

Hoffman Estates Citizen



POLICE DRONE PROGRAM: Taking Modern Policing to the Skies

Launched last summer, the Hoffman Estates Police Department's drone program is already proving to be a valuable asset in a wide range of situations—from public events to emergency calls and even assisting other Village departments.

What makes the Police Department's drone program especially unique is how it is built into regular patrol operations. There is always a trained officer on duty who can launch the drone directly from a specially outfitted patrol vehicle, making the drone available to officers when it is needed most.

The police drone first took flight at the Village's Northwest Fourth-Fest last year to help make parking operations more efficient. It has since been used to support multiple search and rescue efforts, help monitor traffic crashes and assist the Fire Department locate hot spots during a structure fire using thermal imaging.

Additional high-tech features, like two-way audio and a weather-resistant design, make the drone a valuable tool during public safety efforts. It provides real-time information to police officers during active situations, with supervisors on the ground able to view the live feed on mobile monitors to make quicker, more informed decisions. The Police and Fire Departments continue to cross-train on drone operations for joint responses, including fire scenes and missing persons cases.

With safety as the top priority, the drone program is one more way the Hoffman Estates Police Department is using innovation to better serve the community.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

As we finish our 65th year as the incorporated Village of Hoffman Estates, it is very interesting to look back to when our town first grew up out of the corn fields tucked into land between Golf and Higgins Roads.

I often forget about the true age of our Village. Next year, it will be 70 years since the developer F & S Inc. began building the homes in what is now known as Parcel A. Only 200 homes were occupied in the area by late 1956. These hardy pioneers struggled, with much pushing and pulling, to traverse mud-filled, unpaved streets to their new front doors. Some lucky ones had gravel on their streets, but that didn't stop them from getting into the mud to help neighbors get their cars and trucks out of the muck.

This was not just an ordinary group of new residents in a new town. They were a very motivated and creative community of people. In doing research into the beginning of our village, I read an article in the Daily Herald

dated January 3, 1957, that looked back on the year of 1956. The early residents set the tone for what Hoffman Estates would become.

They formed the early Hoffman Estates Home Owners Association to establish some order in an unincorporated town. During this first year in Hoffman Estates, they also set up several important organizations including the Baby Sitter Club and the Women's Club.

With the opening of Twinbrook School, parents began to volunteer to start a Girl Scout and Brownie Troop, a Boy Scout Troop and a Little league that played all summer. Volunteers started a Kindergarten Committee that they hoped would begin in the following year in the barn donated to them by F & S Inc.

With all of the activity going on, these early pioneers found time to relax and hold four major social events. The Daily Herald article described them. "There was a dance in September, sponsored by the Home Owners

association, the proceeds of which were donated to their schools; a barn dance in November, sponsored by the Kindergarten Committee, proceeds of which were used to help support the kindergarten and a barn dance in December sponsored by the men's bowling league, the proceeds of which went to sponsor the fourth event, a Christmas party for the children of Hoffman Estates."

We've continued to be a community that shares and plans for the future. These early pioneers set a wonderful example for our Village of Hoffman Estates that continues "Growing to Greatness."

Happy Birthday Hoffman Estates! You turn 66 on Sept 23rd. Wishing many more successful years to come.

Pat Barch
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Help Shape the Future of Hoffman Estates: TAKE THE HELLO HOFFMAN SURVEY

Hey! Hello! Hi! Nearly 200 of our friends and neighbors came out to say, "Hello, Hoffman" at this year's Summer Hang event in July and even more at National Night Out at the Police Department in August. We heard about your favorite places in Hoffman Estates, where you see opportunities and challenges for the Village, and what Village services are most important to you. All that input guides the work we do together as we create a new comprehensive plan for the Village.

If you missed out – don't worry! We still want to hear from you. Visit hellohoffman.com to complete our survey (available in English, Spanish, Polish, and Urdu), use our interactive map to tell us all about the places you love in Hoffman Estates, and see where the team will be popping up next for some in-person activities. You can also call to leave a voicemail at 847-781-2687 with any thoughts you have.





A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

From the Village Green and Hideaway Brew Garden to the Bridges of Poplar Creek and everything in between, we've had a hot and busy summer. Our commission members and volunteers work hard to ensure the success of each event – and I am so grateful for them. We all work well as a team to get things done. It's what makes Hoffman Estates a great place to live!

Special thanks to the Fourth of July Commission, the Celtic Fest Commission and the Arts Commission for the incredible amount of work they put in. Summer Sounds on the Green, the Northwest Fourth Fest and the Shenanigans on the Green festival drew thousands of people to enjoy the sights, sounds and tastes that Hoffman Estates has to offer.

On July 23, another successful Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Tournament raised more than \$40,000 for residents and families in need. More than 100 golfers played the links to help fund the Village's Health and Human Services Department's Self-help Fund. Despite a brief power outage, the weather was beautiful, and the atmosphere was filled with energy and fun. Amongst all the

participants, we identified a best dressed group at the outing. Congrats to Mary Small, Lisa Christie, Bill Christie, and Tricia O'Brien (L&M Financial and Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce) for bringing their fashion sense to the course!



There is still fun to have this fall! Join us in September for Platzkonzert Germanfest. Set for September 5, 6 and 7, 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.

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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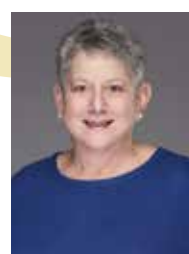
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CLERK'S corner

Supporting local businesses means investing in the heart of our community. Every purchase helps sustain jobs, fund essential public services, and keep resources close to home. From neighborhood shops and restaurants to trusted service providers, these businesses help shape the fabric of our neighborhoods and strengthen local connections.

Choosing to shop local also reduces our environmental impact. It's more than a transaction—it's a commitment to community wellbeing. Discover and support the businesses in Hoffman Estates by browsing our Business Directory on our website at hoffmanestates.org.



VILLAGE CLERK
Patty Richter

Coffee with the Board

Saturday, Oct. 18, 10 a.m.
Council Chambers, Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road



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Soirée Culinaire

French Dinner and Silent Auction

Join the Sister Cities Commission for the 27th annual “Soirée Culinaire – A French Culinary Experience” on Friday, Oct. 24 from 5:30 to 9 p.m. The dinner takes place at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.

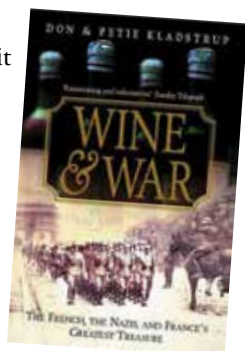
The evening includes a French-inspired meal, a silent auction and door prizes. There will also be tastings of fine wines and a regional liqueur from the Village’s sister city, Angoulême, France.

Early bird registration is \$60 per person. After Sept. 30, the price increases to \$70 per person. Space is limited to 100 participants. To reserve your space, register online at hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities. For more information, call Debbie Schoop at 847-781-2611.



Wine & War: an evening of history and French wine tasting

Join the Sister Cities Commission for “Une Nuit D’Histoire Et De Vin”, a Night of History and Wine, at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Friday, Nov. 14, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy this evening of history and French wine tasting, including hors d’oeuvres and desserts, while listening to guest lecturer Lynn Brand as she discusses the book *Wine and War*.



The evening also includes French wine tasting with Susie Whipple, Owner, Tasteful Adventures. Registration begins Oct. 1 and is limited to 80 people. Ticket price is \$45 per person. To reserve your space, register online at hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities. For more information, call Debbie Schoop at 847-781-2611.

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. 11, 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, a sampling of Hispanic cuisine, and a presentation by Dr. Rafael Núñez-Cedeño, Professor of Hispanic and Italian Studies from University of Illinois at Chicago. 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. 3.



Hoffman Estates Arts Commission Hosting Zine Fest Oct. 18

Join the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Schaumburg Township District Library as they celebrate self-publishing culture at the inaugural Hoffman Estates Zine Fest on Saturday, Oct. 18 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This all ages, family-friendly event is the first of its kind in the area, uniting independent publishers, artists and storytellers from across Chicagoland under one roof. Attendees will browse captivating booths, meet the artists, trade inspirations and bring home unique zines purchased directly from creators. The event also includes an interactive, creative workshop for anybody who wants to learn how to create their own zines! Admission is free for both creators and attendees. Learn more at hoffmanestatesarts.com/zine-fest-2025.



Hoffman Estates Maker's Market

New this year, the Hoffman Estates Maker’s Market is open the second Sunday of the month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barrington Square Shopping Center at the corner of Higgins Rd. and Governors Ln. Experience this market with over 40+ local vendors, food and live music.



• Sept. 14 • Oct. 12 • Nov. 9 • Dec. 14

The Hoffman Estates Maker’s market is sponsored by Delish Cakes and Hoffman Estates Economic Development. Visit bit.ly/4IGNZwh for more information, including a vendor list.



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.

Get Ready for Back to School With Immunizations from HHS

Illinois 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/HHS.

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.



September Is Healthy Aging Month

People are living longer—and living well starts with healthy habits. This September, celebrate Healthy Aging Month by focusing on your physical and mental well-being.

Healthy Aging Tips:

- Stay Active – Move your body every day.
- Eat Smart – Choose nutritious foods.
- Hydrate – Drink plenty of water.
- Challenge Your Brain – Keep your mind sharp to reduce dementia risk.
- Get Regular Check-ups – Even when you're feeling healthy.
- Discover New Interests – Explore, travel, or try a new hobby.
- Stay Social – Keep in touch with friends and family.
- Prioritize Sleep – Rest is restorative.
- Stay Positive – Your mindset matters!

Get more healthy aging tips on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov/healthy-aging.

Memory Loss Panel Discussion: Alice's Journey

The Dementia Friendly Community Committee is pleased to present "Alice's Journey Through Memory Loss," a panel discussion on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon at Schaumburg Township District Library Central, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, in the Rasmussen Room.

This dynamic panel presentation features local community agencies and first responders addressing the fictional account of "Alice" as she progresses through dementia. This event is intended for those facing memory loss and their caregivers and families; all are welcome. Register online: bit.ly/41IXj14

Health and Human Services

Outreach Program

Death Over Dinner: A Community Conversation

Wednesday, Sept. 17

6:30 to 8 p.m. at Morizzo Funeral Home,
2550 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates

Join Health and Human Services for an evening of dinner, reflection and connection at Death Over Dinner, a heartfelt gathering that invites community members to explore the universal themes of mortality, honoring lives past and present, and embracing a life of meaning.

Register online: bit.ly/41IXolo



A nurse-led brain engagement program that helps older adults:

- Improve memory and concentration
- Increase focus

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

- Sept. 16
- Oct. 21

Temporary Location

Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 1550 Hassell Rd.
Call 847-781-4850 to register

Avoid Common Code Violations

Keep Our Village Safe and Tidy

As a courtesy reminder, here are a few common code requirements to help maintain safety and neighborhood appearance:

- **Keep sidewalks clear:** Trim any bushes, shrubs, or tree branches that block sidewalks — especially for children and pedestrians. Overgrowth or parked vehicles should never force people into the street. If parkway trees are overgrown, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.
- **Private, residential parking:** Vehicles must be parked on asphalt or concrete — no parking is allowed on grass or landscaped areas in front, back or side yards.
- **Proper trash & yard waste disposal:** Be sure all garbage is secure and cannot be taken by wind or animals. Yard waste pickup runs April through November. Fill paper bags (under 50 pounds), prepare small bundled branches (under 4 feet) or rent a yard waste cart from Groot for pickup. Yard waste stickers are no longer required.
- **Garbage toters:** Garbage and recycling toters must be stored behind the front building line. Place toters out after 6 p.m. the day before pickup and remove them by 10 p.m. on pickup day.
- **Recreational equipment parking:** Boats, campers, and trailers must be parked on approved surfaces. Front/side yards facing a street require concrete or asphalt; side/back yards may use gravel or pavers.
- **Grass and weeds:** grass and weeds should be maintained at a height of eight inches or less, including in garden bed areas.

Let's work together to keep Hoffman Estates safe, clean and beautiful!

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.

Q. What types of violations does Code Enforcement typically investigate?

A. The most common cases are tall grass and weeds, garbage toters, improper outside storage, inoperable vehicle storage, improper sump pump discharge and accessory structures built without a permit. They also handle more complex cases such as building projects completed without a permit and commercial property parking lot maintenance.

Q. How do I report a possible code violation?

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

Q. What happens if a code violation is found?

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

Q. How much time is given for correction?

A. 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.

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

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



Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month – a time to acknowledge domestic violence survivors and provide a voice for victims. Domestic violence is prevalent in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality. Physical violence is often accompanied by emotionally abusive and controlling behavior as part of a much larger, systematic pattern of dominance and control. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Although there has been substantial progress in reducing domestic violence, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been victims of severe physical abuse by an intimate partner. Millions of Americans live in daily, silent fear within their own homes. Domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have long-lasting negative effects on children's emotional well-being, as well as social and academic functioning.

Anyone in need of immediate assistance regarding domestic violence can call or text 911 to have a Police Officer respond. Those seeking domestic violence resources can call the Hoffman Estates Police Department non-emergency line at (847) 781-2800 and ask to speak with an HEPD Social Worker.

School Zone Safety



The journey for students to travel to and from school often involves navigating busy intersections, and ensuring these pathways are secure is important. The most expressed concern that the Hoffman Estates Police Department receives from residents is driving safety in residential neighborhoods.

With school back in session, it is a great time to educate everyone on how they can do their part to promote pedestrian safety near schools. Please keep these safety tips in mind.

- Pedestrians should always look both ways, make eye contact with drivers, and never run into traffic.
- Speed limits are reduced to 20 MPH in school zones on school days when students are present.
- Motorists are required to stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Attentive driving, free from distractions like mobile phones, can significantly reduce the risk of accidents.

The Hoffman Estates Police Department makes school safety a priority and residents will see an increased presence at the schools for drop off and pick up. Motorists who speed, disobey stop signs, and illegally pass school buses with the stop sign activated will be ticketed. Our schools also have school resource officers on site that help facilitate safe practices for drop off and pick up.

Halloween Safety Tips

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Police Department want you to have a safe and happy Halloween! Recommended trick-or-treating hours are 3 to 7 p.m. in Hoffman Estates. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

- Always CHECK CANDY before letting your child eat it. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.
- Make sure your children's costumes are properly sized to AVOID FALLS AND TRIPPING.
- Have children wear REFLECTIVE MARKINGS or carry FLASHLIGHTS so they can be seen.
- Always ACCOMPANY YOUR YOUNG CHILDREN when they are trick-or-treating.
- Use NON-TOXIC MAKE-UP on your child instead of a mask so vision is not limited.
- Keep children on a SIDEWALK OR PATH and don't let them dash across the street to the next house.
- Always walk TOGETHER and cross at a crosswalk or street corner.



Trick-or-treating Hours
Friday, Oct. 31, 3 - 7 p.m.

Police Community Meetings

The Hoffman Estates Police Department hosts Community Beat Meetings that are open to anyone who works or lives in the Village. These meetings, held at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd., provide 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.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS



- Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday Nov. 19, 7 p.m.



Open Houses

Kick Off Fire Prevention Month

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is hosting Fire Station Open Houses this October to kick off Fire Prevention Month.

- **Saturday, Oct. 4: Fire Station 23, 1300 Westbury Drive**
- **Saturday, Oct. 11: Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive**

The doors will be open from 1 to 4 p.m. Bring your family and friends to:

- Meet your very own Hoffman Estates Firefighters
- Learn about fire safety
- Sit in a fire truck, fire engine, squad, and more
- Challenge an obstacle course
- Slide down the fire pole
- Watch a LIVE FIRE demonstration
- Engage with local vendors and community groups
- Medical helicopter landing at Station 24 (as time and weather permit)

Join us to help us raise fire prevention awareness and create a safer community!

Preparedness Pointers

September is National Preparedness Month. When preparing for an emergency, make sure you and your family have a plan! It is important to talk to your family about a plan of where to meet, what to bring, and who to contact.

Recognize that in extreme situations, emergency resources may be limited. Be prepared to care for yourself and your family for at least three days. Here is a useful guide to what to pack in an Emergency Supply Kit.

Make A Plan

Put Disaster Supplies in Your Shelter

 Food and water	 Battery-powered radio	 First Aid Kit
 Extra batteries	 Flashlight	 Whistle to signal for help if needed
 Cleaning supplies	 Important documents	 Cell phone with inverter or solar charger
 Helmet or hard hat	 Shoes and clothes	 Extra pet food and supplies

Fire Department CPR Courses

- **Monday, Sept. 8 from 6 to 9 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to noon**

Hoffman Estates Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

- Learn when to phone 9-1-1
- How to administer CPR
- How to use an automated external defibrillator (AED)
- How to provide relief from choking



Courses are offered monthly.
Visit hoffmanestates.org/CPR
for schedule.

**Registration is required; class sizes are limited.
Call 847-843-4825 to register.**

Branch pickup resumes by zone *Sept. 22*

The free curbside branch pickup program through Public Works begins on Monday, Sept. 22, starting with Zone A. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

There will only be one collection pass made for each street. 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:

- Branches smaller than 8 inches in diameter and/or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Willow branches if separated from other materials

NOT ACCEPTED items include:

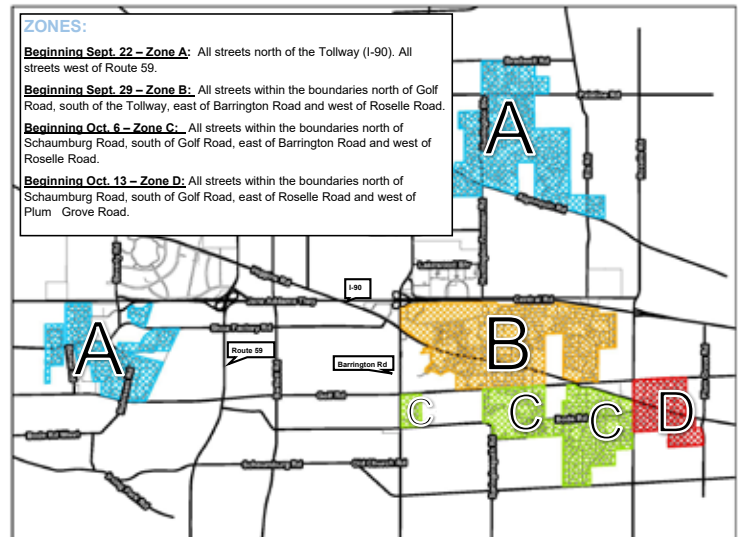
- Tree trunks, stumps or root balls
- Firewood
- Railroad ties or landscape timbers
- Grass clippings, leaves, sod, plants or yard waste

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. Do not tie branches in bundles or place them in any container. Do not block sidewalks, streetlights, street signs, mailboxes, or streets.

Once branches from your zone are picked up, the branch pickup concludes for this zone for 2025.

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

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



10 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 discharging 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 pm 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. 1, 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. 1 is canceled. This service will resume at the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility on Monday, Sept. 8.

Youth Commission hosting "Fire and Ice" Science Show

Get ready for an electrifying adventure at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., on Saturday Sept. 27 from 10 a.m. to noon with "Fire and Ice," a thrilling community science show designed just for kids! Packed with dazzling demonstrations that blend the fiery forces of heat and the icy mysteries of cold, this event promises to spark curiosity and laughter. After the show, families are invited to stay and explore hands-on experiment stations, where budding scientists of all ages can mix, measure, and marvel at the magic of science in action. Please call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 to register for this free event.

Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday Oct. 3

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over on Oct. 3 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

Upcoming programs for Seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun events in September and October! 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, Sept. 17:** fall luncheon with entertainment, noon Moretti's. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is Sept. 7.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 15:** Halloween themed luncheon with entertainment, noon at Moretti's. Cost is \$10, registration deadline is Oct. 5.

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.

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. 6 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.

Hoffman Estates Arts Commission Offering Table Top Photography Seminar

Presented by James Hojnacki
Location: Village Hall
Date: Saturday, Oct. 4
Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is a hands-on photography seminar for those who have a DSLR style camera. Participants will have the opportunity to photograph subject matter with a variety of light sources (incandescent, LED, and flash) and backgrounds that will be provided.



A discussion of white balance (light sources), exposure and depth of field will be included in the seminar, as well as a time for Q&A with the instructor.

Cost for this course is \$10 per person. Visit hoffmanestatesarts.com for more information and to register.

Veterans Memorial Commission hosting September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Hoffman Estates Veterans Memorial Commission invites the community to gather in reflection and unity for the annual September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, "What Does it Mean to Never Forget?" The event will honor and remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost as a result of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

The ceremony will take place on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 4 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Veterans Memorial, located in front of the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd. All are welcome to attend the ceremony, which will provide an especially wonderful learning experience for youth born after 2001.



September/October 2025

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

September

Monday, 1

- Labor Day, Village Hall closed

Tuesday, 2

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

Wednesday, 3

- Utility Commission, 12 p.m., PD
- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m., VG
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 5

- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 5-11 p.m., Village Green

Saturday, 6

- Brush Drop-off, 8 a.m.-1p.m., PW Vehicle Maintenance
- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., Village Green

*Sunday, 7

- Veteran's Flag 79: Sgt. Carleton W. Fish, USAF Vietnam
- Platzkonzert Germanfest, noon-5 p.m., Village Green

Monday, 8

- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- CPR Course, 6 p.m., FS 24
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 9

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

Thursday, 11

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 4 p.m., PD

*Sunday, 14

- Veteran's Flag 80: T/Sgt. Robert T. Wade, USAF WWII

- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Barrington Square

Monday, 15

- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 16

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

Wednesday, 17

- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- HHS Death Over Dinner Program, 6:30 p.m., Morizzo Funeral Home

Thursday, 18

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 21

- Veteran's Flag 81: Sgt. George A. Mally, Army WWII

Monday, 22

- Branch pickup starts for Zone A

Tuesday, 23

- Dementia Friendly Panel Discussion, 10 a.m., Schaumburg Twp. Library Central

Wednesday, 24

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

Saturday, 27

- Youth Commission "Fire & Ice" Science Show, 10 a.m.

*Sunday, 28

- Veteran's Flag 82: T/5 Walter M. Ludtke, Army WWII

Monday, 29

- Branch pickup starts for Zone B

October

Wednesday, 1

- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 3

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 4

- Photography Seminar, 10 a.m.
- Fire Station 23 Open House, 1 p.m.

*Sunday 5

- Veterans Flag 83: SP4 William E. Petrella, Army Vietnam

Monday, 6

- Branch pickup starts for Zone C
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 7

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

Thursday, 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, 11

- Fire Station 24 Open House, 1 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

*Sunday, 12

- Veteran's Flag 84: S/Sgt. B.L. Richardson, USMC WWII & Korea
- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Barrington Square

Monday, 13

- Branch pickup starts for Zone D
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 14

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

Wednesday, 15

- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 16

- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 18

- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.
- Arts Commission Zine Fest, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Sunday, 19

- Veteran's Flag 85: S/Sgt. Robert J. Kolp, Army WWII

Monday, 20

- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 21

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

Friday, 24

- Sister Cities French Dinner, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 25

- CPR Course, 9 a.m., FS 24

*Sunday, 26

- Veteran's Flag 86: SN Donald F. Boyer, Navy
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m., PD

Monday, 27

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Friday, 31

- Halloween Trick-or-Treat, 3-7 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.

Public Works

Open House & Pumpkin Smash

Join us for the annual Public Works Open House on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

This free, family-friendly event features snowplow rides, touch-a-truck displays, and hands-on exhibits showcasing Public Works vehicles and equipment—including loaders, excavators, and aerial lifts. Enjoy light refreshments, giveaways, and raffle prizes, while supplies last.

Bring old pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns (decorations and candles removed) to participate in the Pumpkin Smash composting event, a fun way to support the Village's sustainability goals! For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org.



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Municipal facilities

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Platzkonzert Germanfest

The Village's 19th annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest returns Sept. 5, 6 & 7 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. 5: 5 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 7: noon to 5 p.m.

Join us for:

Live Music
German food & craft beer with commemorative mugs
Stein hoisting, stein carrying & costume contests
Dachshund races
Kinderplatz children's activities — FREE!

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.

