge Park, 1450 Freeman Rd.

SE: Seascapes Family Aquatic Center, 1300 Moon Lake Blvd.

VG: Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green located off Route 72 in the Prairie Stone Business Park (5510 Prairie Stone Parkway)

July

Saturday, July 1

- Northwest Fourth Fest, NOW
- Seasonal Brush Drop off, 8 a.m., PW
- 4th of July Parade, 9 a.m., Illinois Blvd.

*Sunday, July 2

- Northwest Fourth Fest, NOW
- Veteran Flag #55 FM1 Erwin T. Turk, Navy, WWII

Monday, July 3

- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 4

- HOLIDAY - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

Wednesday, July 5

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 6

- Summer Sounds on the Green: Marty "Big Dog" Mercer, 7 p.m., VG

Friday, July 7

- Arts Commission Free Children's Entertainment Series - Jason Kollum (Juggler & More), 10:15 a.m., VP

*Sunday, July 9

- Veteran Flag #56 Sgt. Salvatore (Joe) Nigri, Army, WWII

Monday, July 10

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 11

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, 6 p.m., PD

Thursday, July 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Jose Valdes & the Mambo All Stars, 7 p.m., VG

Saturday, July 15

- Seasonal Brush Drop Off, 8 a.m. PW
- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.
- Unplug & Play, 11 a.m., SRP
- Ben Tatar & the Tatar Tots Show, 1 p.m., SRP

*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.

*Sunday, July 16

- Veteran Flag #57 T/4 Herman J. Muehlbauer, Army, WWII

Monday, July 17

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

Tuesday, July 18

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

Wednesday, July 19

- Commission for Seniors Ice Cream Social, 1 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.
- Just Keep Swimming with Finding Nemo Jr., 7 p.m., VG
- Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, July 20

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Classical Blast, 7 p.m., VG

Friday, July 21

- Arts Commission Free Children's Entertainment Series- Nanny Nikki, 10:15 a.m., VP

*Sunday, July 23

- Veteran Flag #58 Sgt. Peter T. Cundiff, Army

Monday, July 24

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, July 25

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 27

- Summer Sounds on the Green: The Stingrays, 7 p.m., VG

*Sunday, July 30

- Veteran Flag #59 PFC James H. Sheehan, Army

Monday, July 31

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

August

Tuesday, August 1

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- National Night Out, 5 to 8 p.m., PD
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 2

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 3

- Summer Sounds on the Green: Stevie Swing and the Sinatra Experience, 7 p.m., VG

Friday, August 4

- Arts Commission Free Children's Entertainment Series- Wendy & DB, 10:15 a.m., VP
- First Friday - Commission for People with Disabilities, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 5

- Seasonal Brush Drop off, 8 a.m., PW

*Sunday, August 6

- Veteran Flag #60 AMM1 Dee Wayne Waldron, Navy, WWII

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

Thursday, August 10

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Oh Yes!, 7 p.m., VG

Saturday, August 12

- Celtic Fest, 1 p.m., VG

*Sunday, August 13

- Veteran Flag #61 Sgt. James F. Gannon, Army, WWII

Monday, August 14

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16

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

Thursday, August 17

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: John "Elvis" Lyons, 7 p.m., VG

Saturday, August 19

- Seasonal Brush Drop off, 8 a.m., PW

*Sunday, August 20

- Veteran Flag #62 Cpl. Frank S. Szalacinski, Army, WWII

Monday, August 21

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- 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.

Tuesday, August 22

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, August 23

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 26

- Annual Recycling Event, 9 a.m. to noon, PW

*Sunday, August 27

- Veteran Flag #63 T/5 Tony Provenzano, Army, WWII

Monday, August 28

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

Monday, August 29

- Citizen's Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., PD

View Village website calendar for event updates and details.



Various photos courtesy Mona S. Morrison



Your favorite hidden spot in Hoffman Estates for live music, cold drinks, and good times is open for the summer! Check out the Hideaway Brew Garden and Bar website for hours of operation and this summer's event schedule.

5510 Prairie Stone Parkway
Next to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green

HideawayBrewGarden.com

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225 Flagstaff Lane

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1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

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Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

Hoffman Estates mourns longtime Trustee Michael Gaeta

It is with great sadness that the Village of Hoffman Estates announces the passing of longtime Trustee Michael Gaeta on May 21, 2023. He was 86.

A Veteran of the U.S. Army and an expert pilot, Trustee Gaeta was first elected to the Hoffman Estates Village Board in 2013 and was subsequently re-elected in 2017 and 2021. As Trustee, Gaeta served as Chairman of the Village's Public Health and Safety Committee, was Co-chair of the Village Green Ad-Hoc Committee, served as the Village's representative on the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission, and was a member of the Village's Commission for Senior Citizens.

Prior to serving on the Village Board, Trustee Gaeta served on the Village's Planning and Zoning Commission for three years and Zoning Board of Appeals for five years.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Trustee Gaeta joined the Army after graduation from high school and was stationed in Germany for two-and-a-half years. He and his wife Johanna married in 1960, and have four children, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Trustee Gaeta held an Associate Degree from Fenn Community College in Cleveland.

Trustee Gaeta was a longtime member the Civil Air Patrol, rising up through the ranks to Lieutenant Colonel, where he was in charge of search and rescue missions. Gaeta owned his own airplane and was an instrument-rated pilot.

After retiring from a career in food service, Trustee Gaeta, along with Johanna, found post-retirement work as owner and operator of three distributorships for Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating. Trustee Gaeta was the past President of the Illinois Chapter of the Food Service Executives Association, past Board Member of the National Association of Catering Executives, past Board member of the Waukegan Regional Airshow, and a past President of the Haverford Place Homeowners' Association in Hoffman Estates.



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