

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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Village, ComEd welcome Compass Datacenters

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- Mayor McLeod



The Village of Hoffman Estates partnered with ComEd to welcome Compass Datacenters to Hoffman Estates, as they held a kickoff event on June 13 for their first data center campus in Illinois. Among his remarks, Mayor Bill McLeod said that the Village is looking forward to working closely with Compass and with ComEd to bring this prime site, the former Sears Headquarters, into the modern era.

“One era ends and another one begins as we move into the growing digital economy,” said Mayor McLeod. “We are very pleased to welcome Compass Datacenters as they open a new chapter for this high-profile property in our community.”

The former Sears Corporation Campus in Hoffman Estates became home to the company in 1992, when they moved from their namesake Sears Tower in downtown Chicago. That original

development over 30 years ago transformed the west end of Hoffman Estates, bringing new roads, new tollway interchanges, infrastructure improvements, and a peak of 9,000 employees working in the community.

The campus was put up for sale in 2022 by property owner Transformco, the private holding company formed after Sears filed for bankruptcy in late 2018. Dallas, Texas based Compass Datacenters purchased the 197-acre campus in September 2023 with plans to construct the company’s first data center complex in the state.

This redevelopment continues the technology diversification of the Village’s tax base. Although preliminary, the investment by Compass in Hoffman Estates will be in the billions of dollars and will have positive effects for the community for years to come.

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Historian's Notebook



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October is National Community Planning Month

National Community Planning Month, celebrated every October, shines a light on the role of planning in creating strong, vibrant communities. Planning helps towns and cities grow in ways that improve the quality of life for everyone. Planners work to design parks, schools, and roads, making sure they meet the needs of the people who live there.

Good planning means safer neighborhoods, more job opportunities, and better transportation options. This ensures that there are enough green spaces for recreation and that new buildings fit well within the existing environment. Planning also involves listening to the community's needs and ideas, giving people a say in how their area develops.

By recognizing National Community Planning Month, we appreciate the hard work of planners and understand how their efforts shape our future. It also reminds us that we all have a role in planning, whether through attending meetings, sharing ideas, or staying informed about local projects. Together, we can help create communities that are not only functional but also enjoyable places to live.

Congratulations to our Village of Hoffman Estates on its 65th year of incorporation. It was on September 23, 1959, that a vote of 759 to 569 settled the question of whether Hoffman Estates would become the incorporated Village of Hoffman Estates. This didn't happen until after the third time it was voted on.

Having lived here since 1965, I have seen incredible growth in our Village. From the quiet surrounding corn field, we've built a robust and very cosmopolitan community. Although we are a very busy Village with our share of traffic and shoppers, we are surrounded by parks and forest preserves. We have miles of bike paths and trails for walking, picnic areas and an atmosphere of quiet to savor. Because of all the open land in Hoffman Estates, you see animals of all sorts. We have deer, foxes, coyotes, raccoons and those stinky skunks. So many trees have matured and are home to many beautiful birds. The most surprising bird I have ever seen on my street was a wild turkey walking down the driveway without a care in the world.

We've been served by so many people we have elected over the years that I can't name all of them here. I can, however, name our seven mayors. Ed Pinger, our first mayor, served from 1959 to 1964; Roy Jenkins served from 1965 to 1969; Fred Downey served from 1969 to 1972; Virginia Mary Hayter served from 1973 to 1984; Betty Gloyd served from 1985 to 1988; Michael J. O'Malley served from 1989 to 1999; and William D. McLeod has served since 2000 to the present time.

Mayor McLeod was originally appointed after Mayor O'Malley died in office.

These mayors, along with the trustees who were elected to serve this Village, are the people who developed and built the Hoffman Estates that we live in today. We can never know the hard work, stress and creativity that helped them through the years they served us. Our thanks needs to go to all of them.

Congratulations to Mayor Bill McLeod for 44 years in office this September. Mayor McLeod was appointed as trustee on September 22, 1980, when Trustee Hank Bollman resigned. Thank you, Mayor, for a lifetime of service to the community!

Over the years we have seen people from all over the world settle in Hoffman Estates, drawn by excellent schools, great industries and a Village that is welcoming and supportive of all. Our Village continues "Growing to Greatness," by offering a wonderful life to all of us who call it home.

Please join me at Village Hall on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. for a FREE birthday celebration for the Village. This event includes the opportunity to view the Historian's Photo Album dating from 1956 through the present. Share your memories and perhaps an old photo that you might bring along. Cake and coffee will be served. Hope to see you there!

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Hoffman in Motion transportation planning rolls on

The Hoffman in Motion transportation planning effort made great strides this spring and summer in engaging the community and collecting input to improve the transportation options in Hoffman Estates.

Input sessions included a group bike ride organized by the Crank Revolution bike shop where dozens of residents joined in, demonstrating enthusiasm for biking as a sustainable and healthy way to get around, and the Hoffman in Motion Summer Hang at South Ridge Park. Over 300 people participated in a fantastic evening filled with fun activities, music, shaved ice, and opportunities to learn more about the transportation plan and share their own thoughts.



The Hoffman in Motion plan aims to create safer, more efficient, and more accessible transportation options for everyone. Input and participation are crucial to making this plan a success. Visit hoffmaninmotion.com to learn more about the plan, participate in online feedback opportunities and see a schedule of upcoming in-person events. Every voice matters – help shape the future of transportation in the community!





Federal Funding secured for Central Road construction project

As part of a collaboration between Congressman Krishnamoorthi's office and the Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, \$500,000 in federal funding has been secured for the Central Road project in Hoffman Estates and neighboring South Barrington.

Mayor Bill McLeod and Trustee Gary Stanton joined Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, South Barrington Mayor Paula McCombie and many others on July 16 for the announcement that the federal funding was secured for this important infrastructure project.

"We appreciate the collaboration between Congressman Krishnamoorthi's Office and the Cook County Department of Transportation in seeing this project to completion," said Mayor McLeod. "The Central Road project is a long-awaited improvement that will benefit businesses and residents here in Hoffman Estates."

The 1.3-mile project will replace the pavement on Central Road with one 12-foot-wide through lane in each direction divided by a 16-foot-wide mountable median, as well as a new enclosed stormwater system.

The project will also add a new multi-use path along the north side of Central Road from the Paul Douglas Forest Preserves to the Pace Park-n-Ride multi-modal facility at Barrington Road. The new path will also connect to the existing paths to close the gap in the cycling network between the Pace facility and the forest preserve.

The Central Road project is expected to break ground in 2025 and will take approximately two years to complete.

A Message from Mayor McLeod



The summer months have flown by with a successful Summer Sounds on the Green concert series and a well-attended Shenanigans on the Green. It is amazing to see the Village Green come alive with music and activities for the entire family! Special thanks to the Celtic Fest Commission and the Arts Commission for their hard work in bringing these fun-filled events to the Village.

In addition, the Village of Hoffman Estates Charitable Foundation hosted the inaugural Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Tournament on July 24 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. The event welcomed over 90 golfers and raised over \$25,000 for the Village's Health and Human Services Department and the Self-Help Fund for residents in need. Special thanks to our many sponsors including Bell Works Chicagoland and Wintrust. The Village Board is thrilled at the success of this first event, and we look forward to many more.



Special events continue this September with the much-anticipated Platzkonzert Germanfest. Set for September 6, 7 and 8, this annual festival will feature traditional German food, live music, contests, and of course, the Kinderplatz activities for kids of all ages. Don't miss out! For more information visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.

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.

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

Bill McLeod



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Soirée Culinaire French Dinner and Silent Auction

Join the Sister Cities Commission for the 26th annual “Soirée Culinaire – a French Culinary Experience and Silent Auction” on Tuesday, Oct. 15, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The dinner takes place at the Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates.

The evening, inspired by Julia Child, author of *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*, includes an exciting culinary experience with a French-inspired plated meal as well as entertainment, a silent auction and door prizes. There will also be tastings of fine wines.

Early bird registration is \$65 per person. After Sept. 6, the price increases to \$75 per person. To reserve your space, register online at hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities. For more information, call Debbie Schoop at 847-781-2611. Bon appétit!

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. 12 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Enjoy an afternoon of the sights and sounds of the 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. 4.



Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission named 2024 Illinois Sister City of the Year

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission was named the 2024 Illinois Sister City of the Year by the Illinois Sister Cities Association. Lillian Mosier, Chair of the Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission, and her committee accepted the award on behalf of Mayor McLeod at the Illinois Sister Cities Association Conference held in Hoffman Estates on June 8.

Hoffman Estates has maintained a partnership with Angoulême, France since officially becoming Sister Cities in 1996. Among the many outstanding programs and events the Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission was recognized for include their participation in the annual Bon Appétit event, organizing the annual Soirée Culinaire - French Dinner & Silent Auction for the past 25 years, participation in both culinary and cultural exchanges, hosting cultural programs, and more.

The Sister Cities Movement was founded as a presidential initiative by Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. There are over 1,800 partnerships in more than 138 countries on six continents. The Sister City network unites tens of thousands of citizen diplomats and volunteers who work tirelessly to promote the mission of creating world peace and understanding through people to people programs and exchanges.

Host families needed for Sister Cities cultural exchanges

The Sister Cities Commission of Hoffman Estates is seeking host families for two cultural exchanges in 2025, as they prepare to welcome guests from our Sister City, Angoulême, France.

The first exchange is scheduled for April 8 through 15, 2025, when 15 girls soccer students, a coach, gym teacher and teacher colleague from Marguerite de Valois High School in Angoulême will be here to participate in a 16U soccer tournament with the Hoffman United Soccer Club.

The second exchange is scheduled for April 19 through 26, 2025, when five culinary students and two instructors visit and participate in the Chamber of Commerce Bon Appétit restaurant event on April 24.

A host family meeting will be held prior to the exchanges, which will include development of daily itineraries and transportation options for the guests. Host families are not required to speak French, and do not need to be available each day, as the commission will accompany exchange guests to outings.

Please help continue this tradition of friendship and sharing of cultures by considering becoming a host family. For more information, please call Bob Dohn at 847-971-9902 or email at bob@bobdohn.com regarding the soccer exchange. For the culinary exchange, please call Jill Wood-Naatz at 847-507-9724 or email jill.woodnaatz@gmail.com.



Healthy Body, Healthy Mind ...

News from Health and Human Services

Health and Human Services offers affordable physical and mental health services to the community. To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, affordable vaccines and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850. Vaccination appointments can be made online at portal.hoffmanestates.org.

Adult Services and Immunizations

- Blood pressure and pulse check: free.
- Diabetes (blood sugar): \$2
- Hemoglobin (anemia): \$3
- Bone Density \$5



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 children and babies. Please visit our website at hoffmanestates.org/HHS to learn about program requirements and our practice and philosophies.

Vaccine Appointment Portal

Visit our appointment scheduling portal at portal.hoffmanestates.org to schedule vaccinations. Please take a picture of your child's vaccine record and upload where it is indicated in the portal.

Flu season is here

Influenza (flu) can be a very serious disease for you, your family, and friends — but you can lower your risk for severe complications by getting vaccinated. Everyone age 6 months and older is recommended to get a yearly flu shot. There are many different types of flu vaccine options, and Health and Human Services offers thimerosal-free flu shots as well as higher dose vaccines for older adults. Shots are free with Medicaid and Medicare, and only \$25 for all others. Influenza outbreaks each season are unpredictable; therefore, vaccination is the best protection. Call HHS at 847-781-4850 for questions or visit: portal.hoffmanestates.org/Vaccine to request an appointment.



Calling older adults: Join Wits Workouts!

We all forget things occasionally. Mild memory loss can be a normal part of aging. Fortunately, there are some things that we can do to improve memory, concentration, and increase focus.

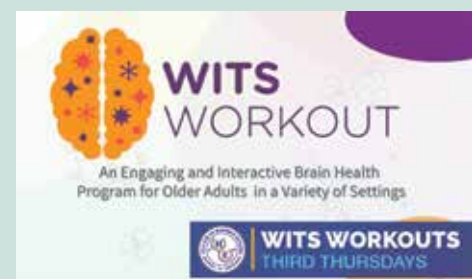
Wits Workout is a new program in Hoffman Estates that was started by researchers at the University of Illinois to promote brain health and provide opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually with others. Older adults are invited to join us for a Wits Workout at Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon, including upcoming sessions on Sept. 19 and Oct. 17. For more information or to register, call Health and Human Services at 847-781-4850.

September is Healthy Aging Month

Approximately 56 million Americans are 65 and older. Every September, we celebrate Healthy Aging Month to promote ways people can stay healthy as they age. The goal is to focus on the importance of healthy lifestyles for adults aged 45 and over. Make a commitment to maintaining and improving well-being as you grow older. Here are some tips to get started.

1. Exercise—plan to move more each day.
2. Eat a healthy diet.
3. Stay hydrated by drinking water.
4. Monitor your mental health and do activities to keep your brain fit, improve brain function, promote new cell growth, and decrease dementia.
5. Visit your doctor regularly.
6. Try something new like traveling, exploring, or find a group activity.
7. Stay in touch with others.
8. Get enough sleep.
9. Stay positive!

The Village of Hoffman Estates offers free Wits Workout classes the third Thursday of every month. Call 847-781-4850 for more information or to reserve your space. It's never too late to take steps toward a healthier life!





Property Maintenance FAQ

The Village's Code Enforcement Division plays a crucial role in maintaining community standards and addressing property maintenance issues. Here are some common questions that are asked regarding property maintenance and code enforcement.

What types of violations do Code Enforcement Officers typically investigate?

The Village's three full-time Code Enforcement Officers handle a wide variety of cases throughout the year. The most common cases are tall grass and weeds, garbage totes, improper outside storage, inoperable vehicle storage, improper sump pump discharge and accessory structures built without permits. They also handle more complex cases such as building projects completed without permits and commercial property parking lot maintenance.

How do I report a possible code violation?

Residents may call 847-781-2631 to reach the code line or visit the Village website and select "I Want to..." to send a request for a possible violation to be investigated.

What happens if a code violation is found?

If a violation is found, the Code Enforcement Officer will contact the owner of the property with the needed corrective action, as well as a deadline for compliance.

How much time is given for correction?

Deadline dates vary depending on the type of violation that is identified. As examples, violations of tall grass and weeds are allowed five days for correction by ordinance, whereas a shed built without a permit will be given a longer timeline for compliance.

What should I do if I receive a notice about a violation on my property?

Residents with questions or concerns regarding property violations should contact the Code Enforcement Officer listed on the notice. Code staff are a resource to answer questions and help explain Village codes.

Garage sale permits eliminated

The Village Board passed an ordinance in June 2024 eliminating the requirement for Garage Sale Permits. Sales may now be held without contacting the Village, however, there are still rules that apply to the number, days, and hours of garage sales, as well as where signs may be placed. Below is a reminder of the current codes covering garage sales in Hoffman Estates:



Regulations for garage sales

- A maximum of three (3) sales are allowed at the same address during the calendar year (January to December).
- Sales are only allowed on: Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays.
- Each sale may be held for a maximum of up to four (4) consecutive days (e.g., Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday).
- Sales shall begin no earlier than 8 a.m. and end by 6 p.m.
- Bulk sales, the sale of multiple new items of the same description and the sale of consigned merchandise, merchandise brought to the premises for resale or for reconditioning for resale are prohibited.

Signs

- Only one (1) on-site sign is permitted on the front lawn. Signs shall not be installed in the right-of-way/parkway (two (2) signs may be installed on corner lots, one on each street frontage).
- Up to two (2) directional signs may be allowed to be installed on private property, such signs shall not be in the parkway, and shall be installed only with the permission of the property owner.
- Signs are not permitted to be posted in any public right-of-way, or on any street sign or utility/light pole.
- Signs shall not be posted before 6 a.m. on the first day of the sale and shall be removed no later than 8 p.m. on the last day of the sale.
- Banners, balloons, streamers and the like are prohibited.

For more information on garage sales, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.

Pet license requirement eliminated

The Village Board approved an ordinance in June 2024 eliminating the requirement for pet licenses. Pet ownership no longer requires notifying the Village, however, the limit on the number of combined dogs and cats remains at five total, as stipulated in the code. Importantly, rules for keeping dogs on leashes also remain in place.

Hoffman Estates encourages pet owners to consider microchipping their pets to better locate pets that leave property boundaries. Similarly, it is important for pets to receive preventative inoculations to prevent them from acquiring rabies and distemper.

A mobile Rabies and Microchip Clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Schaumburg Township Offices, 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. This event is free for the first 100 pets and operates on a first-come-first-served basis. Owners must be Cook County residents and present a valid driver's license or state ID. Pets must be at least three months old and dogs must be leashed, whereas cats must be in carriers.

FREE RABIES VACCINE AND MICROCHIP CLINIC FOR PETS

Saturday, September 14
from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Schaumburg Township Highway Department
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Services offered:
1-year rabies vaccines
Distemper vaccines
Microchips

Free for first 100 pets.
Pet owners must keep
dogs leashed and cats
must be in carriers.



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Help prevent car burglaries: lock your car doors

The Hoffman Estates Police Department has seen a recent uptick in car burglary cases. The best way to help prevent your car from being burglarized is to lock your car doors and close all windows, including the sunroof, whenever you exit the vehicle. Here are some additional tips to avoid car burglaries:

- Take all valuables out of the vehicle, such as purses, phones, and electronics, whenever possible.
- If you must leave valuables in your vehicle, leave them in the trunk or out of plain sight.
- It is also highly recommended to not leave your garage door opener inside your vehicle if you are parking your vehicle outside.

If you see someone or something suspicious, please call 911.

In car burglary cases, typical behavior of offenders involves driving slowly through neighborhoods scoping out potential targets. They also will drive slowly while acting as lookouts and getaway drivers for accomplices.

Residents with surveillance cameras and/or surveillance style doorbells are encouraged to review their footage to see if there is any information to provide the Hoffman Estates Police Department to help identify car burglary suspects.



Police Department hosting community meeting

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is hosting a community meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 9 starting at 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road. This meeting is open to anyone who works or resides in the Village.

Community meetings provide the Police Department opportunities to work with the community to build trust, improve communication, and prevent crime. Attendees will interact with police officers and command staff to learn about current crime trends, get safety tips, ask questions, and share concerns.

Police drug drop box

Unwanted and expired 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.

Sharps are accepted for disposal the first Wednesday of the month at Village Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through the Health and Human Services Department. Please call 847-781-4850 for more information about sharps disposal.

The drug take back program is run through the Cook County MEDS Disposal Initiative. For more information, visit cookcountymeds.org.





Fire Department offering CPR courses

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering Heartsaver CPR/AED courses on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Monday, Oct. 14 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Hoffman Estates Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

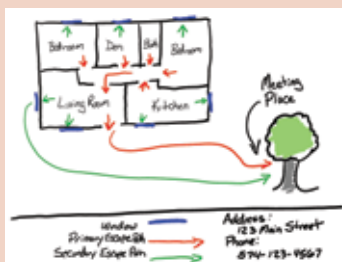
This course is intended for those with little to no medical training who want to learn CPR and AED use. Participants will learn when to phone 9-1-1, how to administer CPR, how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED), and how to provide relief from choking. The cost of the course is \$50 per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

Registration is required; class sizes are limited. Call the Hoffman Estates Fire Department Administration Office at 847-843-4825 to register. CPR courses are offered by the HEFD monthly. Visit hoffmanestates.org/CPR for a full course schedule.

Escape planning

Plan ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

- Make a home escape plan, Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- Have an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- Practice your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Close doors behind you as you leave.



Open Houses kick off Fire Prevention Month in Hoffman Estates

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is kicking off Fire Prevention Month by hosting Fire Station Open Houses this October. Help us raise fire prevention awareness and 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 is scheduled land next to Firehouse 23.

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

- **Saturday, Oct. 12:** Firehouse 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive
- **Saturday, Oct. 19:** Firehouse 23, 1300 Westbury Drive



Branch pickup resumes by zone Sept. 23

The free curbside fall tree branch pick up program through Hoffman Estates Public Works begins on Monday, Sept. 23, 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:

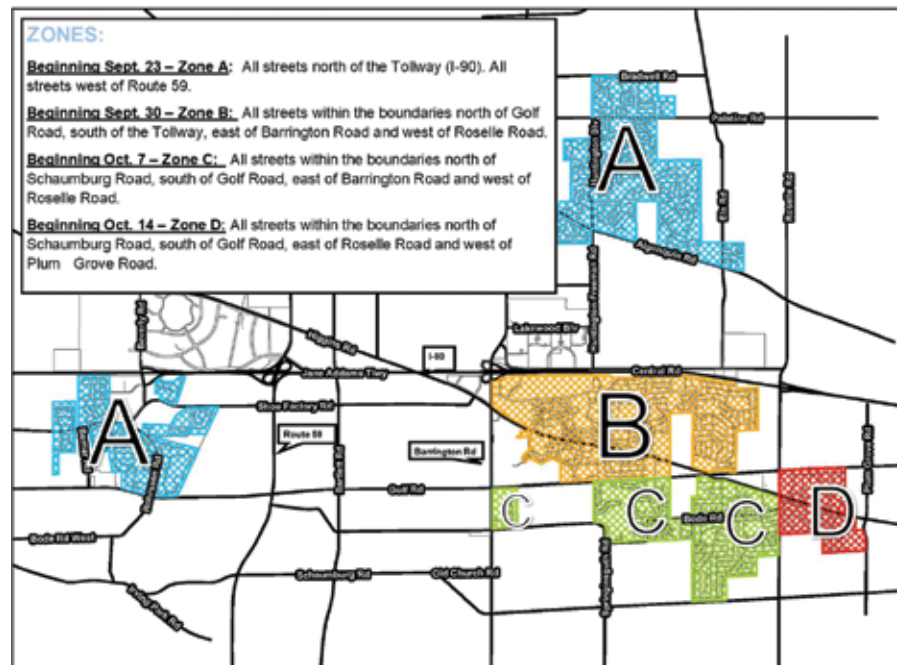
- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste

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 and mailboxes.

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

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

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



Ten facts about storm water

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

Community briefs

Labor Day observance and service impacts

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, 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 scheduled for Monday, Sept. 2 is canceled. The service will resume at Village Hall on Monday, Sept. 9.

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 Veterans Memorial Commission on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. at 4 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. 7 and Sept. 21 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!

- Wednesday, Sept. 18: The Senior Prom is back! Enjoy an evening of "Hollywood Across the Decades" at Village Hall from 5:30 to 8 p.m. as the Senior Commission hosts Senior Prom. Semi-formal attire is encouraged but not required. There is no cost, but donations for the food pantry are requested. Registration is required.
- Wednesday, Oct. 23: fall luncheon with exciting magical entertainment, noon at Village Hall. Costumes are encouraged but not required. Cost is \$10, registration is required.

To register, please 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 Thursday, Oct. 31. Visit hoffmanestates.org for Halloween safety tips.



Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday events

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting two First Friday events for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over in September and October.

- Friday, Sept. 6: First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall.
- Friday, Oct. 4: 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, please call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606.

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 will be accepted Oct. 1 through Nov. 1 for 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. To receive an application as a sponsor or as a recipient, and to learn about eligibility, please call 847-781-4850.

Tour Schaumburg Township Historical Barns Oct. 19

The Schaumburg Township Historical Society is hosting a docent-led Historical Bus Tour of five



Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host Coffee with the Board on Saturday, Oct. 19, 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.

historic barns on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. starting from the Schaumburg Township Office, 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Tickets are \$25 per person; light refreshments will be served. Participants must be at least 18 years old. Seating is limited, registration is required. Register online at bit.ly/3M5G6kN.

Arts Commission hosting photography seminar Nov. 9

The Village of Hoffman Estates Arts Commission is hosting a photography seminar on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.

Led by professional photographer Jim Hojnacki, this free seminar is for those who already have or would like to purchase a DSLR camera and would like basic camera use instructions. Topics will include basic features, menus, file formats, the lens, flash and photo software. Participants should bring their cameras, manuals and questions.



By Patty Richter
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

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

Clerk's corner

The Village of Hoffman Estates will be an early voting site for the November 5th Presidential General Election. Early voting will run from Monday, Oct. 21 through Monday, Nov. 4. at Village Hall. Early voting hours are:

- Mondays through Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This election is expected to see a high turnout, so please prepare for a possible wait and give yourself plenty of time to vote.

September & October calendar

FS23: Fire Station #23, 1300 Westbury
FS24: Fire Station #24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.
PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.
PW: Public Works Vehicle Maintenance, 2405 Pembroke Ave.
SG: Stonegate Banquet and Conference Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road

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)
VP: Vogelei Park, 650 W Higgins Rd.

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

September

Sunday, September 1

- Veteran's Flag 26, Pvt. Frank Wallenberg, Army, WWII

Monday, September 2

- HOLIDAY - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED
- Electronics Recycling canceled

Tuesday, September 3

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

Wednesday, September 4

- Utility Commission, 12 p.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, September 6

- Platzkonzert, 6 p.m., VG
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 7

- Platzkonzert, 12 noon, VG
- Seasonal Branch/Brush Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW

*Sunday, September 8

- Platzkonzert, 12 noon, VG
- Veteran's Flag 27, MOMM2c Walter Keller, Navy, WWII

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

- September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 4 p.m.

Thursday, September 12

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday September 14

- Rabies and Microchip Clinic, 10 a.m., ST

*Sunday, September 15

- Veteran's Flag 28, S/Sgt. Austin L. Utterback Jr., Army, Korea

Monday, September 16

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

Wednesday, September 18

- Commission for Senior Citizens Prom, 5:30 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

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

Saturday, September 21

- Seasonal Branch/Brush Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW
- CPR Course, FS24, 9 a.m.
- Village's 65th birthday Celebration, 1 p.m.,

*Sunday, September 22

- Veteran's Flag 29, Capt. James Wheller Uhlenbrauck, Army, Vietnam

Monday, September 23

- Fall Branch Pickup Begins – Zone A
- Electronics recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 24

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

*Sunday, September 29

- Veteran's Flag 30, Cpl. Edward Green, Army, Korea
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

Monday, September 30

- Fall Branch Pickup – Zone B
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.

October

Tuesday, October 1

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

Wednesday, October 2

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

Friday, October 4

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, October 6

- Veteran's Flag 31, Sgt. Frank J. Benham, Army, WWII

Monday, October 7

- Fall Branch Pickup – Zone C
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

- Police Community Beat Meeting, 7 p.m., PD

Thursday, October 10

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 12

- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m., FS24
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

*Sunday, October 13

- Veteran's Flag 32, Sgt/ Maj George Bailey, Army, Sp. Am.

Monday, October 14

- Fall Branch Pickup – Zone D
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- CPR Course, FS24, 6 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 15

- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m., PD
- Soirée Culinare, 5:30 p.m. SG

Wednesday, October 16

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

Thursday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 19

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- Fire Department Open House, 1 p.m., FS23
- Historic Bus Tour, 1 p.m., ST

*Sunday, October 20

- Veteran's Flag 33, T/5 Sidney Daitch, Army, WWII

Monday, October 21

- Early Voting Starts, 9 a.m.
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, October 23

- Commission for Senior Citizens Lunch, 12 noon

*Sunday, October 27

- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.
- Veteran's Flag 34, T/5 Arvo A. Mattson, Army, WWII

Monday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 31

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

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

View Village website calendar for event updates and details!



Various photos courtesy Mona S. Morrison

Public Works hosting Open House & Pumpkin Smash Nov. 2

The Public Works Open House is on the move this year! Due to ongoing construction on Pembroke Avenue, this annual event will be held at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, on Saturday November 2 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This free event includes snowplow rides, 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 event 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.



Village of Hoffman Estates

1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
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Important phone numbers

Main 847-882-9100
Police and Fire 911
Police Administration 847-781-2800
Fire Administration 847-843-4825
Public Works 847-490-6800
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
Patty Richter

Village Manager
Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

*Visit our website for
online services.*

Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road

Police Department
411 W. Higgins Road

Fire Administration
1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke
225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley
1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova
1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

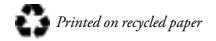
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Platzkonzert Germanfest returns Sept. 6 for three days of fun!

The Village's 18th annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest returns Sept. 6, 7 & 8 with three days of authentic German music, food and beer at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy. This festival also offers free children's activities, contests, and live entertainment.

Festival Schedule:

- Friday, Sept. 6, 6 to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 7, noon to 11 p.m.
- Sunday, Sept. 8, noon to 5 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.

