

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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Get ready to roll with *Hoffman in Motion*

The Village of Hoffman Estates is working to improve transportation options for all residents with the launch of *Hoffman in Motion*, a comprehensive transportation planning process. Community feedback is an important part of the plan, so there are several opportunities for stakeholders to provide input.



LET'S MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER!

For more information and details on how to get involved, visit: HoffmanInMotion.com or scan the QR code.




A transportation survey is currently open online at hoffmaninmotion.com/engage to give everyone a voice in shaping the future of transportation in Hoffman Estates. This survey will only take a few minutes, allowing respondents the opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences with transportation in Hoffman Estates. A signup form to receive regular project updates via email is also available on the *Hoffman in Motion* website.

The project team, including consultants and Village staff, will also hold community pop-up events to gather feedback. These events will be held during the Senior Commission lunch at Village Hall on May 15, at the Crank Revolution Wednesday group bike ride on June 12, and at the Summer Sounds on the Green concert on June 20.

More information about the pop-up events is available on the *Hoffman In Motion* website.

The *Hoffman in Motion* plan will guide the future of travel in Hoffman Estates and will consider alternative transportation modes, such as walking, biking, and public transit, to make daily travel more convenient for everyone. Existing transportation options will also be analyzed with the goal to improve safety and ease of travel. Overall, the project aims to expand transportation options, improve connections between key destinations, enhance access in underserved areas and advance pedestrian and cyclist safety.



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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Village named Tree City USA for 33rd consecutive year

For the 33rd 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.

As I notice more and more Amazon, UPS and FedEx trucks going up and down our local streets, I think back to the days when home delivery of certain groceries was a standard occurrence in 1965 when I moved here from Chicago.

Many women were stay-at-home moms back then, including myself. Many families could only afford one car, and that went to work with our husbands, leaving the women at home with no way to get to the stores to shop. What we all loved was the convenience of having food delivered to our doors. Of course the main man was the milkman. He and the juice man put insulated metal boxes on our front porch to hold their cold products. Hedlins Dairy and the Home Juice Co. came on different days, so I never had too much to carry into the house. The milkman would also bring eggs, butter, cottage cheese and cream if you needed them – just left a note in the box for him and it was delivered the next visit! Milk deliveries ended for many of the local dairies in 1989 when raw milk prices increased to the point where home deliveries were too expensive to continue their services to individual homes.

The Home Juice Co. is still in business in Melrose Park, IL. They began their business in 1946 and continue to this day. The kids always looked forward to the Home Juice delivery more than the milk. They had their favorites, and I remember that grape juice was one they always wanted me to order. Personally, orange juice was always at the top of my list. Everything was bottled in glass back then, and the bottles were heavy and subject to breaking. It was so nice to just put the washed bottle back in the

box for the delivery man to reclaim, and not have to worry about taking it back to the store.

My favorite home delivery man was from Jewel home delivery. I would order many food items from him, and we had our favorites. Chili wheel dinner and do-it-yourself homemade pizza with sauce and cheese in the box are two that I clearly remember from back in the day. I learned that Jewel was started back in 1899 by brothers-in-law team Frank Skiff and Frank Ross, who began the business of delivering tea, coffee, spices and extracts with their horse and wagon. By the time of Jewel's 50th anniversary, they had 1,800 home delivery routes across 43 states and 150 retail stores in the Chicago area. The Jewel home delivery man ended his connection with the stores in 1981, but continued to run his deliveries as an independent dealer with food supplies still coming from the Jewel headquarters in Barrington, IL.

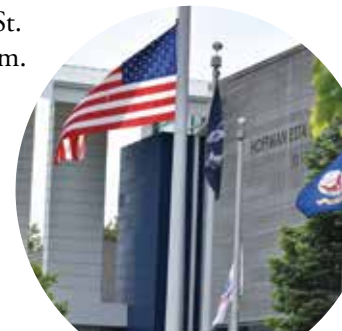
I had heard of another delivery company called Schwan Food Company. I never ordered from them, but learned of them from my daughter-in-law who raved about their pies. Pizza was another favorite. Schwan's ice cream also had a lot of fans. They still deliver to the area and can be found online with products and prices. Ever since the COVID-19 pandemic, we find food delivery available everywhere. The only change is that delivery of food can be done in the grocer's parking lot or to your home if you choose. Food delivery is still a welcome addition to our busy lives just as it was back in 1965.

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Memorial Day ceremony

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Village of Schaumburg will host a joint Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 27 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 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's website at hoffmanestates.org for additional details.



Northwest Fourth-Fest back for 2024

Northwest Fourth-Fest, the region's largest free-admission Fourth of July celebration, returns to Hoffman Estates this summer! The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Park District are once again excited to host this annual event.

Kick off the celebration with the Fourth of July parade on Thursday, July 4 along Illinois Boulevard starting at 9 a.m. The festivities continue at the NOW Arena/Village Green with the carnival, which runs from Wednesday, July 3, through Saturday, July 6.

The full festival will take place on Friday and Saturday. With a jam-packed lineup of events and activities, you will find something fun for everyone to enjoy. On Friday and Saturday nights, enjoy live entertainment with performances by local favorites like 7th heaven, Ken Dix, Wedding Banned, and Serendipity.

Festival attractions also include the very popular Kid's Zone by Wintrust, a petting zoo, face painting, a balloon twister, the Bubble Guy, the Frog Lady and more. Get active and race, climb and play on the giant slide, ride the trackless train or try your hand at the pop-a-shot basketball hoop. Everything at the Kid's Zone is free, and there is plenty of family-friendly fun for all ages!

New this year, a drone light show will light up the skies over festival grounds on Friday, July 5 starting at 9:30 p.m. Join us to cap off the festival portion of the weekend with a state-of-the-art fireworks display, presented by Groot, on Saturday, July 6 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 shows! For complete festival details, visit northwestfourthfest.com.



A message from Mayor McLeod



On March 19, 2024, we lost a wonderfully kind and smart man. Former Mayor of Schaumburg Al Larson was dedicated to the Village of Schaumburg and served on many committees before becoming mayor in 1987. He cared about Schaumburg and consistently worked to make it a great place to live and work. He loved his family and was a great friend. He will be missed by many.

Warmer temperatures and better weather are giving way to exciting outdoor events here in Hoffman Estates. The Hideaway Brew Garden and Village Green are preparing for the summer concert season featuring the Summer Concerts on the Green, hosted by the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission. The Hideaway stage kicks off Friday, May 3 with Mike Hayes on the mic. Visit hideawaybrewgarden.com for dates and times of upcoming events!

In addition to summer music, Memorial Day is just around the corner. Please join us for a morning of remembrance as we recognize the individuals who fought and died for our freedoms. The annual Memorial Day Ceremony begins at the Hoffman Estates Police Department and concludes at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg.

Finally, save the date for the Hoffman Estates Charitable Foundation's Inaugural Golf Tournament taking place on Wednesday, July 24 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. Proceeds from the event will support the Health and Human Services Department's Self-Help Fund for residents in need. E-mail Jenn Djordjevic at Jennifer.djordjevic@vohe.org for registration and sponsorship information.

As always, if you have questions or just want to drop a note to say hello, you can call me at 847-815-3842 or email bill.mcleod@vohe.org.

Bill McLeod



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May is Building Safety Month

Building permit portal: create an account

Building permit applications are processed online through the Village's eTRAKiT permit portal. Online permit submittals ensure a faster and more streamlined process that makes it easier to obtain permits and correspond digitally with multiple reviewers. The portal can be accessed at hoffmanestates.org/permits.

The eTRAKiT system requires residents and contractors to create an account online to apply for permits and to schedule associated inspections. Public eTRAKiT accounts can be created at any time for homeowners who are self-performing the work. Residents planning to hire a contractor for an upcoming construction project should ensure that the company is aware of this requirement. All contractors must contact the Village in order to activate their accounts for the first time.

Building & Code Enforcement staff are available to help guide residents and contractors through the registration and submittal process. To get started, email buildingpermits@vohe.org or call 847-781-2631.

Fire Department offering CPR courses

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering Heartsaver CPR/AED courses on Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Monday, June 17 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hoffman Estates Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr. Registration is required; class sizes are limited. Call 847-843-4825 to register. Visit hoffmanestates.org/CPR for a full course schedule.

The International Code Council (ICC) sponsors Building Safety Month every May to raise awareness about building safety. This month-long educational campaign highlights how important it is for municipalities to adopt modern building codes and raises awareness about the importance of building codes in establishing and ensuring the safety of the built environment.



One of the main goals is to 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. This year's theme, "Mission Possible," encourages people to get involved in all aspects of building safety.

The Village of Hoffman Estates utilizes building codes to protect residents from disasters like fires, weather-related events, and structural collapses. Building codes offer the best way to protect spaces where we live, work, play and learn, through the issuance of building permits and regular inspections.

This year, the State of Illinois has adopted the Illinois Energy Conservation Code 2021 to promote enhanced energy efficiency and energy related savings. Adopting these ICC 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.

Rental Assistance Available

A rental assistance program is still available for Hoffman Estates residents affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but only a short amount of time remains for this program. 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. There are only a few more months of this program, so please check with NWHP promptly. For further details, please contact NWHP at 847-969-0561 or visit nwHP.net.



Protect Yourself from "Storm Chasers" After a Natural Disaster

With private property damage reports made following the Feb. 27 severe weather event that included two confirmed tornado touchdowns in Hoffman Estates, property owners are urged to be aware of companies or individuals who may try to take advantage of residents and business owners with "storm chaser" scams.



There have been instances of contractors claiming they can repair the damage quickly and cheaply, and they advise potential customers against getting permits. They may scam property owners into providing down payments and perform subpar, non-compliant work, or skip town without any way to hold them accountable.

The Better Business Bureau has some great tips for property owners, including:

- Contact your insurance company first.
- Do your research – get referrals from friends and neighbors.
- Resist high-pressure sales.
- Be especially careful of door-to-door contractors.
- Don't sign over insurance checks to contractors.
- Be wary regarding places that you can't see.

The Village's Building and Code Enforcement Department also warns against allowing contractors to conduct free inspections, as unethical contractors may intentionally create damage to get work. The Village issues a solicitation license with photo ID badge after conducting background checks. Anyone knocking on your door without this license and ID would be another red flag. As always, feel free to contact the Village Building Department at 847-781-2631 or email at buildingpermits@vohe.org if you have any questions regarding the contractor.

Visit the Better Business Bureau website at bbb.org for additional information about protecting yourself from storm chaser scams.

Water Quality Report available in June

Beginning in June, the annual Water Quality Report for 2023 will be made 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@vohe.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 2023 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) will be available in June! 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 2023. 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.



Citizen's Public Works Academy

New this year, Hoffman Estates Public Works is offering the community a first-person view into the inner operations at Public Works. Participants in the inaugural Citizen's Public Works Academy will have an opportunity to learn about infrastructure maintenance, service provision, and equipment used to accomplish the many tasks that Public Works is responsible for.

The Citizen's Public Works Academy launches this summer on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave., July 17 through August 28. A special academy graduation ceremony will be held at Village Hall on September 16. Participants must be at least 18-years-old. For more information, please email John Kovaka at John.Kovaka@vohe.org.

Growing to Greenness!

Help protect birds in the environment



From the Village of Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission

Spring brings longer days, warmer temperatures and migratory birds

back to our parks and yards. Mid-March marked the beginning of bird nesting season in the Midwest. While we enjoy watching them and hearing their songs, there has been a cumulative loss of 2.9 billion breeding adult birds that have vanished since 1970, according to Cornell Lab of Ornithology. The greatest losses are among the “common” birds, including sparrows, blackbirds, finches, and warblers.

There are many simple, easy actions to reduce global bird extinction by reducing habitat loss, impacting climate change, reducing unregulated harvest, and stopping human intervention.

- Apply decals or use screens to help birds identify windows.
- Plant native plants. Native plants offer food, shelter, and nesting areas.
- Avoid pesticides. Pesticides can be toxic to birds through direct contact or by eating contaminated seeds or insects.
- Protect the planet from plastics. Birds often ingest plastic or microplastics by mistaking them for food.



Mindful Families Yoga Workshop

Join the Health and Human Services Department this summer for a free Mindfulness for Families mini-workshop and family yoga event on Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. This event is open to families with children ages 6 and up.

While children participate in a craft activity, parents and caregivers will get a chance to pause, reflect on their experience, and practice mindfulness techniques. Afterwards, everyone will come together for a family-friendly yoga-session led by Grounded Wellness Yoga Studio.

RSVP by June 17 online by visiting <https://bit.ly/3IZ5pDt> or by scanning the QR code. For questions about registration and programming, email Brandon Less at brandon.less@vohe.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 1, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

Entertainment will include Academy of Irish Music, Ecuador Taki Sumac, Edizon Dayao, Aztec Dance Chicago, Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers and I-Radha India Dance Academy. Crafts for children and samples of cultural food are included in this family-friendly event.

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



Celebrating Diversity Fair

Get ready to experience cultural immersion at the Celebrating Diversity Fair! Join the Health and Human Services Department at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on May 18 from 10 to 11 a.m. for an unforgettable experience featuring a scavenger hunt, interactive games, arts and crafts, and a variety of activities for all ages. Come together with friends, family, and neighbors as we celebrate what makes us unique, and embrace the diversity of our global community. Light refreshments will be served.



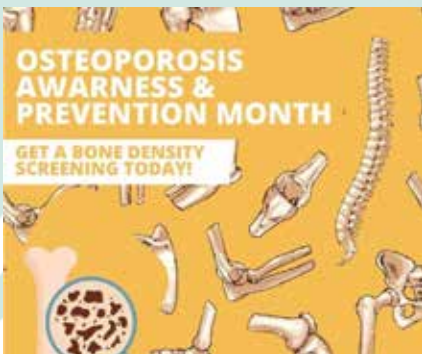
To register for the event, visit <https://bit.ly/3vwwWJg> or scan the QR code. For questions regarding registration and programming, please contact Sitara Puliyaanda at sitara.puliyanda@vohe.org.



Healthy body, healthy mind ...

news from Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services offers affordable physical and mental health services to the community, including blood pressure checks, diabetes and hemoglobin testing, cholesterol screenings, children and baby clinics, and vaccines. To schedule mental health appointments, health screenings, preventative tests, and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850. Vaccination appointments can be made online at portal.hoffmanestates.org.



May is Osteoporosis Awareness Month

Adults have approximately 206 bones in their bodies. They contain blood cells, store minerals, and provide important functions such as structural support, assist with movement, or protect organs.

Bones are living tissues that are constantly growing and reshaping throughout life. As we age, we can lose more bone than we form. This can lead to osteoporosis, a condition where your bones become weak and porous, making them more prone to fractures and breaks. There are over 54 million Americans who are living with osteoporosis. Osteoporosis can affect men and women of all races. You can decrease your risk by engaging in weight-bearing exercise,

eating a diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, limiting alcohol, and not smoking.

The Village of Hoffman Estates now offers bone density screenings for all adults in the community. The screening uses measurements in a wrist or finger and takes less than five minutes. You will receive a copy of your results and a consultation with a nurse during the screening. The cost is regularly \$5, but will be offered FREE during the month of May. Please call 847-781-4850 for more information or to schedule an appointment at Village Hall or at the Hoffman Estates Branch Library.

Life Line Screening

Life Line screenings to detect risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke are being offered by Health and Human Services on Tuesday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. Early detection is an important part of lowering risk for stroke and cardiovascular disease. Life Line Screening can help detect leading causes of stroke and cardiovascular diseases including carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm

and atrial fibrillation. For more information and to register for a screening, visit lifelinescreening.com or call 800-636-0186.

Challenge your brain: join the Wits Workout program for seniors third Thursday of every month

Intellectual challenge and social connectedness are two of several factors that contribute to brain health throughout life. Health and Human Services is offering Wits Workouts to help promote brain health by offering engaging activities for older adults.

Wits Workout was started by researchers at the University of Illinois to provide purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually and to increase socialization.

Our brains need exercise just like our bodies. Cognitive challenges like crossword puzzles and trivia contests in a social setting help brains thrive. Wits Workouts are held the third Thursday of each month at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road from 10 a.m. to noon. Join us for the May 16 and June 20 sessions!

For more information, or to register, call Health and Human Services at 847-781-4850.



Bev Romanoff,
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

The warm weather and recent storms have brought numerous solicitors to Hoffman Estates. 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 encounter a solicitor who has broken the rules or is persistent after being told "no," please call 911. 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.



Applications open for Police Academy programs

Bicycle safety tips from the Hoffman Estates Police Department

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 properly fitted bicycle helmet.** Everyone, of any age, should always wear a bicycle helmet.
- **Adjust your bicycle to fit.** Stand 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 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, 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 road users to see bicyclists at dusk, dawn, and nighttime. If you must, have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle. White lights on the front and red rear reflectors or lights are required by law in all states.

Citizen's Police Academy

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is pleased to announce they are offering the 33rd Annual Citizen's Police Academy in 2024. The Citizen's Police Academy will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. between September 3 and November 19. 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.

Applications are located on the Police Department's website at hoffmanestates.org/police. Applicants must be at least 18-years-old. Direct questions to Sergeant Dan Donohue at (847)781-2866 or email Daniel.Donohue@vohe.org.

First Responder Academy for Teens

The Teen First Responder Academy will be held Thursday evenings this fall from 6 to 9 p.m. for 12 consecutive weeks. It will be held at the Police Station, 411 W. Higgins Road and several Fire Stations in the Village. Applicants are required to be between 14 and 20 years old. Presentations include but are not limited to:

- Fire apparatus explanations and demonstrations
- Evidence/crime scene processing
- Vehicle extrications
- Major crime investigations
- Fire hose pulls
- Gangs and narcotics
- Working a live fire
- NIPAS/SWAT functions
- Live action roleplay scenarios

Applications are located on the Police Department's website at hoffmanestates.org/police. Applicants must be residents of Hoffman Estates. Direct questions to Officer Matt Park at 847-781-2880 or email Matthew.Park@vohe.org.

Join Hoffman Estates Police for Freezy Fridays!

Beat the Heat with HEPD! Every other Friday this summer starting June 7, we will meet with the community at either Seascape Aquatic Center or South Ridge Park from noon to 1 p.m. to pass out freeze pops. The schedule is as follows:

- **South Ridge Park** (1450 Freeman Road): June 7, July 5, and August 2
- **Seascape Aquatic Center** (1300 Moon Lake Blvd): June 21, July 19, and August 9

Direct questions to Officer Cassidy Ortiz at 847-781-2873 or email Cassidy.Ortiz@vohe.org.



SUMMER SOUNDS ON THE GREEN



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.

Summer Sounds on the Green is sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District.

JUNE 6 NITE HAWKS

Blues / Swing / Jazz

Danceable swing, jazz, jump and blues from the 1920s-1950s with fresh, contemporary and energetic renditions.

JUNE 13 STARLIGHT CITY BAND

Pop / Dance / Modern Rock

The biggest hits from artists like Lady Gaga, Nicki Minaj, P!NK, Backstreet Boys, and Sir Elton John.

JUNE 20 ALIKA ARLYNN BAND

Country

Combines Gretchen Wilson's gritty and real style with Carrie Underwood's soulful and sophisticated sound with the slamming production edge of Shania Twain.

JUNE 27 ELGIN SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BRASS

Classics / Pops

Broadway hits featuring the brass of Illinois' 'Orchestra of the Year' the first four-time winner.

JULY 11 MARIACHI UNIVERSITARIO

Latin / Mariachi

Latin dance, Mariachi, contemporary dance & pop, Latin & mainstream jazz, and more, with artistic excellence and authenticity.

JULY 18 AMERICAN CASH

Johnny Cash Tribute

Capturing the spirit and intensity of one of the greatest performers and songwriters in modern music history, Johnny Cash.

JULY 25 BOPOLOGY

Big Band / Swing

A musical tribute to the Rat-Pack and swing era.

AUGUST 1 BILLY ELTON

Billy Joel / Elton John Tribute

Takes you on a timeless journey through the catalogs of these two musical giants.

AUGUST 8 JOHNNY RUSSLER & THE BEACH BUM BAND

Caribbean / Island

With songs by Jimmy Buffett, Bob Marley, Zac Brown Band, Paul Simon, Sublime, Beach Boys, and many more from the lower latitudes!

AUGUST 15 HEARTACHE TONIGHT

Eagles Tribute

From the powerful guitar duel in "Hotel California" to the shimmering harmonies of "Peacefully Easy Feeling," Heartache Tonight delivers a true Eagles concert experience.

Free Children's Entertainment Series for 2024

The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission, in partnership with the Hoffman Estates Park District, has a fun summer season planned for kids in 2024.

Friday, June 7, 10 a.m.

Todd Downing
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

Monday, June 10, 6 p.m.

Little Miss Ann
Seascape, 1300 Moon Lake Blvd.

Friday, June 21, 10 a.m.

Super Stolie
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

Wednesday, June 26, 7 p.m.

"Willy Wonka" and the Chocolate Factory
Children's theater performance
Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy.



Friday, July 12, 10 a.m.

Ben Tatar
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

Saturday, July 13, 12 p.m.

Jeanie B and the Jelly Beans
South Ridge Park, 1450 Freeman Rd.

Friday, July 26, 10 a.m.

Miss Jamie
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

Friday, August 9, 10 a.m.

Scribble Monster
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

Friday, August 23, 10 a.m.

Istvan and the Imaginary Band
Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.



Rain location: Triphan Center, 1685 W Higgins Rd.



Community briefs

Youth Commission hosting science show May 18

The Hoffman Estates Youth Commission is hosting “Spin Pop Boom,” a free science show for children ages 6-13. The show, enjoyable for the scientist in all of us, will be held on Saturday, May 18 at 11 a.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. Call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 to register or for more information



Upcoming programs for seniors

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

- **Wednesday, May 15:** luncheon and entertainment at noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is May 10.
- **Wednesday, June 12:** summer luncheon and entertainment, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is June 7.

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.

Upcoming Programs for people with disabilities

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting two First Friday events in May and June.

- **Friday, May 3:** The Hoffman Estates Police Department will provide a free safety presentation for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over starting at 6:30 p.m. at Village Hall. Pizza will be served after the presentation for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.
- **Friday June 7:** First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Admission is free; pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

Branch pickup For Zones C & D

The Village’s free curbside tree branch pickup occurs for Zone C, beginning May 6 and for Zone D, beginning May 13. Visit hoffmanestates.org/forestry for a map and pickup date 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

them 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.

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 2024 are as follows: June 1 and 15, July 6 and 20, August 3 and 17, and September 7 and 21. For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



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 at the Fleet Maintenance Facility located at 2405 Pembroke Ave., Monday through Friday 3 p.m. through sunset or during daylight hours 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.

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.



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 to 4 inch 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.



Memorial Day closure and garbage delay

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27 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.

Chamber of Commerce hosting Community Fishing Derby

Save the date for the Hoffman Estates Chamber’s annual Community Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at South Ridge Lake, 1450 Freeman Rd. Preregistration is now available for \$5, or register at the event for \$10. For more information, visit www.hechamber.com.



May & June calendar

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

FS: Hoffman Estates Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.
PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.
PWF: Public Works Fleet Maintenance, 2405 Pembroke Ave.
SE: Seascape Family Aquatic Center, 1300 Moon Lake Blvd.

SRP: South Ridge Park (1450 Freeman Road)
VG: Virginia Mary Hayer Village Green located off Route 72 in the Prairie Stone Business Park (5510 Prairie Stone Parkway)
VP: Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

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May

Wednesday, May 1

- Utility Commission, 12 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 3

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, May 5

- Veteran's Flag 9, IT1 Mark A. Mueller, USCGC

Monday, May 6

- Spring Branch Pickup - Zone C
- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7

- Lifeline Screening, 9 a.m.
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 11

- CPR Course, FS, 9 a.m.

*Sunday, May 12

- Veteran's Flag 10, Pvt. Fredrick A. Kerr, USAAF, WWII

Monday, May 13

- Spring Branch Pickup - Zone D
- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

- Watering Ban Begins, 11 a.m.

- Senior Luncheon, 12 noon
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

- Wits Workout for Seniors, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

- Celebrating Diversity Fair, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission Science Show, 11 a.m.

*Sunday, May 19

- Veteran's Flag 11, Pfc. Jerry K. Losch, Army, WWII

Monday, May 20

- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, May 26

- Veteran's Flag 12, A/S Frank S. Carter, Navy, WWII

Monday, May 27

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

Tuesday, May 28

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

June

Saturday, June 1

- Seasonal Branch/Brush Dropoff, 8 a.m., PWF
- Cultural Awareness Commission - Unity Day, 12 p.m.

*Sunday, June 2

- Veteran's Flag 13, PFC Herb Kronberg, Army, WWII

Monday, June 3

- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4

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

Wednesday, June 5

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 6

- Summer Sounds on the Green: Nite Hawks, VG, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 7

- Freezy Friday, SRP, 12 p.m.
- Children's Entertainment: Todd Downing, VP, 10 a.m.
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, June 9

- Veteran's Flag 14, Sgt. Emil J. Sifrer, USMC, WWII

Monday, June 10

- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Children's Entertainment: Little Miss Ann, SE, 6 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

- Senior Luncheon, 12 noon

Thursday, June 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Starlight City Band, VG, 7 p.m.

Saturday, June 15

- Seasonal Branch/Brush Dropoff, 8 a.m., PWF
- Fishing Derby, SRP, 9 a.m.

*Sunday, June 16

- Veteran's Flag 15, SN John M. Olson, Navy

Monday, June 17

- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- CPR Course, FS, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 19

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 20

- Wits Workout for Seniors, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green: Alike Arlynn Band, VG, 7 p.m.

Friday, June 21

- Children's Entertainment: Super Stolie, VP, 10 a.m.
- Freezy Friday, SE, 12 p.m.

Saturday, June 22

- Mindfulness for Families: Yoga event, 10:30 a.m.

*Sunday, June 23

- Veteran's Flag 16, Capt. Richard T. Brown, USAF

Monday, June 24

- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, June 26

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Children's theater performance - "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," VG, 7 p.m.

Thursday, June 27

- Summer Sounds on the Green: Elgin Symphony Orchestra Brass, VG, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 30

- Veteran's Flag 17, Pvt. William E. Sarb, Army, WWII

*The flag-rotation ceremonies are held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming months. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

View Village website calendar for event updates and details!

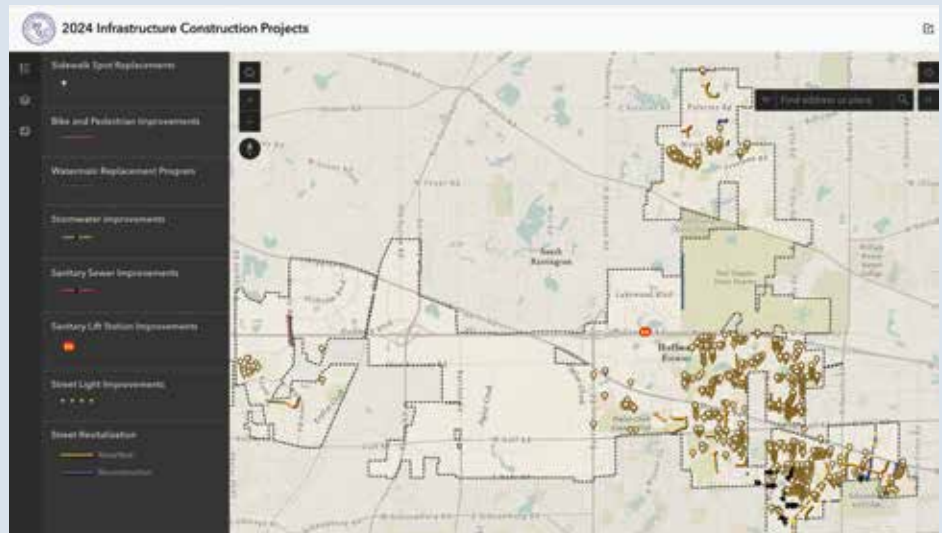


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Construction Projects Map, project details available online

Work on the Village's expanded Capital Improvement Program for 2024 is currently underway, with street resurfacing and reconstruction projects, sidewalk replacements, water main replacements, stormwater improvements, and street light installations taking place in several neighborhoods across Hoffman Estates.

Project-specific information on these, and many other projects, can be found on the interactive Infrastructure Construction Projects Map. Access the new map and additional project details on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/construction.



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1900 Hassell Road

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1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova
1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

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2305 Pembroke Avenue

Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries



The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is working in coordination with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) to raise awareness about the risks associated with lithium-ion batteries and ways to minimize them. NFPA's new campaign, "Charge into Fire Safety,"™ includes materials that address the concerns fire officials have about the growing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries which are increasingly found in the many devices and systems we use every day.

As the use of these items has increased in recent years, so too has the number of fires associated with them. NFPA and the Hoffman Estates Fire Department recommend these tips when buying, charging, storing, and using lithium-ion batteries to help prevent fires.

- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste hauler for disposal instructions.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

"The Hoffman Estates Fire Department encourages residents to learn more about the hazards of lithium-ion batteries," said Fire Chief Alan Wax. "By better understanding how lithium-ion battery fires start, people can take the necessary steps to minimize associated risks and safely use their electronics and other devices powered by these batteries."

Learn more about the "Charge into Fire Safety" campaign and download free safety tip sheets on the NFPA website at nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety or email the Hoffman Estates Fire Department Public Education Division at kurt.lichtenberg@vohe.org.

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.