

# Hoffman Estates Citizen

September-October 2023

## Platzkonzert Germanfest returns for 17th year

The Platzkonzert offers residents of every background an exciting weekend with free admission, free entertainment and a play area for children – the Kinderplatz.



The festival will take place rain or shine at the Virginia Mary Hayer Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy., just north of the NOW Arena. Enjoy authentic German music and beer on Friday, Sept. 8, from 6 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, from noon to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 10, from noon to 6 p.m.

The Kinderplatz will offer free children's activities from noon to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. In partnership with the Hoffman Estates Park District, Kinderplatz will feature arts, crafts, inflatables, and much more.

True to the Platzkonzert name, a full line-up of music is planned over the three-day fest. The on-site Hideaway Brew Garden will feature a selection of German craft beer and food

options and commemorative mugs. Contests will take place throughout the weekend including the beer stein carry, stein hoisting, and costume contests on Saturday, and Dachshund races on Sunday.

Parking will be available in the lot east of the venue, off Pratum Avenue, in front of the Tate & Lyle building at 5450 Prairie Stone Parkway. Handicapped parking and shuttle service will be provided. Limited parking will also be available on Prairie Stone Parkway.

For more information and a full event schedule for the weekend, visit [hoffmanestates.org/platz](http://hoffmanestates.org/platz).

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The goal of community planning is to maximize the health, safety and economic well-being of all people



living in our community. This involves thinking about transportation options, attracting and retaining thriving businesses, housing and opportunities for recreation. Planning helps create communities of lasting value.

While architects often focus on a single building, a planner's job is to work with residents and elected officials to guide the layout of an entire community or region. Planners take a broad view and look at how the pieces of a community — buildings, roads, and parks — fit together like pieces of a puzzle. Planners then make recommendations on how the community should proceed.

One of the greatest challenges for planners is to imagine what can and should happen to a community, how it should grow and change and what it should offer residents 10, 15, or even 20 years into the future.

The celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of professional planners, the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of Hoffman Estates!

The development of new businesses in Hoffman Estates has brought back memories of the history of the area of town in which I live, the Highlands. When I moved here in 1965, I found myself living in Hoffman Estates but surrounded by the Village of Schaumburg.

Those early years of development in Hoffman Estates were confusing as to what was in Hoffman Estates and what was in Schaumburg. With earlier incorporation in 1956, Schaumburg had the opportunities to annex land. Hoffman Estates didn't incorporate until 1959 and the main roads of Higgins and Golf had already been incorporated by Schaumburg. This left the two villages with businesses across the street from one another. This left me with restaurants and businesses that I enjoyed in those early days that were typically in Schaumburg.

We had several restaurants that others may remember enjoying. Some of the best Chinese food could be found at the Black Pearl. While the Black Pearl is long gone, the building on the north side of Golf Road with the black glass windows, across from what was Golf Rose Shopping Center, is still there. Lumes was a great hot dog place with foot-long dogs steamed in beer. It was near the Black Pearl about where Napleton's Auto Dealer is now located.

Also on the north side of Golf Road was Rose's Landscaping. It was the place to go

for help with gravel, black dirt or anything you needed to finish your lawn, and was located where Ziegler's Auto Group now is. All of these businesses were located in Schaumburg.

I learned that Golf Rose Shopping Center, now Golf Center, located at the southwest corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, and Hoffman Plaza just across Roselle Road, were in the Village of Hoffman Estates. Sometimes I couldn't remember what town I was in. It didn't matter, I just enjoyed the good food and shopping.

Thinking back to those early days of shopping, I remembered that the Ace Hardware that opened just a few years ago had been the Eagle Grocery Store. Then I recalled that Popeye's had been here years ago, located where the Pita House has opened on the north side of Higgins Road, just east of Springmill Road in Schaumburg. When the new Popeye's opens, it will be in Hoffman Estates just at the foot of the old Hoffman Estates water tower at Golf and Roselle Roads.

The most surprising new business, with bright green windows, is located in the southeast corner of Hoffman Plaza. Who would have ever thought that years later the Robert Hall Village store would be a cannabis dispensary named Spark'd?

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## Zoning Code Update Project Continues



Did you miss the Zoning Code Update Public Open House in June? Visit the project website at [vohezoning.org](http://vohezoning.org) to view the questions that were asked, sign up for email updates, and submit your comments on the future of zoning in Hoffman Estates. This project is on track for final adoption in Spring 2024.



# Sister Cities presents Coco Chanel

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission invites the community to attend a historical portrayal of designer, change-maker, entrepreneur and the 20th century's most influential fashion designer – and champion of “the little black dress” – Coco Chanel at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m.



Presenter Annette Baldwin will bring the lively and forthright Coco Chanel to life, letting the audience experience the remarkable change-maker's bold authority and her casual penchant for pulling no punches. Annette Baldwin's research and development of this portrayal was inspired by her past professional experience in fashion promotion for Chicago's Marshall Fields. Ms. Baldwin's portrayals and lectures on women's history, architecture and fashion have been presented in 20 states.

Following the program, lunch will be served featuring Quiche Lorraine, mixed green salad and crêpe du jour for dessert. Be adventurous and join us wearing your little black dress - Ooh La La!

Program fee, including lunch, is \$20 and reservations and payment are required in advance. To reserve your space, register online at [hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities](http://hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities) between Oct. 2 and Nov. 3, or call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606.

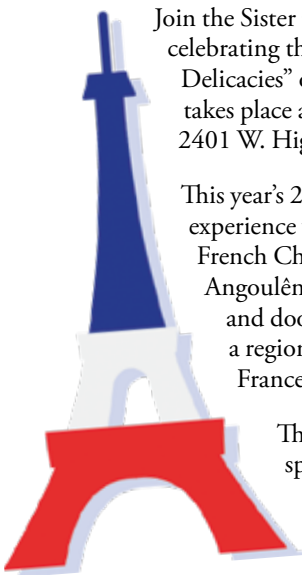
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## Soirée Culinaire French Dinner and Silent Auction

Join the Sister Cities Commission for this very special occasion celebrating the 25th annual “Soirée Culinaire – Discovering French Delicacies” on Tuesday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The dinner takes place at the Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates.

This year's 25th anniversary event includes an exciting culinary experience with a French-inspired plated meal prepared by our French Chef, Sylvain Demarais of the L'Amandier School in Angoulême, as well as appetizers, entertainment, a silent auction and door prizes. There will also be tastings of fine wines and a regional liqueur from the Village's sister city, Angoulême, France.

The cost is \$60 per person. To reserve your space, register online at [hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities](http://hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities), by Oct. 11. For more information, call Debbie Schoop at 847-781-2611. Bon appétit!



## A message from Mayor McLeod

What a summer, and a hot one at that! Thank you to the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission for drawing in record numbers of guests to the Summer Sounds on the Green concerts. It is always great to see our residents and neighbors enjoying the entertainment and amenities at the Village Green.

Speaking of Village Green – head over for the annual Platzkonzert Germanfest Sept. 8 through 10. Festivities kick off on Friday, Sept. 8 with the traditional tapping of the keg at 6 p.m., followed by live music, authentic food, activities, contests and Kinderplatz activities for kids on Saturday and Sunday. For more information visit [hoffmanestates.org/platz](http://hoffmanestates.org/platz).



Platzkonzert Germanfest features a beer stein hoisting contest.

A somber yet beautiful event, the Village's September 11th Remembrance Ceremony will also take place to remember and honor all those who tragically lost their lives as a result of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on our country. The event is hosted by our Celebrations Commission; details can be found on page 10.

Do you know a resident or business that deserves to be recognized for a job well done? Nominate someone today for a Great Citizen Award! Applications are accepted throughout the year and can be found online at [hoffmanestates.org/GreatCitizen](http://hoffmanestates.org/GreatCitizen).

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

*Bill McLeod*



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# October is **Domestic Violence** and Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) **Awareness Month**



Domestic violence is defined as “the willful intimidation, physical assault, battery, sexual assault, and/or other abusive behavior as part of a systematic pattern of power and control perpetrated by one intimate partner against another.” Domestic violence includes emotional, psychological, physical, sexual, and financial abuse and is often perpetrated in private, away from the public. Domestic

violence affects women, men, and those across the gender spectrum. It is important to note that the majority of domestic violence/intimate partner cases include men inflicting violence on women, and one in three women experience domestic violence within their lifetime.

The Village’s Health and Human Services Department joins agencies, counselors, psychologists, activists, law enforcement, and individuals working to increase awareness about domestic violence/IPV in an attempt to decrease the occurrences and the negative effects on the survivors, their friends, family, and the community.

Signs of Domestic Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Include:

- Hitting, kicking, biting, scratching, choking, smothering or any other physical violence.
- Limiting the partner’s access to money or to the phone and isolating the partner from their social support.
- Attempting to make the partner feel worthless by insulting and name-calling. The purpose of this is to exert control and to make the partner less independent and less likely to leave.
- Engaging in sex after physical violence and/or forcing a partner to engage in sexual acts.
- Intimidating the partner by threatening to hurt themselves or the partner.
- Harassment through email, text, phone, and in person.
- Harassment within the court system intended to drain financial resources of the partner.
- Engaging in projective identification, by projecting negative qualities that are unacceptable about the self onto others, making it seem like it is the survivor’s fault.
- Behavior that continues even after a divorce or separation, as the perpetrator becomes fixated on punishing and harassing the ex-partner, attempting to maintain contact.

The Village of Hoffman Estates is committed to assisting victims and survivors of domestic violence/IPV. Health and Human Services partners with the Police Department to provide resources and support for those impacted by domestic violence. Even after much progress, there is still stigma, and we salute the survivors of domestic violence who speak up and ask for help. Domestic Violence/IPV not only impacts the partner and their children, it also impacts the safety of the entire community.

If you or someone you know is a victim or survivor of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence and is in need of support, please contact:

- The Village of Hoffman Estates, Health and Human Services: (847) 781-4850
- Hoffman Estates Police Department: (847) 882-1818
- WINGS: (847) 221-5680

If you think that your partner feels controlled by you or that you are hurting someone that you love, there is help available to you. Please contact A Call For Change at 877-898-3411.



## Health and Human Services Offering Seminars This Fall

### Overcoming Anxiety and Building Resilience

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road  
RSVP to 847-781-4850 or email [maria.comejogarcia@vohe.org](mailto:maria.comejogarcia@vohe.org)

Discover how to be a mindful and compassionate individual by learning about the neuroscience of the brain as it relates to anxiety and stress. Participants will use self-lead mindfulness exercises to help mitigate anxiety and learn ways to more effectively manage daily life.

### Supere la Ansiedad y Cree la Resiliencia

Descubra como ser un individuo consciente y compasiva/o. Aprenda sobre la neurociencia del cerebro relacionado con la ansiedad y el estrés. Alentase a liderase primeramente a usted misma/o con ejercicios prácticos y actividades en la presencia en investigaciones estudiadas, que pueda ayudar mitigar la ansiedad, y sea introducida/o a maneras en que efectivamente pueda manejar su vida diaria e impactar positivamente los que le rodean.

Presented by Dr. Alicia La Hoz, licensed clinical psychologist and CEO of Family Bridges of Chicago. Sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates Dept. of Health & Human Services and Cook County Dept. of Public Health Building Healthy Communities Grant.

### Cultural Challenges of Modern Parenting

Learn about modern struggles faced by children, the four parenting styles (permissive, neglectful, authoritarian, and authoritative), gain awareness of implicit and explicit cultural differences, and learn positive coping skills during this presentation.

Thursday, Oct. 5, 2023  
7 to 8:30 p.m.  
Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road  
RSVP to 847-781-4850 or email [maria.comejogarcia@vohe.org](mailto:maria.comejogarcia@vohe.org)

### Retas Culturales sobre la Crianza de los Hijos en el tiempo Contemporáneo en los Estados Unidos

Las retas culturales sobre la crianza de los hijos en el tiempo contemporáneo en los Estados Unidos es una presentación preparada por la Dra. Martha Angel para los residentes de Hoffman Estates para que aprendan sobre los cuatro estilos de crianzas de los hijos (Permisivo, Negligente, Autoritario, Estricto), las luchas que enfrentan nuestros hijos hoy día, y la realidad de las retas de crianza de los hijos. Conocimiento sobre nuestras explícitos e implícitos diferencias culturales, prejuicios implícitos, tanto como las capacidades positivas para enfrentar situaciones difíciles serán presentadas.

Presented by Dr. Martha Angel, Bilingual Clinician and owner of A&A Clinical Counseling Solutions, Inc. Warrenville, IL. Sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates Dept. of Health & Human Services and Cook County Dept. of Public Health Building Healthy Communities Grant.



# 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, and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850. Vaccination appointments can be made online at [portal.hoffmanestates.org](http://portal.hoffmanestates.org).

## 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

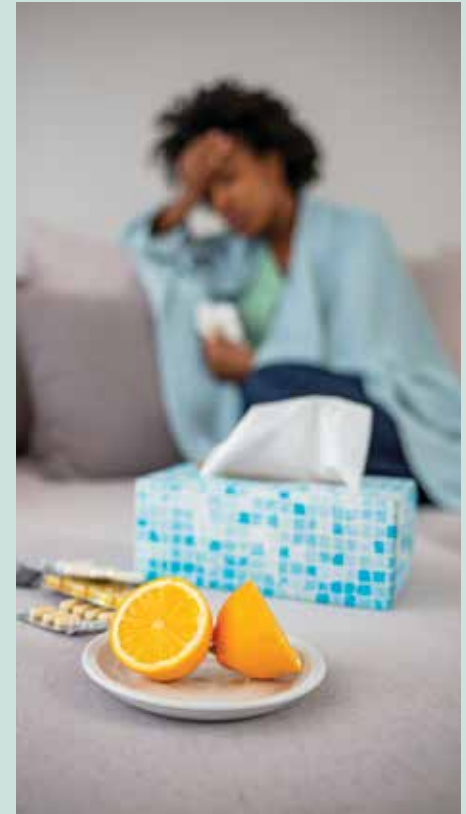
The Hemoglobin A1C test is a simple finger stick to find out if you are at risk for or have diabetes by measuring your average blood sugar levels over the past three months. The test takes 6 minutes and the cost is only \$15.

## Children and baby clinics

Health and Human Services offers several vaccination clinics for babies and children. Please visit our website at [hoffmanestates.org/HHS](http://hoffmanestates.org/HHS) to learn about program requirements and our practice and philosophies.

## NEW: Vaccine Appointment Portal

Visit our new appointment scheduling portal at [portal.hoffmanestates.org](http://portal.hoffmanestates.org) to schedule vaccinations. Please take a picture of your child's vaccine record and upload it where indicated in the portal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at (847) 781-4850.



## Take the **first step** in preventing the flu

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. Even healthy people can get the flu. Most of those who get sick will recover in less than two weeks, but it can be dangerous for people over the age of 65, young children, and individuals with chronic health conditions.

The best way to decrease the risk of flu and its complications is to get a flu vaccine each year. While a flu vaccine may not prevent all flu illnesses, it can decrease the severity of symptoms, reduce hospitalizations, and prevent deaths. The best time to get vaccinated is now, before flu starts circulating in the community.

Health and Human Services offers flu vaccines for children 6 months and older and adults, and high-dose flu vaccines for seniors 65 and older at Village Hall. Appointments are required. Visit [portal.hoffmanestates.org](http://portal.hoffmanestates.org) to schedule an appointment through our new portal or call 847-781-4850 for more information.



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

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## Clerk's corner

There's no place like home! Support our local businesses and restaurants by visiting them here in Hoffman Estates to shop and dine. New businesses are opening up all over town – visit them or revisit one of your favorites that you may not have gone to lately. To find a listing of all local businesses, visit our website at [hoffmanestates.org](http://hoffmanestates.org) and view the Business Directory. You may be surprised at all that the Village has to offer.

# Branch pickup resumes by zone on Sept. 25

The free curbside tree branch pickup program through Hoffman Estates Public Works begins on Monday, Sept. 25, starting with Zone A. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

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

Public Works crews **WILL** accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter and/or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Branches from willow trees if separated from other materials

Public Works crews **WILL NOT** accept:

- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood

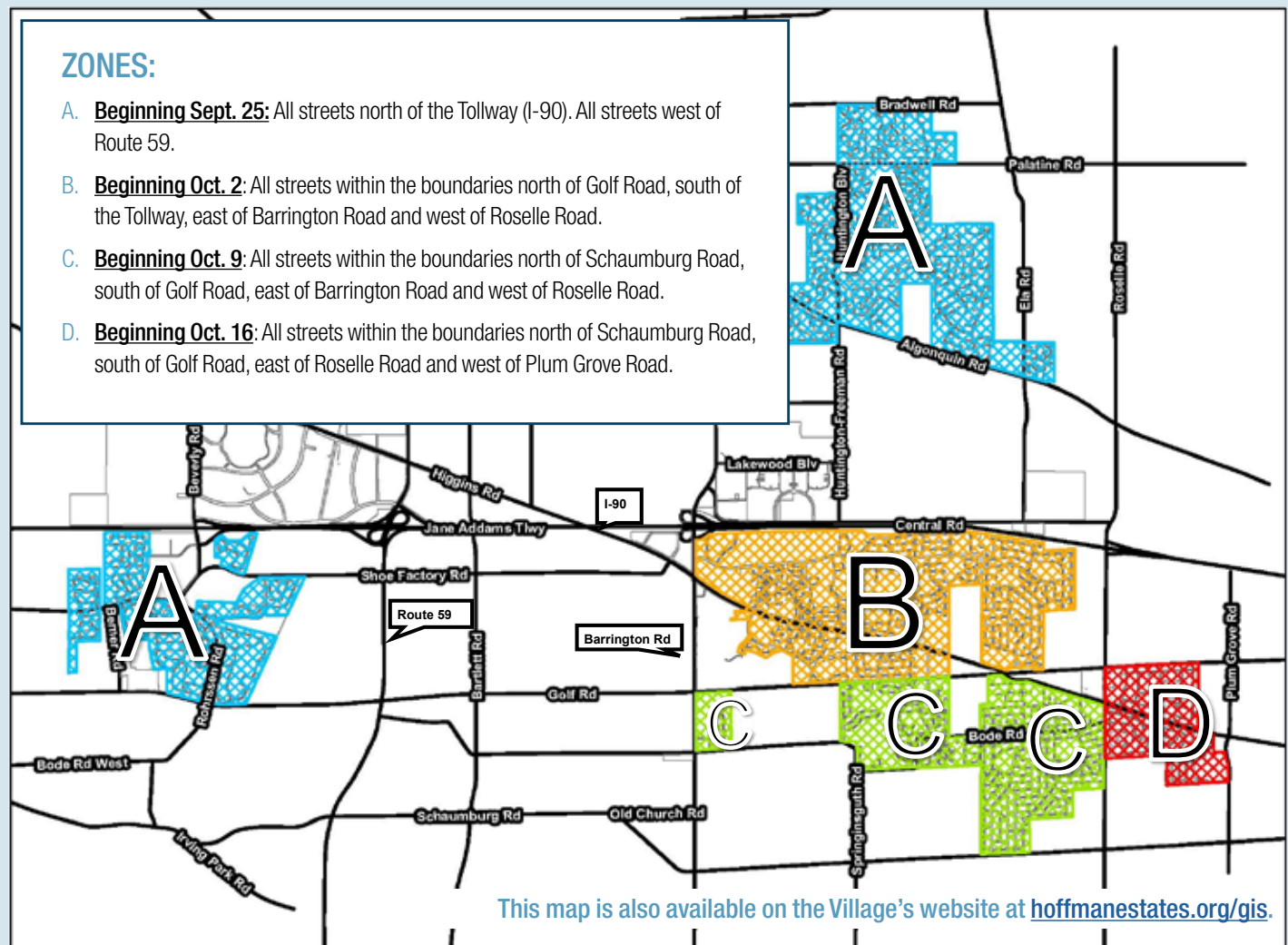
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste

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

**Once branches from your zone are picked up, the branch pickup concludes for this zone until the spring pickup.**

While supplies last, free wood chips will be available to residents at the Village's Vehicle Maintenance facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, during daylight hours after 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during daylight hours on weekends. Please bring your own containers.

**If you have any questions or are interested in free large truckload deliveries of wood chips, call the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800.**





# Floodplain information and services

Flooding can happen to anyone. Even if you do not live near a body of water or have never previously experienced flooding, a flooding risk may still exist. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) identify areas at higher risk of flooding, known as the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) (or commonly “floodplain”).

FIRMs are prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify flood zones and determine risk. The Village can assist homeowners, renters and business owners in determining if your home or business is located within a SFHA.

The Village offers a service that is free to anyone interested in obtaining information regarding the Village’s FIRMs. Available information includes:

- Whether a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) and if there may be a requirement to purchase flood insurance.
- FIRM flood zone, panel number, suffix, panel date and regulatory base flood elevation for a property.
- A map of the property with the flood zone overlaid.
- Additional flood map information, including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.

- Local drainage issues or flooding sources not identified on the FIRM.
- Information regarding wetland and open space areas within the Village and regulations prohibiting development.

The goal of the map information service is to educate the community about the potential flood risk on a designated property, to improve floodplain management and to provide information about steps that can be taken to reduce losses as a result of potential flooding events.

Because Hoffman Estates is a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), property owners within the Village are eligible for flood insurance policies at discounted rates. Only a specific flood insurance policy will cover damage related to flooding. Policy details and rate information can be obtained through most insurance agents.

**Please call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email [roadconstruction@vohe.org](mailto:roadconstruction@vohe.org) with any questions about flood risk. The FIRM panels are available for review at Village Hall or online at the FEMA Map Service Center at [msc.fema.gov](https://msc.fema.gov). Additional resources are also provided on the official NFIP website at [floodsmart.gov](https://floodsmart.gov).**

## Public Works Hosting Open House Nov. 4

Public Works is hosting its Annual Open House on Saturday, Nov. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue. Guests of all ages can tour the facility to learn about the skills, tools and equipment used to maintain infrastructure in Hoffman Estates.

This free event includes snow plow rides, live demonstrations, interactive displays and a touch-a-truck with vehicles and equipment like dump trucks, loaders, excavators, aerial lifts and more. Light refreshments, giveaways, and raffle items will be offered while supplies last.

Public Works will also smash and compost pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns at the Open House in an ongoing effort to promote sustainability in a fun and exciting way (please remove candles and other decorations).

**For more information about the Open House and Pumpkin Smash, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email [publicworks@vohe.org](mailto:publicworks@vohe.org).**



## Open Houses kick off Fire Prevention Week in Hoffman Estates

Help the Hoffman Estates Fire Department kick off Fire Prevention Week by attending Fire Station Open Houses this October. Help us to raise fire prevention awareness and help create a safer community by joining us for station tours, fire sprinkler demonstrations, vendor booths and to practice hands-on skills with a CPR station and fire extinguisher use with a live fire simulator. Activities for children include sliding down the fire pole, touch-a-truck, and a firefighter obstacle course. Sparky the Fire Dog will be there, and the Air Methods aeromedical helicopter will land next to Firehouse 23.

**Fire Station Open Houses run from 1 to 4 p.m. on the following dates:**

- Saturday, Oct. 7: Firehouse 21, 225 Flagstaff Lane
- Saturday, Oct. 14: Firehouse 23, 1300 Westbury Drive
- Saturday, Oct. 21: Firehouse 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

# Lithium-Ion Battery Safety



Lithium-ion batteries supply power to many kinds of devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters and e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and even cars. If not used correctly, or if damaged, these batteries can catch on fire or explode.

## The problem

- These batteries store a large amount of energy in a small amount of space.
- Sometimes batteries are not used the right way; batteries not designed for a specific use can be dangerous.
- Like any product, a small number of these batteries are defective. They can overheat, catch fire, or explode.

## Safety Tips

- Purchase and use devices that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Only use the battery that is designed for the device.
- Put batteries in the device the right way.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Do not charge a device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Store batteries away from anything that can catch fire.

## Signs of a Problem

Stop using the battery if you notice these problems: odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, or odd noises. If it is safe to do so, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.

## Battery Disposal

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash.
- Recycling is always the best option.
- Take them to a battery recycling location or contact your community for disposal instructions.
- Do not put discarded batteries in piles.

## Charging an E-bike

Charge your battery in a flat, dry area away from children, direct sunlight, liquids, tripping hazards, and in a location where the e-bike is not at risk of falling.



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# Home Fire Sprinklers

Over 80% of fire deaths occur in homes. Home fire sprinklers can save lives and property from fire. They respond quickly and effectively to fire, often extinguishing the fire before the fire department arrives. Only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water on the fire.

## Safety Tips

- Home fire sprinklers save lives and property. In many situations, a family who has survived a fire where a sprinkler is activated will have their house and enough of the items and spaces within in their home in such a condition that they can continue living their lives as they did before the fire.
- The cost of a home fire sprinkler system in a new home averages \$1.35 per sprinklered square foot, totaling an amount similar to what is spent for carpet upgrades, paving stone driveway or a whirlpool bath.
- A home fire sprinkler system can reduce a homeowner's insurance premium.
- Fire departments typically use roughly 10 times as much water as a fire sprinkler would use to contain a fire.
- Fire sprinklers are environmentally friendly. They can reduce the amount of water run-off and pollution, water usage to fight a home fire by as much as 91%, and fire damage by up to 71%.
- Cigar smoke or burnt toast will not activate a fire sprinkler. Only the high temperature of a fire will activate the sprinkler.
- A home fire sprinkler system is easy to maintain. Just inspect your home to make sure the sprinklers are not blocked by something that would prevent the water from coming out, such as paint, and be sure the main control valve is never turned off.
- Home fire sprinklers are effective in cold and warm climates. Guidelines have been created for the proper installation of systems to avoid pipes freezing. A home fire sprinkler system should be winterized the same as you winterize a domestic water supply.

## FACTS

- ➔ More than **2,500** people die in home fires each year.
- ➔ If a home fire occurs, the risk of dying decreases by about **80%** when the home is equipped with a fire sprinkler system.

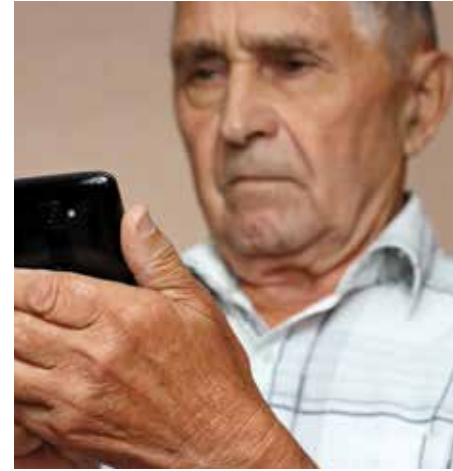
# Hoffman Estates Police: Beware of Scams

The Hoffman Estates Police Department has received a number of reports of scammers posing as representatives of the Village of Hoffman Estates and offering “work at home employment” opportunities via Facebook. These scammers will ask for private personal information as part of what they call an “employment screening process.” Once the unsuspecting victim has obtained the false job, the scammers then ask the victim to advertise properties on Facebook Marketplace for “rent” when in fact they are privately owned properties that are not for rent.

In a separate scam, victims are contacted by scammers claiming to be with the Internal Revenue Service, United States Border Patrol and other law enforcement, or Federal agencies requesting “fees” via Bitcoin or gift cards. In an attempt to further their so-called authenticity, they will also “spoof” the Hoffman Estates Police Department non-emergency phone number so that the Hoffman Estates Police Department phone number displays on the caller ID when the phone call is received.

Please keep in mind that the Village of Hoffman Estates does not offer to rent out private residences via social media, nor does any law enforcement or federal agency accept funds or fees over the phone in the form of Bitcoin, gift cards, or any other non-traditional currency.

If you receive an advertisement or phone call that you are wary of, don't hesitate to contact the Hoffman Estates Police Department to verify the identity of the caller, and to ask any questions you may have. Officers will be happy to assist you in determining if any advertisement or phone call you receive is legitimate or a scam.



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## Police drug drop box

Unwanted and unused medications can be dropped off in the special drug collection box located in the front lobby of the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.

The drug collection box is accessible 24 hours a day, and is free to use. Only dry medications are accepted, no liquids or needles please.

This drug take back program is run through the Cook County MEDS Disposal Initiative. For more information, visit [cookcountymeds.org](http://cookcountymeds.org).



# Community briefs

## Labor Day observance and service impacts

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day during the week of the holiday. The Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program on Monday, Sept. 4 at the Village Hall is also postponed. The service will resume on Monday, Sept. 11.

## Sept. 11 commemoration ceremony

Please join the Mayor and Village Board for a brief memorial service to remember the day that changed us forever. Everyone is welcome to the 9/11 ceremony conducted by the Celebrations Commission on Monday, Sept. 11 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. at 5 p.m.



## Seasonal brush drop-off program ends in September

Brush and branches may be brought to the Public Works Vehicle Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., on Sept. 2 and Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for this free, optional drop-off program. Residential use only (no commercial loads). Proof of residency is required. For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

## Upcoming programs for Seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun events in September and October!

- **Thursday, Sept. 21:** Senior Luncheon, noon at Village Hall. Come for the good food, and stay for the entertainment. Cost is \$10, registration is required.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 25:** fall luncheon with exciting magical entertainment, 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.

## Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours

The suggested hours for trick-or-treating in Hoffman Estates are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. Visit [hoffmanestates.org](http://hoffmanestates.org) for Halloween safety tips.



## Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday event

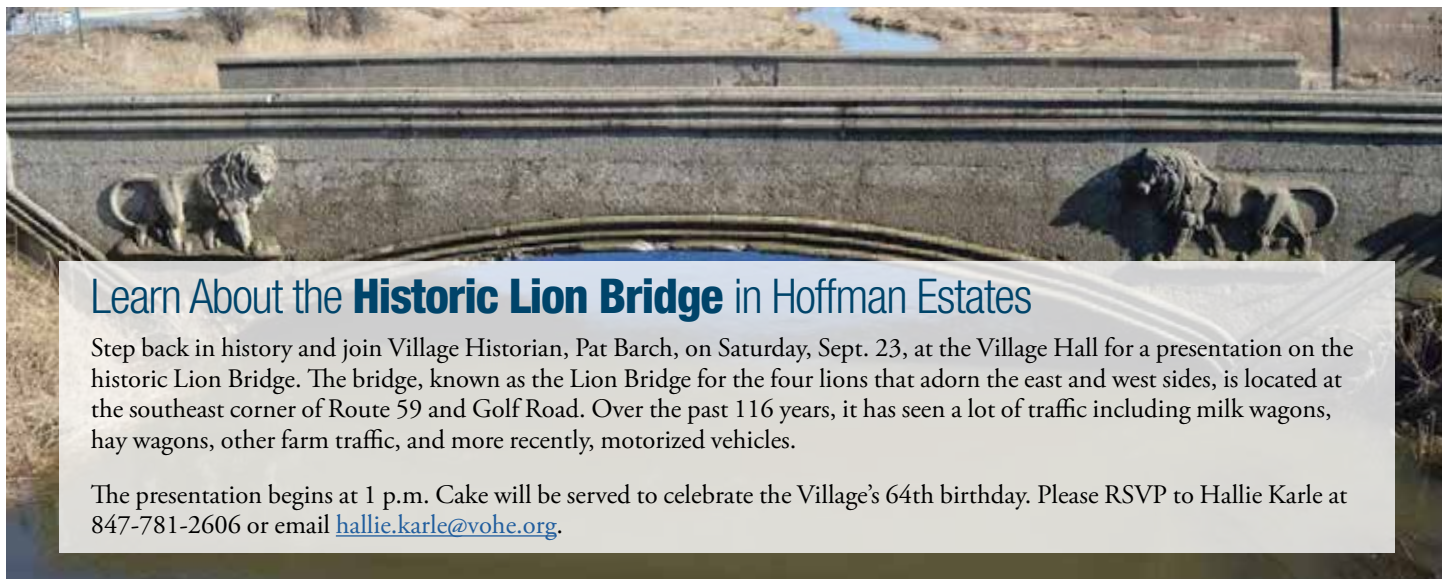
The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over on Friday, Oct. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606. There will be no First Friday event in September.

## Purchase pet tags by November 1

If a pet becomes lost, the Village can reunite them with their family through a registered pet tag. The Village requires an annual pet license for each indoor and outdoor dog and cat. Tags purchased in 2022 expire October 31, and 2023 tags should be purchased prior to November 1. Please note that late fees will be assessed after November 30. Licenses can be purchased at Village Hall for \$5 each and \$2 for senior citizens (not to exceed two animals per household). A maximum of five dogs or five cats (or a combination of the two) are permitted in each residence. A current rabies tag number and the expiration date is needed to register. For more information, call 847-882-9100. The pet license application can be found at [hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses](http://hoffmanestates.org/petlicenses).

## Holiday Giving Tree applications open

Health and Human Services is proud to host the annual Holiday Giving Tree program, assisting families with children in need with gifts for the holiday season. Applications are now being accepted for both families who are experiencing hardship and would like to be recipients of gifts as well as for residents or businesses who would like to sponsor a family in need. Our goal is to ensure that no child in our community will go without a holiday gift due to hardship. Application deadline is Nov. 1. To receive an application as a sponsor or as a recipient, and to learn about eligibility, please call 847-781-4850.



## Learn About the Historic Lion Bridge in Hoffman Estates

Step back in history and join Village Historian, Pat Barch, on Saturday, Sept. 23, at the Village Hall for a presentation on the historic Lion Bridge. The bridge, known as the Lion Bridge for the four lions that adorn the east and west sides, is located at the southeast corner of Route 59 and Golf Road. Over the past 116 years, it has seen a lot of traffic including milk wagons, hay wagons, other farm traffic, and more recently, motorized vehicles.

The presentation begins at 1 p.m. Cake will be served to celebrate the Village's 64th birthday. Please RSVP to Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 or email [hallie.karle@vohe.org](mailto:hallie.karle@vohe.org).



# September & October calendar

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

## September

### Saturday, September 2

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

### \*Sunday, September 3

- Veteran Flag #64, PFC Preston Evers, Army

### Monday, September 4

- HOLIDAY - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

### Tuesday, September 5

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 6:30 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 6

- Utility Commission, 12 p.m.
- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, September 7

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

### Friday, September 8

- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 6 p.m. VG

### Saturday, September 9

- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 12 p.m. VG

### \*Sunday, September 10

- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 12 p.m. VG
- Veteran Flag #65 Lt. Col Robert J. Panek Sr., USAF, Vietnam

### Monday, September 11

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- September 11 ceremony, 5 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 12

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

### Thursday, September 14

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

**FS21:** Fire Station #21, 225 Flagstaff Ln.

**FS23:** Fire Station #23, 1300 Westbury Dr.

**FS24:** Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

### Saturday, September 16

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

### \*Sunday, September 17

- Veteran Flag #66 Sgt. Donald C. Jones, Army, WWII

### Monday, September 18

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

### Tuesday, September 19

- Village Board, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 19

- Overcoming Anxiety seminar, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 20

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

### Thursday, September 21

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

### Saturday, September 23

- Historian Talk - Hoffman Estates Birthday Party, 1 p.m.

### \*Sunday, September 24

- Veteran Flag #67 Sgt. Stanley C. Paige, Army, Vietnam

### Monday, September 25

- Fall Branch Pickup - Zone A
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, September 26

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, September 27

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

## October

### \* Sunday, October 1

- Watering Ban Ends
- Veteran Flag #68 Sgt. Fernando Figueroa, Army, Vietnam

### Monday, October 2

- Fall Branch Pickup - Zone B
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 3

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

### Wednesday, October 4

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m.

### Thursday, October 5

- Cultural Challenges of Modern Parenting seminar, 7 p.m.

### Friday, October 6

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

### Saturday, October 7

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m., FS21

### \*Sunday, October 8

- Veteran Flag #69 Sgt. Richard J. Collins, USMC, WWII

### Monday, October 9

- Fall Branch Pickup - Zone C
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 10

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

- Fire and Police Commission, 6 p.m., PD

### Thursday, October 12

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, October 14

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m., FS23

### \*Sunday, October 15

- Veteran Flag #70 Sgt. Robert W. Church, Army, WWII

**ST:** Schaumburg Township, 1 Illinois Blvd.

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

### Monday, October 16

- Fall Branch Pickup - Zone D
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 17

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

### Wednesday, October 18

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

### Thursday, October 19

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

### Saturday, October 21

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m., FS24
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

### \*Sunday, October 22

- Veteran Flag #71 Sgt. David L. Jacobs, USAAF, WWII

### Monday, October 23

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, October 24

- Soirée Culinare French Dinner, 5:30 p.m., SGBC
- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, October 25

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

### \*Sunday, October 29

- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.
- Veteran Flag #72 S/Sgt. Ray F. DeCola, Army, WWII

### Monday, October 30

- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

### Tuesday, October 31

- Trick-or-Treat hours: 3-7 p.m.

View Village website calendar for event updates and details.



\*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.

## Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta

The Village's Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to celebrate the community's diversity by hosting the Annual Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta on Saturday, Oct. 21, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. This year's theme "Wellness and our Children" will feature speaker, author and family therapist David Carrillo. David will be speaking on developing personal growth and confidence in our children.

Enjoy an afternoon of the sights and sounds of Hispanic culture, featuring dance groups representing Latin American countries and a sampling of Hispanic cuisine, and of course, a piñata for the kids!

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 by Friday, Oct. 13.



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

### Village officials

#### Mayor

William D. McLeod

#### Trustees

Karen J. Arnet  
Patrick Kinnane  
Karen V. Mills  
Anna Newell  
Gary J. Pilafas  
Gary G. Stanton

#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

#### Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

### Municipal facilities

*Visit our website for  
online services.*

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### Police Department

411 W. Higgins Road

#### Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

#### Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

#### Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

#### Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

#### Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

#### Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

#### Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

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## Patrick Kinnane appointed Trustee on Village Board

The Village Board in Hoffman Estates voted to appoint Patrick Kinnane to the vacant trustee seat on the Board on June 26. The Board vacancy followed the death of Trustee Michael Gaeta on May 21, who served on the Village Board for over a decade.

“Pat is a proven leader in our community, having served for many years as President of the Park District Board,” said Mayor McLeod. “I am looking forward to Pat continuing his service to the Hoffman Estates community in this new capacity as Trustee.”



Originally elected to the Hoffman Estates Park District Board in 2013, Kinnane has served as its Board President since 2015. He has also served as Chairperson of the Village’s Historical Sites Commission since 2019, and on the Planning and Zoning Commission since February of this year.

Currently employed at Tony’s Fresh Market in Schaumburg, Kinnane graduated from Northwestern University Traffic Institute School of Staff and Command, served as a firefighter and a certified emergency medical technician in Lombard, and was a 9-1-1 dispatcher for over 15 years. Kinnane is an active member of the Knights of Columbus and the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, and has volunteered with PADS, the American Cancer Society, the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity.

### Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host Coffee with the Board on Saturday, Oct. 21, 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.

