

Hoffman Estates Citizen



VILLAGE LAUNCHES **HELLO, HOFFMAN** A Comprehensive and Strategic Planning Effort

Hello, Hoffman is the Village's new Comprehensive Planning effort, which will culminate in a strategic guide for how Hoffman Estates will grow and thrive in the years ahead.

The creation of this plan helps shape the future of the Village's neighborhoods, roads, public spaces, businesses, and services. It will be based on input from those who live here, work here, play here, and know this community best.

Together, we're working to answer three big questions throughout the project:

- #1: Where are we now? We're going to take a good look at where the community stands today. What's working, and where can we improve? What makes our community shine?
- #2: Where do we want to go? Through outreach efforts, we will boldly envision what the next 20 years looks like for the Village. We will explore values and priorities as we say hello to the future.
- #3: How do we get there? We will examine what policies, decisions, and actions we need to take together to reach the goals established in the plan.

Hello, Hoffman Summer Hang: July 22

The community is invited to share input through a survey on the project website at hellohoffman.com or in person at the Hello, Hoffman Summer Hang on Tuesday, July 22 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at South Ridge Park. 1450 Freeman Rd. Join our team to provide feedback and stay for special guests, yard games, interactive activities, and delicious frozen treats.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

I'm continuing with notes on when important events occurred in our community's past.

One important and much anticipated opening came when the tollway was finally completed in 1958. How wonderful to be able to travel to and from the city in a short amount of time. For all of those who worked in Chicago or the immediate suburban areas, it was a big time saver and a very welcome way to travel.

Hoffman Estates' first full time police chief, Mark Orlick, was hired on March 15, 1960. One great story that was told by police officers early on was about the window shade in the Village Hall and Police Station at the Hammerstein Farm site. Their radio calls didn't always reach their squad cars so they'd drive past the station to see if the window shade was pulled down. If it was, they'd go in to get their call.

In November 1965, many fans and families of the Hoffman Estates Commandos football team were excited for the youngsters as they

had won their Milk Bowl championship game in Daytona Beach, Florida. I recall seeing the boys with their donation buckets outside all of the local stores to raise money for their trip to Florida.

Hoffman Estates High School opened in the fall of 1973. All my kids went there.

The historic 200-acre Greve Cemetery, once belonging to Cook County, was sold to the Village of Hoffman Estates in 1988. The Village maintains the property and must be contacted if visitors wish to visit the cemetery.

There have been so many changes year to year, and keeping track of the old buildings and developments seems to get harder and harder. No sooner do you drive down a street one day and then the next time you're in the area you ask yourself, "What happened to that building?" Of course the even harder question, "What are they going to build there?" Thankfully I only have to write about the past

and not worry about the future. I must say that I'm just as curious as you are.

A good example of keeping track of buildings was the tear down of the original Lincoln Federal Savings and Loan and a BMO Bank at the time of demolition at Golf Road and Gannon Drive. It went down a few years ago, and my curiosity got the best of me. I called the Village Hall and was given the answer that I sought. Now it's helpful for the rest of the community to see the sign that was put up at that location telling us all that a Belle Tire will be opening there soon.

Of course the sad closing of the Sears Corporate Campus is such a major close for all of us who loved and shopped at Sears. Now, with thanks to our Mayor McLeod and our Board of Trustees, a new data center—a business of the future—will soon be occupying that space.

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Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Tournament

The Hoffman Estates Charitable Foundation, in partnership with sponsors Bell Works Chicagoland and Wintrust, invites the community to take part in the 2nd Annual Hope Fore Hoffman golf tournament on Wednesday, July 23 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. The event begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. and promises a day of fun, networking, and community impact.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the Health and Human Services Department's Self-Help Fund, which supports essential services such as low-cost vaccination clinics, low-cost counseling, medical lending closets, health screenings, and more.

"We were thrilled to raise over \$30,000 for the Self-Help Fund at last year's inaugural event," said Mayor Bill McLeod. "This year, we're aiming even higher—and we need the support of our community to get there."

Sponsorship opportunities and golf-only packages are available. Visit the Hope Fore Hoffman event page at hope-fore-hoffman-golf-outing.eventlify.com for details and to register.



A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

The Hideaway Brew Garden is officially open - a sure sign of great summer fun to come! Head out to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green with family and friends to enjoy the Thursday night Summer Sounds on the Green concerts, take in a local band on stage at the Hideaway, plan a sunset picnic, or wander around one of the many weekend "makers" markets. The Village Green is a unique space that is free for all to enjoy. Rentals for private parties are also available through the Hideaway at hideawaybrewgarden.com.



Get ready for the Village's biggest celebration of the year—**Northwest Fourth-Fest 2025**. This fun-filled festival features delicious food, live entertainment, exciting carnival rides, a dazzling drone light show, and a spectacular fireworks finale. For the full schedule of events and details about this annual tradition visit northwestfourthfest.com.

As always, residents are invited to line up along **Illinois Blvd.** on July 4 to enjoy the parade with family and friends. The parade steps off at 9 a.m., so arrive early to grab the perfect viewing spot.

Registration is now open for 2nd Annual Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Tournament on July 23 at the beautiful Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the Health and Human Services Department's Self-Help Fund, helping provide critical support to Hoffman Estates residents in need. To register or learn more, please call Jennifer Djordjevic at 847-781-2610 or email jennifer.djordjevic@vohe.org.



Head back to the Village Green on Aug. 9 for all things Celtic. Shenanigans on the Green will come to life with a Celtic Marketplace, Celtic themed food, specialty drinks, dancing and live music, a Corgi Dash, animal and reptile encounters, children's activities, sword play demonstrations and much more! This free event starts at 1 p.m. and is open to the entire family.

As always, feel free to reach out to me at Bill.Mcleod@vohe.org or call 847-781-2604 with questions or comments.

Bill McLeod

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CLERK'S corner

As of May 7, U.S. travelers must be REAL ID compliant to board domestic flights and access certain federal facilities. The passport book and passport card are both REAL ID compliant. The Clerk's Office offers passport processing services at Village Hall to assist residents applying for new passports. Advance appointments are required. While we cannot process adult passport renewals, our team is happy to review renewal applications to ensure everything is in order before submission. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Clerk's Office at 847-781-2725. Make passport preparation hassle-free with assistance from the Village Clerk's Office!



VILLAGE CLERK
Patty Richter

Coffee with the Board

Saturday, July 19, 10 a.m.
Council Chambers, Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road



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Annual Recycling Event

Hoffman Estates is hosting its free annual recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, Aug. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

Please note:

- Participants remain in their vehicles.
- Place shred documents in paper bags or small cardboard boxes – no plastic bags.
- Shredding service is for sensitive documents – no magazines or newspapers.
- Separate recyclables in the vehicle as much as possible.
- Electronics should be removed from packaging.
- Flammable materials will not be accepted.

Paper Shredding

Paper is cross-shredded on site. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Plastic, metal clips and binders should be removed.

Electronics Recycling

Accepted electronic items include cable and satellite receivers; cell phones and tablets; computers and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, monitors, etc.); fax machines, printers and scanners; MP3 players; TVs; videogame consoles; video recorders/players; and Zip drives. Items NOT accepted include air conditioners; CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes; humidifiers/dehumidifiers; lamps; microwaves; refrigerators and other large home appliances; speakers; stereos; and vacuum cleaners.

Additional Services

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

- Textiles and small household goods
- Sharps and expired medication
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent lamp (CFL) light bulbs
- Batteries
- Printer cartridges
- I-Pass transponders
- Construction materials: powdered mortar mix, drywall compound, grout
- Latex (water-based) paint
 - Spray cans: no charge
 - Quarts: \$2.99
- One-gallon containers: \$5.99
- Five-gallon buckets: \$19.99
- Oil-based paint
 - Quarts: \$5.99
 - One-gallon containers: \$5.99
 - Five-gallon buckets: \$25.99

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

Show your Community Pride - nominate a neighbor today

The nomination deadline for the 25th Annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is Friday, Aug. 29. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three "best" landscaping categories:

- Detached single-family home
- Attached single-family home
- Neighborhood or homeowner's association

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

I nominate the residence at: _____

Owner(s) name (if known): _____

"Green" landscape techniques (if known): _____

Neighborhood/homeowners association: _____

Contact person: _____

Your name and address: _____

Please complete and return to:

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

Summer Sounds on the Green



Summer Sounds on the Green, the free, outdoor concert series sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District, runs Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green through Aug. 14. Here's the schedule for the remainder of summer:

July 10: Trippin' Billies

July 31: Jose Valdez and the Mambo All-Stars

July 17: Lamoine River Ramblers

Aug. 7: Elgin Symphony Orchestra String Quartet

July 24: Tennessee Whiskey

Aug. 14: iPOP

Visit hoffmanestatesarts.com for details.



Celtic Fest: Shenanigans on the Green Aug. 9

The Northwest Celtic Fest: Shenanigans on the Green returns to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green for 2025. Join us on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 1 to 11 p.m. for this fun cultural event where parking, entry, and kids' activities are free!

Festival activities include:

- Celtic Marketplace
- Chicago Sword Play Guild demonstrations
- Clan meet and greet
- Whiskey tasting
- Mini horse meet and greet from Soul Harbor
- Corgi races
- Birds of prey demonstration

Authentic Celtic fare and a variety of beers and other beverages will be available for purchase.

Live festival entertainment includes music and dancing by Ar Ais Aris, Rebecca McCarthy School of Dance, Mulligan Stew, The Academy of Irish Music, Baal Tinne, Thistle & Heather Highland Dancers, Dundee Scottish Pipe, Black Murray, Kennedy's Kitchen, Whiskey Mick, and Ken Dix's They might be Irish.

The Village's Celtic Fest Commission is collecting non-perishable food items and winter clothing item donations at the event. "In addition to collecting non-perishable items, we are also looking ahead to the colder months," says Mayor Bill McLeod. "Our grade school students are in need of warm hats, coats and gloves and we'd love to take your gently worn items to our local schools." All items can be brought to the fest and dropped off at the entrance.

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

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



DRAINAGE ADVICE from the Engineering Division

Village staff can offer advice for residents to consider on how to proceed with private drainage improvements. Call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email construction@vohe.org for additional information.

Floodplain Information and Services

Flooding can happen to anyone, even if you do not live near a body of water or have ever previously experienced flooding. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) identify Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) (or commonly “floodplain”), areas at higher risk of flooding. FIRMs are prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify flood zones and determine risk.

The Village offers a free service to assist anyone interested in obtaining information including:

- Whether a property is in a SFHA, and if there may be a requirement to purchase flood insurance.
- FIRM flood zone, panel number, suffix, panel date and regulatory base flood elevation for a property.
- A map of the property with the flood zone overlaid.
- Additional flood map information including floodways and regulatory requirements for development in a floodway.
- Local drainage issues or flooding sources not identified on the FIRM.
- Information regarding wetland and open space areas within the Village and regulations prohibiting development.

Stormwater management systems are designed to convey stormwater to nearby waterways through storm sewers and surface swales. While heavy rainfalls can temporarily overburden storm sewers and cause ponding in low areas, stormwater drainage paths are designed to ensure structures are protected from surface flooding.

The Village recommends completing these steps to protect structures from flooding:

- Regularly check that ground settlement adjacent to the home's foundation slopes away from structures toward the nearest side, front, or rear yard swale.
- Extend downspouts and sump pump discharges several feet from structures and direct them to the nearest drainage swale, but not closer than three feet to your property line.
- Do not block or obstruct drainage paths from upstream areas. Drainage paths are often located along property lines. Over time, these paths may become blocked by gardens, sheds, or raised landscape features.

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

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

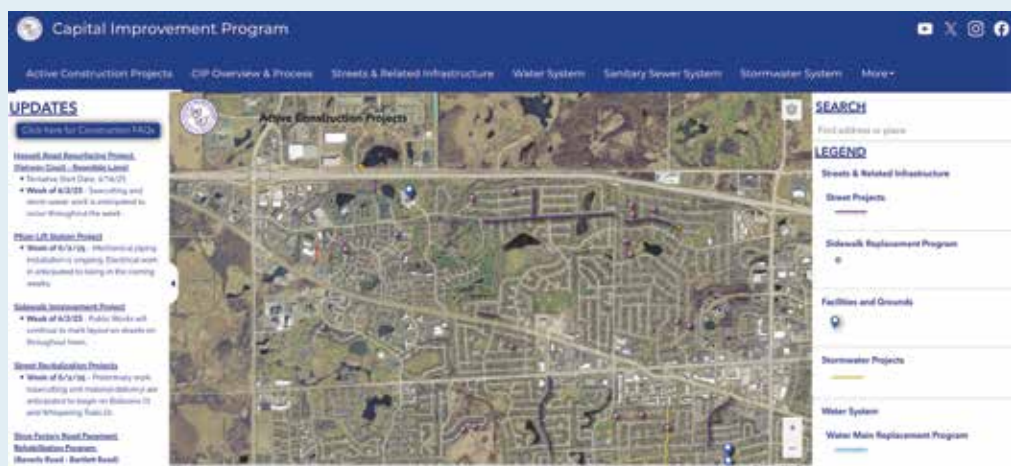
Call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email construction@vohe.org with questions.

FIRM panels are available for review at Village Hall or online at the FEMA Map Service Center at msc.fema.gov. Visit the official NFIP website floodsmart.gov for additional resources.



Construction Updates

Get up-to-date information about work happening in the Village's expanded Capital Improvement Program online at hoffmanestates.org/construction. Visit to learn about street resurfacing and reconstruction projects, sidewalk replacements, water main replacements, stormwater improvements and more happening right now in Hoffman Estates.





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

Health and Human Services offers affordable physical and mental health services to the community:

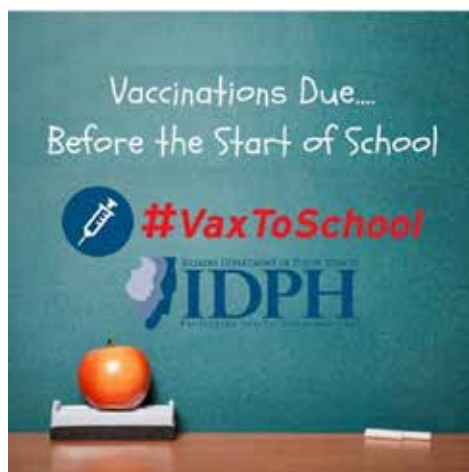
- **Adult services and immunizations**
- **Cholesterol screening**
- **Hemoglobin A1C screening**
- **Children and Baby Clinics**
- **Vaccine Appointment Portal**

To schedule health screenings, preventative tests, and tuberculosis testing, call 847-781-4850. Vaccination appointments can be made online at portal.hoffmanestates.org.

School's Starting Soon – Schedule Your Child's Vaccines Now

There's still time to get your child's required immunizations before the first day of school! To help protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases, Illinois state law requires vaccines for children enrolled in childcare, school, or college.

Health and Human Services offers low-cost immunizations through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. For program requirements or to schedule an appointment, visit portal.hoffmanestates.org.



Medical Equipment Lending Closet

Health and Human Services loans out the following medical-related equipment to Hoffman Estates residents:

- Wheelchairs--\$20 rental fee
- Walkers (with or without wheels) --\$10 rental fee
- Crutches--\$10 rental fee
- Canes--\$10 rental fee
- Knee Scooters--\$20 rental fee
- Reachers--\$5 rental fee

Residents are able to rent the equipment for up to eight weeks. For more information, please call 847-781-4850.

Health and Human Services

Outreach Program

Couples Workshop: Dip Into Love

Thursday, July 10

6 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall

Trade the usual dinner reservation for a playful evening that invites you and your partner to stir, taste, and laugh your way through a miniature kitchen adventure as you explore your differences and what brings you together. No culinary experience needed, only curiosity and a willingness to get a little messy. All palates and partnerships are welcome at the table. Reserve your aprons while spots last for this adventure. RSVP: call 847-781-4850, visit bit.ly/3HuGCJO or scan the QR code:



A nurse-led brain engagement program that helps to:

- Improve memory and concentration
- Increase focus

**Third Tuesday of each month,
10 a.m. to noon**

New Temporary Location*
**Hoffman Estates Branch Library,
1550 Hassell Rd.**

Call 847-781-4850 to register

* The location change is due to the parking lot reconstruction project at Village Hall.





Cryptocurrency Scams on the Rise

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is raising awareness about cryptocurrency scams, which are becoming increasingly popular. According to FBI statistics, about \$9.3 billion dollars was lost in cryptocurrency scams across the United States in 2024 alone – a 66% increase from 2023.

Oftentimes a criminal will reach out to an unsuspecting person posing as a staff member from their employer or another organization. Other times the criminal will make contact online and develop a relationship, gaining the trust of the victim. Inevitably, the criminal will then ask for or demand money, requesting the victim to make a deposit into a Bitcoin ATM machine, or to acquire and send cryptocurrency and “invest” into a fraudulent company.

The most important rule is to independently verify the person contacting you to make sure they are really who they say they are. REMEMBER – a legitimate organization will never ask you to deposit funds into a Bitcoin ATM or have you purchase and provide gift card codes. If you are contacted by someone you don't know or who you suspect is posing as someone else and asks you to send them money, CALL THE POLICE.

Other actions you can take to prevent yourself from being a victim of a cryptocurrency scam are:

- Never share your financial information or private keys.
- Use strong passwords and enable two-factor authentication.
- Double-check URLs and domain names to make sure they are legitimate (some URLs may look legitimate initially but have very slight variations).
- Keep up to date on the latest scams and security practices.

For more information, check out the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint website at www.ic3.gov.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Celebrate National Night Out Aug. 5

Help Hoffman Estates Police send crime packing during the National Night Out event on Tuesday, Aug. 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road. Join us for a celebration of safety, unity and community partnership on this evening filled with fun, food and community spirit.

National Night Out is celebrated across the country on the first Tuesday in August and is designed to promote strong police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with neighbors, meet the police officers who serve our community, and learn how we can all work together to make Hoffman Estates a safer, more caring place to live.

Join us for:

- Food & drinks
- Live music
- Station tours
- Touch-a-Truck
- Police Cadet program information
- Emergency management programs

Bring the whole family for an unforgettable night of fun, learning and community pride!



Join the Citizen's Police Academy

When: Tuesday evenings, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 2 - Nov. 18 at the Police Department

Apply today at hoffmanestates.org/CPA. Applicants must be at least 18-years-old

Presentations include:

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



For more information, call Sergeant Dan Donohue at 847-781-2866 or email Daniel.Donohue@vohe.org

Backyard *Pool* Requirements

A building permit is required for installing a swimming pool – this includes inflatable or temporary pools 24 inches or more in depth, or that hold 1000 gallons or more of water. Plat of survey and location and size of the pool are required for the permit.

- Safety/access protection will be reviewed to determine if a fence will be required.
- Location of the swimming pool will be verified by an on-site inspection to ensure set-back requirements are met, that electrical lines do not pose a safety threat and to verify that existing fences meet Village requirements.
- Stagnant water is prohibited in swimming pools. Unused pools need to be covered or drained after each rainfall.

Additional information about swimming pool requirements is available on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/permits or by calling the Building and Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.

Building Department Safety Alert: Stab-Lok Electrical Panels Create Fire Hazard Risk

Homes built in Hoffman Estates between 1950 and 1980 may have had electrical circuit breaker panels installed that are deemed a safety risk, having been linked to numerous electrical fires due to faulty manufacturing and design. The Stab-Lok circuit breaker panels were manufactured primarily by Federal Pacific Electric and were later found to not fully comply with Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. (UL) requirements. These panels also fail to meet requirements of the National Electric Code.

Due to faulty design, these circuit breakers may fail to trip in response to an overcurrent or a short circuit, which may result in a fire, property damage, and/or personal injury. The Building Department recommends that homeowners hire a licensed electrician to replace Stab-Lok brand electrical panels.

How to verify if your home has Federal Pacific electrical panels:

- Determine if your home was built between 1950 and 1980.
- Look for sticker or logos indicating Federal Pacific Electric Company, FPE or Federal Pacific on the electrical circuit breaker.
- The circuit breakers will have the words 'Stab-Lok' on them.

The average replacement cost of an electrical panel is estimated to be \$1,000 to \$3,000 depending on service and other factors. An electrical permit is required to be obtained for an electrical panel replacement. Please call the Village's Building Department at 847-781-2631 or email buildingpermits@vohe.org with questions or concerns.



Community BRIEFS

Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun events in July and August. Please note that commission events are temporarily moving to Moretti's Unique events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd., due to the parking lot reconstruction project at Village Hall.

- **Wednesday, July 16:** luncheon and program "Chicago: True Stories of the 1920s" by Martina Mathisen, noon at Moretti's. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is July 7.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 20:** summer luncheon with entertainment, noon at Moretti's. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is August 11.

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.

Commission for People with Disabilities: Carnival Rides

The Fourth of July Commission and the Commission for People with Disabilities are pleased to sponsor free carnival rides for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family/caregivers at this year's Northwest Fourth-Fest. This special opportunity will take place on Saturday, July 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at the NOW Arena. The event is open to any individual with disabilities, their immediate family and caregivers. No cost for entry! Space is limited. Registration required prior to admittance. Register online at bit.ly/4n5mn5M.

Sister Cities Commission News

The Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission is looking for a chef, former chef or someone with a culinary degree or

a culinary background to join and assist the commission with its many culinary activities. Interested members must either live, work or go to school in Hoffman Estates. For further information, please email Lillian Mosier at liliyoung2020@gmail.com or Jeff Howard at nscr14fan@aol.com.

Save the date for the 27th Annual Soirée Culinaire, sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, on Friday, Oct. 24. This French evening will take place at Village Hall and includes dinner and a silent auction. Look for more information in the next edition of the *Citizen* newsletter.

Seasonal brush drop-off program

Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturdays: July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 16, and Sept. 6. This free program is for residential brush/branches only (no commercial loads), and proof of residency is required. For more information, call 847-490-6800.

Hoffman Estates Arts Commission Seeks Vendors for Zine Fest

Self-publishers wanted! The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission is hosting a Zine Fest on Saturday, Oct. 18 from noon to 5 p.m. at Village Hall and is looking for exhibitors who make zines and are passionate about independent publishing. Register to participate in Zine Fest online at arcg.is/15KujS0.



Even Trees Can Become Stressed

Droopy tree leaves or those that turn yellow/brown, and perhaps even fall off are common signs of a tree undergoing heat stress. Trees experiencing heat stress are more susceptible to pests, which cause further tree decline. Avoid stress by providing the tree with deep watering (softening the top 10" of soil) during hot weather to encourage the formation of long, deep roots.



Tree Watering Tips:

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

Trees do more than keep our neighborhoods beautiful – they keep our environment healthy and livable. They clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide and releasing oxygen. Trees provide cooling shade and reduce energy costs. Their roots help prevent soil erosion and reduce flooding by soaking up rainwater. Be kind to your trees this summer and give them a drink of water!

July & August calendar

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

View Village website calendar for event updates and details!



July

Tuesday, 1

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

Wednesday, 2

- Northwest Fourth-Fest, 5-11 p.m., NOW Arena
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 3

- Northwest Fourth-Fest, 5-11 p.m., NOW Arena

Friday, 4

- Fourth of July Parade along Illinois Blvd, 9:00 a.m.
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon-11 p.m., NOW Arena

Saturday, 5

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet
- Commission for People With Disabilities Carnival Rides, 10 a.m. to noon, NOW Arena
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon-11 p.m., NOW Arena

*Sunday, 6

- Veteran's Flag 70: Sgt. Robert W. Church, Army, WWII
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon to 8 p.m., NOW Arena

Monday, 7

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 8

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

Thursday, 10

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- HHS Couples Workshop, 6 to 8 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

*Sunday, 13

- Veteran's Flag 71: Sgt. David L. Jacobs, USAF, WWII

Monday, 14

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 15

- Wits Workout, 10 a.m. at HE Branch Library
- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m., PD

Wednesday, 16

- Senior Commission Lunch, noon, Morretti's
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 17

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

Saturday, 19

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet
- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.

*Sunday, 20

- Veteran's Flag 72: Staff Sgt. Ray F. DeCola, Army, WWII

Monday, 21

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 22

- Hello Hoffman Summer Hang, 5 p.m., South Ridge Park

Wednesday, 23

- Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Tournament, 10 a.m., Bridges of Poplar Creek GC

Thursday, 24

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

*Sunday, 27

- Veteran's Flag 73: Capt. James "Francis" Pfrank, Army, WWII

Monday, 28

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet

Thursday, 31

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

August

Friday, 1

- Freezy Friday, noon, South Ridge Park

Saturday, 2

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet

*Sunday 3

- Veterans Flag 74: T/3 William P. Kollias, Army WWII

Monday, 4

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 5

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

Wednesday, 6

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

Thursday, 7

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

Friday, 8

- Freezy Friday, noon, Seascapes
- Kids Fun Day in the Park, 5:30 p.m., Fabbri Park

Saturday, 9

- Shenanigans on the Green, 1 p.m., Village Green

*Sunday, 10

- Veteran's Flag 75: PFC. Robert Sutherland, USMC, WWII

Monday, 11

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

Tuesday, 12

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

Thursday, 14

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

Saturday, 16

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet

Sunday, 17

- Veteran's Flag 76: ASM3 Bruce C. Lind, Navy

Monday, 18

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 19

- Wits Workout, 10 a.m. at HE Branch Library

Wednesday, 20

- Senior Commission Lunch, noon, Morretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 21

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 23

- CPR Course, 9 a.m. to noon, Fire Station #24
- Annual Recycling Event, 9 a.m., PW

*Sunday, 24

- Veteran's Flag 77: SP5 Paul C. Tuschinski, Army, Vietnam

Monday, 25

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m., Fleet Maintenance

*Sunday, 31

- Veteran's Flag 78: PFC Fred W. Kaminska, 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.

Platzkonzert Germanfest Sept. 5-7 at the Village Green

The Village's annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest returns to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green Friday, Sept. 5 through Sunday, Sept. 7! Join us for lively traditional music, craft beer, authentic German cuisine, a free Kinderplatz area for the kids, live entertainment and more! For a full schedule or to sign up to volunteer, visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.



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Fireworks Safety:

Leave them to the pros!

Thousands of people of all ages are injured each year while using consumer fireworks, which are illegal in Illinois. The Hoffman Estates Fire Department has a clear message for the community: Leave fireworks to the professionals. Help the Fire Department prevent fires, injuries and deaths by avoiding the personal use of consumer fireworks.

Even sparklers are extremely dangerous, burning in excess of 1,200 °F – hot enough to cause instantaneous burns and permanent scarring. While state law allows sparklers and other novelty fireworks, they are prohibited by ordinance in Hoffman Estates.

The Village of Hoffman Estates Northwest Fourth-Fest features a drone light show on Friday, July 4 at 9:30 p.m. at the Village Green and a professionally staged fireworks show on Saturday, July 5 at 9:30 p.m. on the grounds of the NOW Arena. The entire community is invited to join the festivities and celebrate safely with us during the Northwest Fourth-Fest.

For answers to safety-related questions, please call the Hoffman Estates Fire Department at 847-843-4825 or email firedept@vohe.org.



- ★ Carnival!
- ★ Parade!
- ★ Drone Light Show!
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