

Hoffman Estates Citizen

March-April 2024

Work on expanded **Capital Improvement Program** starts this **spring**

The Village's FY2024 budget includes funding for an expanded Capital Improvement Program, with investments being made for needed infrastructure improvements throughout Hoffman Estates.

These investments include \$9.4 million for water projects, \$3 million of which is earmarked for water main replacements; a robust street revitalization program of nearly \$6 million for 27 resurfacing and three reconstruction projects; a \$1.3 million sidewalk replacement program; ongoing stormwater projects; a collector street light improvement program; and a new tree removal and replacement program to address declining tree species. These programs are funded through a combination of utility and motor fuel taxes, water and sewer fund revenues, and grants.

Construction and other contract work for many of these projects are slated to begin this spring, with street and sidewalk work scheduled to start in March, weather permitting. Project-specific information can be found on the Village's new interactive Infrastructure Construction Projects Map. Weekly updates on road construction and infrastructure projects will also be posted on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/construction.



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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host a Coffee with the Board event on Saturday, April 20, 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.

Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce hosting Bon Appétit Festival April 18

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Bon Appétit Food and Drink Festival at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., Hoffman Estates, on Thursday, April 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This festival features cuisine from around the world, prepared by restaurants throughout the northwest suburbs. Admission is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Visit the Chamber's website at hechamber.com to learn more.

There are two redevelopment projects in town that you may be wondering about. One is the demolition work at Hoffman Lanes at 80 W. Higgins Rd., and the other is the tear down of the tall building on the north side of Higgins Rd. at Grand Canyon Pkwy. that once housed Damon Savings, and more recently, a travel agency.

The completion of work on the bowling alley site involves failing water pipes that were originally installed when F&S Construction began building Hoffman Estates in 1955. It wasn't orangeburg pipe, it was just normal pipe failure due to age.

The area is crisscrossed with creeks and branches of both Salt Creek and Poplar Creek. I did confirm with the Village that the work at the bowling alley property concerned Salt Creek that comes across Higgins Rd. from Parcel C and travels along the north side of Higgins under Roselle Rd. into Parcel A. That was the first area to be developed by F & S Construction when they began to build the Village in 1955.

Salt Creek was redirected to flow along the south side of Parcel A close to Higgins Rd. It always gave the residents there flooding problems, as the creek tried to return to its original creek bed. Salt Creek meanders east with a bend here and there, becoming quite large until the water eventually makes its way into the Des Plaines River. As builders work to develop an area for

construction, the creeks they find can cause big problems. Some of the creek is put under ground; other parts of it are left to flow freely. I don't know how they decide what stays above ground.

We have a lot of creek streams in our Village. Salt Creek flows south from up north of Palatine Rd. and so does Poplar Creek. There are areas where they come very close together as they head southwest and southeast. Salt Creek goes to the Des Plaines River and Poplar Creek to the Fox River.

When I purchased my home in the Highlands in 1965, I was told that it was at the highest point in Cook County. Now I believe that the Highlands West holds that distinction. I was also told by the real estate agent that he believed a creek was under the ground in my backyard. I've never found evidence of that, but I've always wondered why he told me that.

Now for all of you who were surprised to see the demolition of the 200 W. Higgins building, or were surprised to see it gone, I made a call to the Village of Schaumburg to see what the story was with the property. Schaumburg told me that it is going to be a new Subaru dealership. That's the latest on the transformative work that's been happening along Higgins Rd.

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Transportation: *Hoffman in Motion* comprehensive **planning** starts this spring

The Village is excited to announce the kickoff of *Hoffman in Motion*, a comprehensive multimodal transportation planning project this spring. The expected outcome of this impactful project will inform the future of travel around Hoffman Estates, whether by bike, bus, foot or car. Timelines call for the full plan to be completed by mid-2025.

The project team will be looking for community input on getting around town, so keep an eye on the project website at hoffmaninmotion.com, on social media and in future issues of the *Citizen* for opportunities to get involved both virtually and in-person. Questions? Email Transportation & Long-Range Planner Phil Green at phil.green@vohe.org, or call 847-252-5801.



Upcoming **Arts Commission** events

Arts Commission offering string arts classes for youth and adults

The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission is offering two String Art courses, one for youth aged 9 and up, and one for adults on Saturday, March 9 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. These courses are perfect for anyone, as our expert instructor will guide participants through the process of hammering nails through a board to guide the string art creation process. All supplies will be provided, so bring only your creativity and enthusiasm for learning.

Session 1 for youth costs \$30 per student and will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Session 2 for adults costs \$40 per person and will be held from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Space is limited; registration is required. Sign up today at hoffmanestatesarts.com.



Arts Commission hosting photography workshop

The Village of Hoffman Estates Arts Commission is hosting a digital photography workshop on Saturday, March 23 from 9 to 11 a.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. Led by professional photographer Jim Hojnacki, this free workshop will cover the basics of digital photo editing using images from cell phones, DSLR or point and shoot cameras.

This course will cover accessing images, editing software, white balance correction, retouching flaws, cropping, adjusting saturation, and other topics. Jim will also critique images edited by participants supplied on SD or Compact Flash cards. Space is limited; registration is required. Sign up today at hoffmanestatesarts.com.



A message from Mayor **McLeod**

Thank you to all those who donated cards and thoughtful messages through the annual Valentine's Day card collection. This project warms the hearts of our residents each year, particularly of those who may not know (or often hear) how much they are loved and appreciated. The handmade cards and thoughtful notes make a difference!



Looking for a fun evening out? Head over to Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Drive, for Bon Appétit, the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce's annual food festival, filled with tasty bites and beverages from around town. The event will run on Thursday, April 18 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased on the Chamber's website at hechamber.com.

Speaking of fun festivities and food, the Summer Sounds on the Green concert series hosted by the Arts Commission will return to Hoffman Estates this summer. A stellar line up of acts kicks off in June at the amphitheater – you won't want to miss it! Visit the Commission website at hoffmanestatesarts.com for full details.

On a somber note, the Village and the global business community at large were saddened by news of the passing of Sanjay Shah, CEO of Hoffman Estates based Vistex, and grave injuries suffered by Raju Datla, Vistex's President, on January 18. Both were injured in what was meant to be a celebratory time for the company – a 25th anniversary party for employees. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Sanjay and Raju and with the employees and clients of Vistex. Sanjay Shah will be well remembered for his deep commitment to the company and its employees.

As always, please email me anytime at Bill.Mcleod@vohe.org or 847-781-2604 with your questions or comments.

Bill McLeod



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Share your **story**: **connecting** through **cultural** experiences

The Health and Human Services Department is excited to offer a three-part group series for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) adolescents to talk about their cultural experiences while building a community of mutual support and empowerment.

The group meetings will take place on Wednesday, March 5, Wednesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 20 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. All BIPOC students ages 14-18 are welcome to participate. RSVP by March 4 to Claire Furtado by email Claire.Furtado@vohe.org or call 847-781-4862.



Challenge your brain: join the **Wits Workout** program for seniors

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

- **What is a Wits Workout?** Wits Workout was started by researchers at the University of Illinois to contribute to brain health. It does this by providing purposeful opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually and to increase their socialization through ongoing group participation.
- **Why should I do a Wits Workout?** Our brains need exercise just like our bodies. Cognitive challenges and workouts help strengthen current pathways and form new ones. Plus, it's fun!
- **How do I do a Wits Workout?** Do you love crossword puzzles and trivia games? These workouts include Intellectual stimulation in a fun group setting.
- **When can I do a Wits Workout?** Health and Human Services is offering Wits Workout sessions the third Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to noon starting March 21.
- **Where can I do a Wits Workout?** Sessions will be held in the Alexa Meeting Room at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.

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



Mindful **parenting** group forming

Parenting is one of the most consuming jobs humans take on, yet we do it with love, joy, pride and a sense of fulfillment. It can also feel overwhelming, especially when a child or teen needs additional emotional or behavioral support. Join Health and Human Services Assistant Director Audra Marks, Psy.D. and Brandon Less, M.A. for a mindful parenting group series on Tuesday evenings April 2 through June 4 at Village Hall from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Research has shown that mindful parenting groups can help caregivers reduce stress, develop a stronger bond with their children, and parent more effectively. In this group, you'll be invited to share your joys, express your challenges, and connect with other caregivers on a deeper level. We'll learn to pause, notice what's happening, and be present with our children, especially when things feel stressful.

Each group session will have a \$5 fee per participant. Call Brandon Less at 847-781-4860 to register.



Healthy body, healthy mind ...

news from Health and Human Services

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

Adult services and immunizations

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

Cholesterol screening

This FASTING test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels. It requires a small drop of blood. Results are immediate and include a 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 have diabetes or are at risk of developing diabetes. The test takes six minutes and the cost is \$15.

Children and baby clinics

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

Vaccine appointment portal

Visit our new appointment scheduling portal at portal.hoffmanestates.org to schedule vaccinations for adults and children. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at 847-781-4850.



Get screened for cardiovascular disease & stroke risk May 7

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.

Digging Deeper in Love: a couples workshop

The Health & Human Services Department is offering a free couples workshop, Digging Deeper in Love, to offer an opportunity for couples to revisit their emotional connections, build on their communication skills and plant seeds for future growth as a couple.

Digging Deeper in Love is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., and is open to all couples ages 18 and over. RSVP by April 8 to Nadine Kademoglou by email at Nadine.Kademoglou@vohe.org or by phone at 847-781-4868.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

The next election is the Presidential Primary on Tuesday, March 19. Take advantage of early voting at Village Hall March 4 through 18. Those who are not registered to vote may register on the Illinois State Board of Elections website at elections.il.gov or in person during the early voting period. In person voter registration requires two pieces of identification – one with a current address – and registrants must immediately cast their ballot after registering to vote. Mail-in ballots can also be requested online at elections.il.gov, or by calling the Village Clerk's Office at 847-781-2625. Mail in applications must be postmarked by March 19.

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



Capital Improvement Program

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Street revitalization project & water main replacement program

The scope of improvements on some streets will include water main, sanitary sewer, and stormwater improvements to maximize the cost effectiveness of the Village's infrastructure investment. Water main replacements on three of the streets included in the revitalization project are being performed to improve the reliability of the Village's aging water system, and are being scheduled alongside the street work to minimize disruption.

Information packets will be mailed to all residents living within the project location limits of street improvements before work begins. Work is expected to begin mid-March and is anticipated to be completed by the end of November. A full list of street improvement locations is shown below.

Beverly Road Multi-Use Path/ Roadway Reconstruction Project

Roadway reconstruction, including work on a multi-use path on Beverly Road between Prairie Stone Parkway and Beacon Pointe Drive, will begin in March with completion expected in November. This \$3.5 million investment will include a new barrier-separated path providing bicyclists and pedestrians a new, safe, connection across I-90 to the existing path system at Prairie Stone Parkway, and the planned multi-use path along Shoe Factory Road. More than half of the cost of this project is being supported by federal grant funding.

Sidewalk Replacement Program

Work on this year's enhanced sidewalk replacement program will begin in late-March, weather permitting. This \$1.3 million project includes the replacement of approximately 3,600 sidewalk squares throughout the Village, with the goal of reducing deviations and improving walkability.

Tree Replacement Program

The tree replacement program includes a \$750,000 investment in the removal and reforestation of dead and declining Silver Maple and Siberian Elm trees within the Village's parkways. Tree removals and replacements will be phased in over the next two years. The first phase of removals is scheduled to begin by mid-April.

Reconstruction Streets

- Almond Lane from Higgins Road to end of street, plus water main replacement
- Ash Road from Batavia Lane to Higgins Road
- Batavia Lane from Bradley Lane to Ash Road, plus water main replacement
- Goldenrod Lane from Mumford Drive to Sumac Trail

Resurfacing Streets

- Arizona Boulevard from Roselle Road to Higgins Road
- Arlington Street from Thacker Street to Alhambra Lane
- Ascot Court from Partridge Hill Drive to end of street
- Ashley Road from Cambridge Lane to Evergreen Lane
- Bicek Court from Bicek Drive to end of street
- Bicek Drive from Huntington Boulevard to Sapphire Drive
- Cameron Court from Rochester Drive to end of street
- Candlewood Lane from Kingsdale Road to Darlington Circle
- Carmel Court from Pebble Beach Drive to end of street
- Chippendale Road from Hassell Road to end of street
- Cooper Road from Cambridge Lane to Durham Lane

- Crescent Lane from Brookside Drive to Volid Drive
- Cumberland Street from Bradley Lane to Berkley Lane (E)
- Dexter Lane N from Wainsford Drive to Dovington Drive
- Douglas Court from Decatur Street to end of street, plus water main replacement
- Evanston Street from Illinois Boulevard to Bode Road
- Exeter Court from Kingston Drive to end of street
- Fairmont Road from Golf Road to Higgins Road
- Lichfield Drive (S) from Chambers Drive to Somerton Drive
- Maywood Lane from Washington Boulevard to Olive Street
- Morgan Lane from Payson Street to Illinois Boulevard
- Newton Street from Mohave Street to end of street
- Pebble Beach Drive from Moon Lake Boulevard to Volid Drive
- Red Oak Drive from Essex Drive to Rohrssen Road
- Rochester Drive from Chambers Drive to Kingston Drive
- Warwick Circle (S) from Gannon Drive to Worthington Drive
- Wildwood Court from Westbury Drive to end of street



Keeping **seniors safe:** beware of **ruse burglaries** and fraud

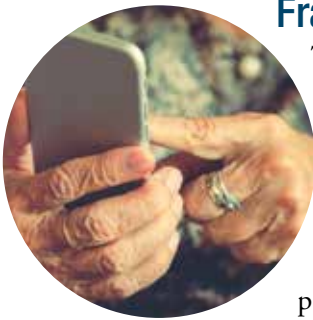
Ruse Burglaries

Ruse burglaries increase in frequency as the weather gets warmer. A ruse burglary occurs when a homeowner is distracted by someone, typically at their front door, appearing to have a legitimate business offer. These individuals convince homeowners that they have a problem outside on their property (utility meter, trees, fence, etc.) and offer to show how they can help fix the issue. While the homeowner is occupied, other subjects enter the residence at a different location and take items that are easy to conceal like cash or jewelry. Other suspicious solicitors may request immediate payment of cash before a job is completed, and never return to finish the job.



Although the Hoffman Estates Police Department conducts frequent residential patrols, it is important that the Police and community work together. Ruse burglaries can happen to anyone, however, many of those targeted are senior citizens. If there is any question as to the legitimacy of a subject that comes to your door, please call 9-1-1.

Fraud Alert



There has also been an increase in the number of fraud cases targeting senior citizens. Often in these cases, scammers find ways through email or compromised website links to make contact with potential victims. The scammers pose as company representatives (Microsoft, Apple, PayPal, etc.) or as law enforcement officials (local PD, FBI, etc.) advising the victim that their bank accounts are being hacked and they need to respond by calling a special crime hotline. With the victim on the line, scammers obtain account information from the victims and convince them to withdraw large sums of money to “protect” it from the hackers. Recent scams have also directed victims to purchase cryptocurrency to protect their assets against fake “hackers.” Money sent this way is quickly moved via various cryptocurrency exchanges, making recovery nearly impossible.

A common element in these fraud cases is confusing victims into believing that their bank accounts are at risk, and that they can only get help by following the instructions given. Those receiving confusing computer pop-up messages, email messages or calls of this nature are encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately to request assistance from the Police Department.

Police Department hosting **community beat** meetings

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is hosting community beat meetings on Wednesday, March 6 and Tuesday, May 7 starting at 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road. These meetings are open to anyone who works or resides in the Village.

Community beat 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.





Growing to Greenness!

Making plans for spring cleaning?

Get discounted roll off containers from Groot

As part of their contract with the Village, Groot offers Hoffman Estates residents discounts on roll off containers for a set two-week period once a year. For the 2024 program, 10 cubic yard dumpsters are \$195.64 and 20 cubic yard dumpsters are \$280.27.

The discount period will begin on:

- **April 1 for residents in Zone A** (All streets north of the Tollway (I-90) and all streets west of route 59)
- **April 15 for residents in Zone B** (All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- **April 29 for residents in Zone C** (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- **May 13 for residents in Zone D** (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road)

See the zone map on page 9, which is also used for branch pickup.

The discounted dumpsters are for residential use only, and are not to be utilized by contractors. Materials including but not limited to liquid waste, concrete, dirt, roofing shingles, landscape waste, tires, electronic waste, remodeling waste, or white goods will not be accepted in the dumpsters. To arrange for the discounted container, call Groot at 847-429-7370.

Electronics recycling drop-off program resumes in April

Hoffman Estates residents can drop off old, unwanted electronics for recycling at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Mondays between 10 a.m. and noon starting April 1. This electronic recycling program, provided in cooperation with the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), runs annually April through November. There is no charge to residents for this service, but all recycling must come from households.

The following electronics will be accepted for drop off as part of the program: computers (PCs, laptops and tablets) and computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), TVs, VCRs, DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, and video game consoles. Visit swancc.org for a full list of accepted items.



Residents from all SWANCC communities are eligible to participate; addresses will be verified. Electronics will not be accepted outside of the posted dates and times. Visit hoffmanestates.org/garbage or call Public Works at 847-490-6800 for additional information about recycling and waste collection.

Promote sustainability: bring your own “to-go” containers for restaurant leftovers



With recent guidance issued by the Illinois Public Health Department, restaurants can now allow customers to bring their own “to-go” containers to transport food that has been purchased. This new regulation provides an opportunity to reduce waste, benefiting customers, restaurant owners and the environment as a whole.

When a customer’s unfinished food is carried out of the establishment in a sturdy, sealed, food-safe container from their own home, the likelihood of leakage and spills is reduced and the refrigerator shelf-life of the leftovers is prolonged. Most people do not rinse and recycle single-use plastic, styrofoam, or aluminum containers properly, but they do rinse and reuse home food storage containers.

As awareness of this legislation increases, restaurant owners may see a decrease in the need to provide single-use plastic disposable containers for this purpose, thereby reducing overhead cost and impact on the environment.

For more information, email DPH.Food@IL.gov or visit usreduces.org.

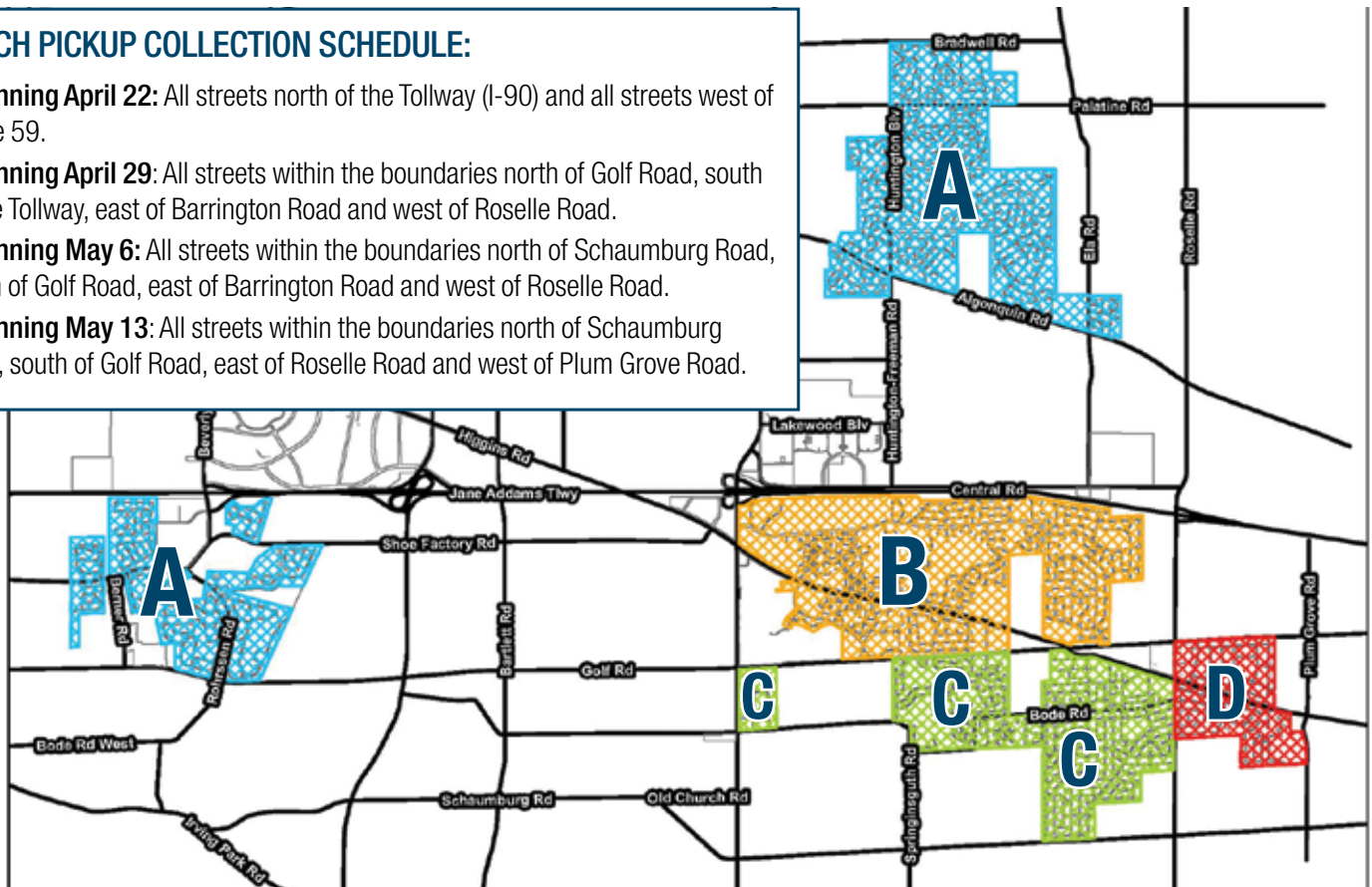
Spring **branch pick-up** begins by zone **April 22**

The free curbside spring tree branch pickup program through Hoffman Estates Public Works begins on Monday, April 22, 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.

BRANCH PICKUP COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

- A. Beginning April 22:** All streets north of the Tollway (I-90) and all streets west of Route 59.
- B. Beginning April 29:** All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- C. Beginning May 6:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road.
- D. Beginning May 13:** All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road.



Public Works crews **WILL** accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter 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 area, 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.

While supplies last, free wood chips will be available to residents at the Village's Vehicle Maintenance facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue, during daylight hours after 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, and during daylight hours on weekends. Please bring your own containers. If you have any questions or are interested in free large truckload deliveries of wood chips, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Community briefs

Upcoming programs for people with disabilities

Please join the Commission for People with Disabilities for three events this spring.

- **Friday, March 1:** First Friday St. Patrick's Day themed dance for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Free admission includes DJ, pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.
- **Friday, April 5:** First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Free admission includes DJ, pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.
- **Saturday, April 20:** Connect to Community Transition Summit 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Village Hall. The \$20 registration fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and seminar materials. Families, educators, service providers and community members are welcome. To register or for more information, email ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com.

Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun luncheon events in March and April.

- **Wednesday, March 13:** luncheon and entertainment, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is March 6.
- **Wednesday, April 17:** luncheon and Bingo, noon at Village Hall. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is April 12.

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, 60169. Payment must be received before a reservation can be confirmed.

Yard waste collection resumes April 1

The yard waste collection program through Groot resumes April 1.

Grass clippings, plant material and leaves must be placed in brown paper yard waste bags. Bags cannot exceed



45 pounds, and a yard waste disposal sticker must be affixed to each bag. Yard waste stickers are available at Village Hall, local stores and online at groot.com and hoffmanestates.org/yardwaste. An annual subscription for unlimited yard waste pickup is also available through Groot. Call 847-429-7370 for more information.

Garden plot sign-up begins April 1

Beginning Monday, April 1, residents may reserve plots in the Village's community gardens for \$25. There are two garden plot locations in the Village: north at Mumford Drive and Westbury Drive, or south at Volid Drive and Vista Lane. Plot assignments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve a garden plot, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org beginning April 1 at 8:30 a.m. Calls or emails before 8:30 a.m. will not be accepted. All voicemails and emails received after 8:30 a.m. will be processed according to the date and time received.



If leaving a message, please leave one message only, providing all of the information requested below.

A garden plot request must include:

- Full name
- Address including zip code
- Phone number
- Email address
- Garden location (north or south) & plot number preference (if known)

Voicemail messages or emails must contain all required information above or they will not be accepted. Residents will be able to reserve only one plot per address. Requests for additional plots will be placed on a waiting list and assigned only if plots are

still available after the initial sign-up. Plot assignment confirmations will be emailed or mailed to residents the following week.

Spring hydrant flushing begins in April



Annual hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin the week of April 8 occurring between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. over a six-week period. This program ensures delivery of the best water quality in the Village by circulating fresh water through the system. Watch for signs advising of the exact days that hydrant flushing will take place in your neighborhood. When flushing occurs in your immediate area, tap water may be temporarily discolored. Run the water for a few minutes to make sure it is clear before using. Also, be sure to check the water before doing laundry, as sediment may stain clothes.

Sustainability Commission hosting Solar Power Hour April 20

Join the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) and the Hoffman Estates Sustainability Commission for a free presentation on solar energy and its benefits on Saturday, April 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. During the Solar Power Hour, a CUB expert will explain solar programs and incentives, why clean energy is more affordable and reliable, and how policies like the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act impact consumers.

A Hoffman Estates Building Official will also be available to answer questions about the permitting and inspection process for solar panel installation in the Village. Light refreshments will be provided. Please email grow2green@vohe.org or call Aaron Howe at 847-490-6800 for additional information.

March & April calendar

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

March

Friday, March 1

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, March 3

- Veteran's Flag 90, Pfc. Joseph A. Montag, Army, WWII

Monday, March 4

- Early Voting Begins
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5

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

Wednesday, March 6

- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Community Beat Meeting, 7 p.m., PD

Saturday, March 9

- Arts Commission: String Art, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
- CPR Course, FS 24, 9 a.m.

*Sunday, March 10

- Veteran's Flag 1, PHM1 Chester M. Jason, USMC, WWII

Tuesday, March 12

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

Wednesday, March 13

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.
- Cultural Experiences Group, 6 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, March 17

- Veteran's Flag 2, Sgt. Elmer L. Wenz, 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.

Monday, March 18

- Last day of Early Voting
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 19

- Primary Election Day

Wednesday, March 20

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

Thursday, March 21

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

Saturday, March 23

- Arts Commission: Photography Workshop, 9 a.m.

*Sunday, March 24

- Veteran's Flag 3, Cpl. Donald W. Williams, USMC, Korea

Monday, March 25

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 27

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, March 31

- Veteran's Flag 4, T/Sgt. Lawrence H. Orvis, USAF

April

Monday, April 1

- Yard Waste Collection Resumes
- Garden Plot Signup begins
- Electronic Recycling Resumes, 10 a.m.
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

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

Friday, April 5

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, April 7

- Veteran's Flag 5, T/5 Anthony C. Alonzo, Army, WWII

Monday, April 8

- Hydrant Flushing Program Begins
- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.
- CPR Course, FS 24, 6 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Fire and Police Commission, PD, 6 p.m.
- Mindful Parenting Group, 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, April 14

- Veteran's Flag 6, Cpl. Charles T. Brown, Army, WWII

Monday, April 15

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

Tuesday, April 16

- Police Pension Board, PD, 1 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Mindful Parenting Group, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 17

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

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 18

- Wits Workout, 10 a.m.
- Bon Appétit Festival, BW, 5 p.m.
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20

- Connect to Community Transition Summit, 9 a.m.
- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- Solar Power Hour, 11:30 a.m.

*Sunday, April 21

- Veteran's Flag 7, T/5 Leonard J. Battaglia, Army, WWII

Monday, April 22

- Spring Branch Pickup Begins - Zone A
- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 23

- Mindful Parenting Group, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27

- Digging Deeper Couples Workshop 10 a.m.

*Sunday, April 28

- Veteran's Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.
- Veteran's Flag 8, SP4 William M. Walsh, Army, Vietnam

Monday, April 29

- Spring Branch Pickup Begins - Zone B
- Electronic Recycling at Village Hall, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30

- Mindful Parenting Group, 6 p.m.

PD: Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd.

FS 24: Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

BW: Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr.

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Fire Department offering CPR courses March 9 & April 8

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering Heartsaver CPR/AED courses on Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to noon and on Monday April 8 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](http://hoffmanestates.org/CPR) for a full course schedule.



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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
Bev Romanoff

Village Manager
Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

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Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road

Police Department
411 W. Higgins Road

Fire Administration
1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke
225 Flagstaff Lane

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

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova
1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow
Public Works Center
2305 Pembroke Avenue



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Put in Recycling Cart LOOSE! - Empty & Clean



Glass
Bottles & Jars



Plastic
Bottles - Caps On Preferred,
Tubs, Jugs, Jars
No Bags, Film, or Foam



Metal
Steel & Aluminum
Depressurize Aerosols



Mixed Paper & Cartons
Flatten Boxes

DON'T Put in Recycling Cart!



**No Batteries,
Electronics,
or Sharps**



**No Plastic
Bags or Wrap**



**No Food, Liquids,
Diapers, or
Shredded Paper**



**No Clothing
or Shoes**



**No Hoses, Wires,
or Hangers**

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