

Hoffman Estates Citizen



Certified Dementia Specialist Lynne O'Malley from the Northwest Suburban Chicago office of Right at Home and Community Health Nurse Gina McCauley lead a dementia awareness training session at Village Hall.

HOFFMAN ESTATES COMMITTS TO BECOMING A DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

This effort is designed to make Hoffman Estates a more inclusive, supportive, and aware community for those living with dementia, along with their families and caregivers.

The Village of Hoffman Estates is proud to announce its commitment to becoming a certified Dementia Friendly Community through the Dementia Friendly America initiative. This effort is designed to make Hoffman Estates a more inclusive, supportive, and aware community for those living with dementia, along with their families and caregivers.

Certification through Dementia Friendly America will help promote resources, services, and support for community members impacted by dementia aimed at improving their quality of life. This effort is being led by the Village's Health and Human Services Department with support from certified dementia specialists from the Northwest Suburban Chicago Office of Right at Home.

Working toward dementia friendly certification in Hoffman Estates involves a four-phase approach. The first two phases, dementia sensitivity training for all Village employees and establishing the Hoffman Estates Dementia Friendly Community Committee, were accomplished in 2024. Implementing initiatives and providing support and evaluation will be ongoing in 2025.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Another new year begins with good wishes for all of our community.

During the earlier part of 2024, one of my readers sent me an e-mail reminding me that accuracy is important when you write about history. Then he added that since Hoffman Estates was a village, the head official should be addressed as President. I answered with a reply that he was perfectly correct.

About a month or so ago I saw Mayor McLeod at a ribbon cutting at the Schaumburg Township District Library. As he was about to leave, I called to him and asked him if he wanted to be addressed as Mayor or Mr. President. After I explained why I was asking, he said that years ago, at a mayors meeting, they all decided that they preferred to be called Mayor.

The head of a governmental body can choose to be called Mr. President or Mayor. Either one is correct.

I promised my reader that I would address his question with additional information and I thought you'd like to hear the rest of the story behind how we became a village and not a city, which was our choice back in 1959.

In the early years of the village, the Hoffman Estates Homeowners Association was our form of government. An early map showed Parcel A divided into 18 numbered blocks. Each block had a representative who attended the Homeowner Association meetings. This early set-up closely followed a city form of government with precincts and aldermen (now called alderpersons) who attended the city meetings. Choosing a City form of government would have

worked well with what had already been set up. We initially chose to incorporate as a city, requiring us to ask any neighboring government whose border was within 1.5 miles of our border to give permission. Schaumburg was that close neighbor and their officials said no to our request. So we had to incorporate as a Village. No permission was needed for this form of government.

Most of our neighbors are villages. There are a handful of cities including Rolling Meadows, Prospect Heights and Des Plaines. In village government, elected officials are called Trustees, and the title of the head of our Village of Hoffman Estates is President but the title of Mayor is preferred.

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MAYOR'S COMMUNITY UPDATE BREAKFAST

Join the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and Industry for its annual Mayor's Community Update Breakfast on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at the NOW Arena.

Registration and the breakfast begin at 7:30 a.m., followed by Mayor McLeod recapping 2024 and providing a look ahead at 2025. Village staff will also be available to answer any questions you have on current and future developments.

This event is open to the public. Admission, \$35 for Chamber members and \$45 for non-Chamber members, includes a hot breakfast buffet. Register today by calling 847-781-9100 or by visiting the Chamber of Commerce website at hechamber.com.





MAYOR
William D. McLeod

A Message from Mayor McLeod

Happy New Year! If you had a chance to celebrate the season with us at the Friendship Tree Lighting and fireworks show – thank you! The holiday season is tough for many people and events like the Tree Lighting help lift spirits and create a fun sense of community. Many thanks to our Public Works team for organizing this festive event.

This month we continue the tradition of celebrating peace by honoring one of our country's greatest civil rights leaders – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Hosted by the Cultural Awareness Commission, the Annual MLK Jr. Breakfast, held on Monday, Jan. 20, brings our community together for vibrant discussions and nonviolent activism. This event has limited capacity. More information about this celebration can be found on page 4.

Each year my office collects thousands of Valentine's Day cards. We deliver them to seniors, veterans and others in the community who need to know they are loved. I invite you

to participate in the collection by dropping off handmade cards to my office. All cards must be received by Monday, Feb. 10 to be included in the delivery. Thank you in advance for being a part of this annual tradition!



Finally, join me at the Mayor's Community Update Breakfast hosted by the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, Feb 19 at the NOW Arena. Enjoy a great breakfast and learn about the Village's plans for the upcoming year. Call the Chamber at 847-781-9100 or visit hechamber.com to reserve your seat.

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

Bill McLeod

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Coffee with the Board

The Hoffman Estates Village Board will host a Coffee with the Board event on Saturday, Jan. 18 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.



CLERK'S corner

I hope you all had a safe and joyful holiday season! As a reminder, the Village has a dedicated spot in the lobby at Village Hall for dropping off canned goods, boxed items, and toiletries to help restock our local food pantries. We welcome donations year-round to ensure that the pantries can continue their missions to support those in need. Thank you for your generosity!



VILLAGE CLERK
Patty Richter



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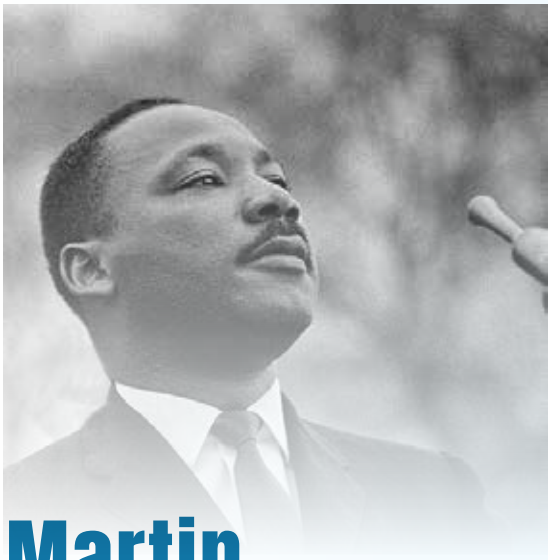
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Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast in January

The Cultural Awareness Commission cordially invites you to celebrate its 21st annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 20. This free, joyful event will begin promptly at 8 a.m. with breakfast at Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.

This event celebrates the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., one of history's most inspiring and influential civil rights leaders. Dr. King's example of sacrifice, service and conviction in the face of great injustice reminds us that positive change is possible when we all join together in solidarity.

A special keynote address, "The Search for the People's King," will be given by Tony Bradburn. Tony has worked in education as a teacher and administrator for over 27 years and is currently the Principal at Sunny Hill Elementary School in Barrington School District 220. The event also features the Kingdom Impact Theater group, who will perform "Strollin' Down MLK Street."

Seating is very limited, and reservations are accepted on a first come, first-served basis through 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 15, or until the event is full. There is a limit of four persons per reservation. To reserve your spot today, call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 or email Hallie.Karle@vohe.org.

Donations of non-perishable food items or new hats and gloves will be accepted during this event to help restock our community food pantries for the winter.

We hope you will be able to attend this uplifting celebration!



Black History Month Celebration!

Join the Cultural Awareness Commission for a special celebration honoring Black History Month on Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. This event will celebrate the tremendous contributions of great black Americans throughout history.

This commemoration will feature entertainment by Ayodele African Drum & Dance Troupe. Light refreshments will be served.

Black History Month is an outgrowth of Negro History Week, an event created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, an African-American scholar and historian. In 1976, the annual event was extended to last for one month, during which achievements of African-Americans are honored. Black History Month takes place in February to commemorate the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, a former slave, intellectual and abolitionist.



The event is free, but reservations are required. Call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 or email Hallie.Karle@vohe.org to reserve a seat.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED for Sister Cities Cultural Exchanges

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

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

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

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

Please help continue this tradition of friendship and sharing of cultures by considering becoming a host family.

For more information, please call Bob Dohn at 847-971-9902 or email at bob@bobdohn.com regarding the soccer exchange. For the culinary exchange, please call Jill Wood-Naatz at 847-507-9724 or email jill.woodnaatz@gmail.com.



**Growing to
GREENNESS!**



Recycle Holiday Lights

Holiday lights will be accepted for recycling at no cost to residents through a partnership between the Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). This year's program runs through Friday, Jan. 31.

All string lighting and extension cords can be dropped off during normal business hours in the drop boxes located in the lobby at Village Hall.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL PUBLIC WORKS
at 847-490-6800.**

Winter Storm Preparedness:

Know the Difference Between Weather Watches and Weather Warnings

Living in Hoffman Estates, we know the challenges that arise due to the weather during the winter months. Heavy snowstorms, ice storms and even the occasional polar vortex have impacted our community. Do you know the difference between a storm watch and a storm warning? Watches are intended to heighten public awareness of the situation. A warning means that a certain weather event is imminent, and measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately.



Report Mailbox damage to Public Works

The Village will replace mailboxes damaged during winter maintenance operations, whether the damage results from direct contact with snow removal equipment or from the force of snow and ice displaced during plowing, provided that the mailbox was originally installed in accordance with Village regulations. If a mailbox is damaged, a temporary repair will be made to ensure uninterrupted mail delivery. To report mailbox damage, please call the Public Works Department 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org.

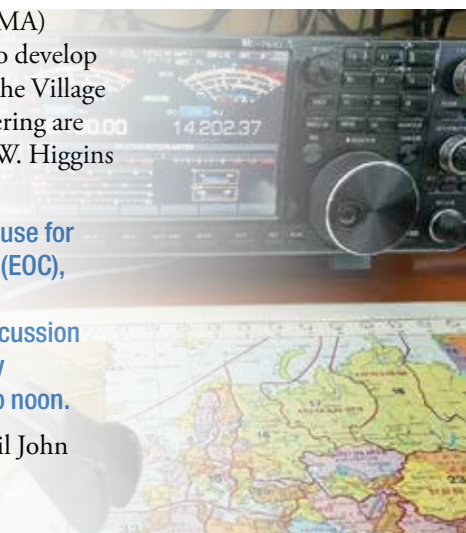
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM SEEKS

HAM Radio Operator Volunteers

The Hoffman Estates Emergency Management Agency (EMA) recently established an Auxiliary Radio Team (HE-ART) to develop and train a corps of volunteer HAM operators to support the Village during emergency operations. Those interested in volunteering are invited to attend meetings at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd., this January.

- **Saturday, Jan 4: Organizational meeting and Open House for HAM radio station and Emergency Operations Center (EOC), starting at 10 a.m.**
- **Saturday, Jan. 18: Quarterly EmComm roundtable discussion about local activities and events in Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) Regions 3 & 4, 10 a.m. to noon.**

For additional information about HE-ART activities, email John Zietlow, K9WIC at VOHE_ART@outlook.com.



VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL

Budget in Brief

2025



The **Budget in Brief** summarizes the Village's annual budget. To view more information, visit the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/budget.

Each year, the Village of Hoffman Estates establishes an Operating and Capital Budget to guide spending. The operating budget includes funds for services the Village provides to the community, while the capital budget is a long-term plan for larger purchases, such as upgrades to the Village's infrastructure. Together, these documents establish a firm foundation for long-term financial success.

The budget creation process spans six months, with departments working closely with the Finance Department and the Village Manager's Office to

estimate how much money will be received and spent in the current and upcoming year. After several rounds of review, a draft budget is shared with community stakeholders, including the Village Board and the Capital Improvements Board. The Village Board then reviews the draft budget and, if necessary, requests changes.

Following a public hearing, the Board votes to approve and adopt the final budget. All budget hearings are open to the public, and community members are invited to participate.

The FY2025 Operating and Capital Budget was approved by the Village Board on December 2, 2024. The total budget for all funds is **\$227.2 million**.

VILLAGE BOARD STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Village Board has established strategic priorities to guide how the Village allocates resources for the community. During the year, the Village strives to communicate these priorities in a clear, direct and proactive manner that increases understanding of the Village's services, initiatives and programs.

COMMUNICATION



SUSTAINABILITY



TRANSPORTATION



INFRASTRUCTURE



PUBLIC SAFETY



FISCAL
RESPONSIBILITY



ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT



TECHNOLOGY



ORGANIZATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

BUDGET FAST FACTS



\$227.2 MILLION
TOTAL BUDGET



16 AWARDS
FOR BUDGET
PRESENTATION



S&P BOND RATING
REAFFIRMED FOR "STABLE
OUTLOOK"



\$49.9 MILLION
CAPITAL PROJECTS





REVENUE AT A GLANCE

WHERE DOES THE VILLAGE GET ITS MONEY?

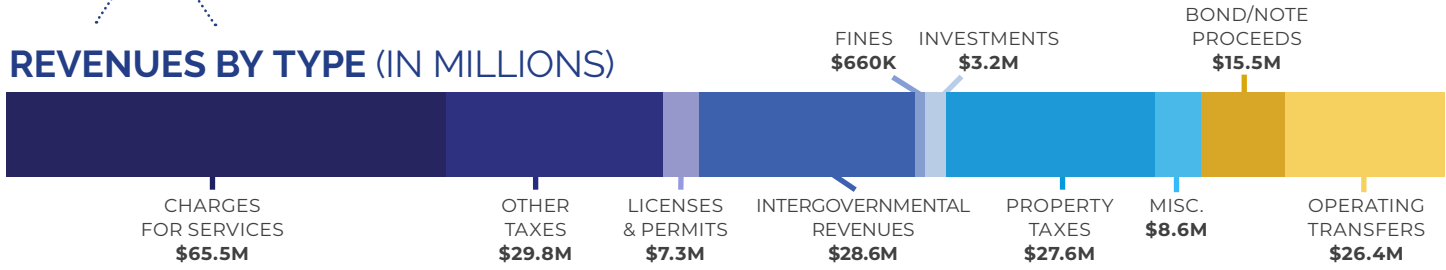
TOTAL ALL REVENUES

\$213.1


MILLION

▲11.3% Increase from 2024

The Village has several sources of revenue. The largest is “Charges for Services,” like water and sewer charges. Intergovernmental revenues are the second-largest revenue, followed by property taxes and other taxes. Taxes paid to the State of Illinois that are redistributed to the Village, such as income tax, are included in intergovernmental revenue rather than other taxes. For the budget, conservative estimates are made on how much money will be received during the fiscal year. In 2025, **\$213.1 million** in revenue is expected, a **11.3%** increase from last year. This can be attributed to increases in sales taxes, income taxes, interest income, building permit fees and proceeds from a bond sale for the construction of Fire Station 22.




REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

 **\$27.6 MILLION**


PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax is the Village’s fourth-largest revenue source. Close to 90% of the property tax levy, which will see a modest **2.1%** increase for 2025, is used to pay for public safety operations and police and fire pensions. Approximately 10% of property taxes collected will go toward paying a portion of the Village’s outstanding debt.

 **\$29.8 MILLION**

OTHER TAXES

Other municipal taxes, such as electricity, natural gas, and home rule sales tax, make up **14%** of all revenues.

 **\$24.3 MILLION**

WATER & SEWER FEES

Water and sewer charges are the most significant portion of charges for services, making up **37%** of the **\$65.5 million** in revenue in that category.

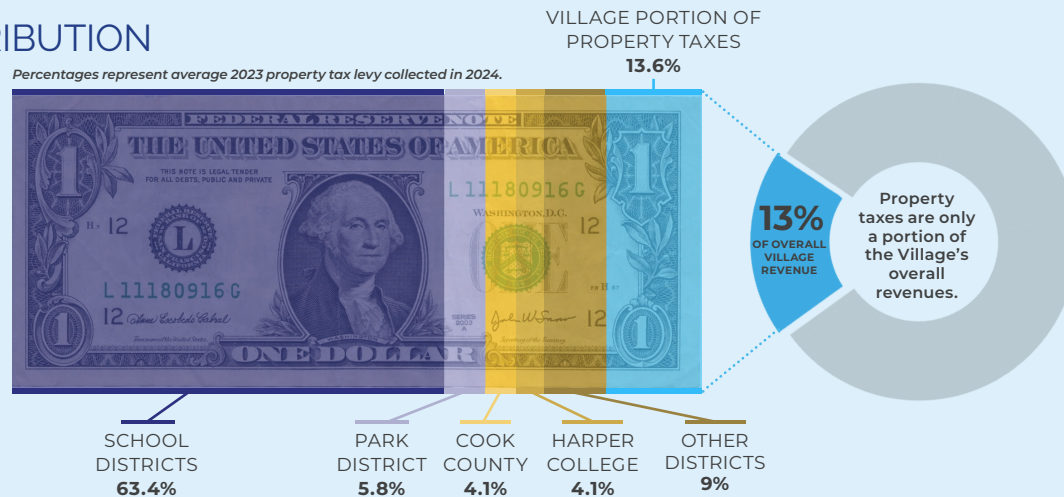
 **\$26.4 MILLION**

OPERATING TRANSFERS

Approximately **\$8.8 million** from the General Fund will be used toward the **\$49.9 million** of total capital needs and toward the Village’s debt service in FY2025. Even with this use of General Fund dollars, the Village is still projected to maintain a **36.9%** General Fund balance reserve in 2025, exceeding the **25%** reserve required by Village Board policy.

PROPERTY TAX DISTRIBUTION

The Village receives only a portion of the property taxes that Hoffman Estates residents and businesses pay. Approximately **86.4%** of the average property tax bill can be attributed to other taxing districts, such as school, libraries, forest preserves, townships and county government.





SPENDING AT A GLANCE

HOW IS VILLAGE MONEY SPENT?



The Village always makes an effort to anticipate expenses and plan for them within the annual budget. Overall, the Village's expenses can be broken down into the categories defined below. Additional detail, such as fund types and how the Village's accounts are structured, can be found in the full budget document. Budgeted expenditures for 2025 total **\$227.2 million**, a **9.3% increase** from the prior year. With positive financial results over the last several years, the Village has made it a priority to fund projects that address the Village's aging infrastructure. Nearly **\$50 million** is budgeted for capital outlay for FY2025.

EXPENDITURES BY TYPE FOR ALL FUNDS (IN MILLIONS)



Employees and the services they provide are the Village's most valuable investment. Personnel-related costs make up **37.5%** of the 2025 budget.



Debt service is the amount of money paid toward principal and interest the Village has incurred from issuing bonds or notes to pay for public projects, like a new building.



Contractual services most often include expenses related to hiring a third party to complete a service. Examples of contractual services include tree removal and replacement and 911 dispatch for police and fire services.



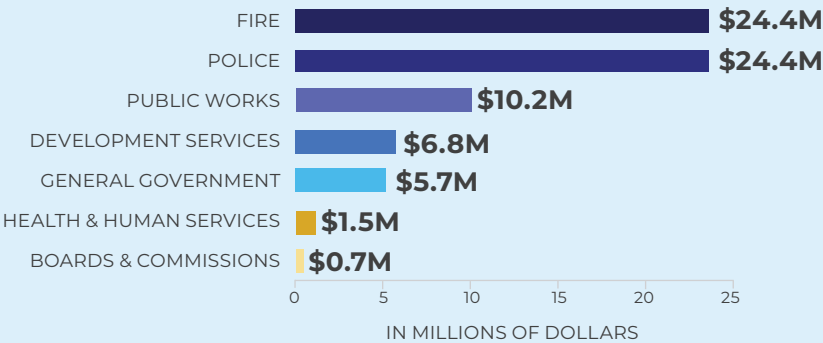
Different revenue sources are accounted separately, but are transferred to other accounts for specific projects. Motor Fuel Tax (**\$3.3M**) and Water/ Sewer funds (**\$900K**) will be transferred to help pay for the Street Program in 2025.

GENERAL FUND EXPLAINED

The Village's General Fund receives money and pays for programs and services not otherwise accounted for in a separate fund, which is most of the day-to-day government operations. Examples of spending types across the departments include employee salaries, commodities like salt used to treat roads during winter events, or contractual services with vendors, such as with the Village's insurance providers. Costs related to public safety make up the largest share of the General Fund.

In 2025, General Fund revenues are estimated to be **\$77.1 million**. With expenditures expected to be **\$82.5 million**, a transfer of **\$8.8 million**, which includes **\$5.4 million** from fund balance reserves (savings) is included in the 2025 budget year. This transfer will be used to fund capital projects and go toward debt service.

EXPENSES BY DEPARTMENT





CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES
\$49.9 MILLION
▲ 12.1% Increase from 2024

The Capital Improvements Program is the Village's multi-year plan for major purchases and improvements to facilities, land, and infrastructure. Capital purchases are considered to be largely one-time costs that are \$25,000 or more and vehicles, which are always considered capital purchases. Water, sewer and stormwater work to address aging infrastructure in the community is part of the **\$49.9 million** in budgeted capital expenses for 2025. In accordance with a recent five-year water and sewer system study, ongoing preventative maintenance projects for these systems will be funded through a combination of rate increases, low-interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and transfers from General Fund reserves.

CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

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|  \$13.4 MILLION STREETS & RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE |  \$9.9 MILLION PUBLIC BUILDINGS |  \$9.3 MILLION WATER & SANITARY SEWER |  \$3 MILLION MISC. PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS |  \$4.4 MILLION EQUIPMENT |  \$1.1 MILLION TECHNOLOGY |
|  STREET PROGRAM \$7.1 million |  VILLAGE HALL PARKING LOT \$2.5 million |  SANITARY LIFT STATION REHAB \$2.7 million |  STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS \$2.7 million |  FIRE LADDER TOWER TRUCK \$2.5 million |  SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM \$350,000 |

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR 2025



REFUSE & RECYCLING

A new residential and commercial refuse and recycling contract goes into effect in May 2025. Yard waste stickers will be eliminated and an updated composting program will be offered along with unlimited yard waste pickup.



COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

Last approved in 2007, work will begin to update the Village's Comprehensive Plan this year. The Comprehensive Plan establishes long-range development policies and guidelines for the entire community.



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The Village's Health & Human Services Department is spearheading an initiative for Hoffman Estates to become a certified Dementia Friendly Community. Public-private partnerships are being forged to attain this goal.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Details about the FY2025 Operating and Capital Budget are available online at: hoffmanestates.org/budget.



 **SCAN ME**

FOR MORE FY2025 BUDGET INFORMATION



Winter road problems?

Know who to call...

The Village's Public Works Department maintains and plows certain roads, while others are under the jurisdiction of either the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) or the Cook County Highway Department. Below is a list of IDOT and Cook County roads, as well as contact information for where to direct questions or concerns.

Plow Routes

The Village's Public Works Department does not plow IDOT or Cook County roads.

IDOT

- Higgins Road (Route 72)
- Golf Road (Route 58)
- Algonquin Road (Route 62)
- Sutton Road (Route 59)
- Barrington Road
- Palatine Road

Cook County Highway Department

- Bartlett Road
- Bode Road (Barrington Road to N. Sutton Road)
- Bradwell Road
- Central Road
- Ela Road
- Mundhank Road
- Freeman Road (between Mundhank Road and Algonquin Road)
- Plum Grove Road
- Schaumburg Road
- Old Sutton Road (north of Higgins Road/Route 72)
- Roselle Road
- Shoe Factory Road

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please see the appropriate contact numbers below related to different roadways in the Village.

• Hoffman Estates Snow Command: 847-490-6800

Call this number to report a problem on Village maintained roads. Unfortunately, it is not possible to provide a specific time when streets will be plowed.

• IDOT: 800-452-4368

Call this number for conditions regarding IDOT roads. To report an incident on IDOT roads, call 847-705-4612.

• Cook County Highway Department: 312-603-1600

Call this number for conditions regarding county roads.

• Illinois Tollway Information Line: 800-865-5394

Call this number for Tollway information, including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans.



EMERGENCY CAR KIT!

In case you are stranded, keep an emergency supply kit in your car with these items:

- Jumper cables
- Flares or reflective triangle
- Ice scraper
- Car cell phone charger
- Blanket
- Map
- Cat litter or sand (for better tire traction)

Warming Center INFORMATION

The Village of Hoffman Estates, in cooperation with the Hoffman Estates Park District, opens warming centers when extreme cold weather is predicted. Visit the Hoffman Estates Park District website at heparks.org for warming center updates.

Triphahn Center, 1685 Higgins Road

Monday - Friday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday: 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Club at Prairie Stone, 5050 Sedge Blvd.

Monday - Thursday: 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday: 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Sunday: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Willow Recreation Center, 3600 Lexington Drive

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

24-hour warming center as needed

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.



Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Cervical cancer affects the cervix and is one of the leading causes of cancer deaths in women. In 2024, there were 510 new cases, and 150 deaths related to cervical cancer in Illinois (Cancer Statistics Center, 2024).

Here are some ways to prevent cervical cancer:

- Schedule Regular health screening and Pap smear with your doctor.
- Get the HPV vaccine to protect against HPV-related cancers, including cervical cancer. Research shows that this vaccine has reduced cervical cancer rates by almost 90% (The Lancet, 2021). Health and Human Services offers HPV vaccinations for adolescents ages 9 to 18 years old. To request an appointment, visit the HHS vaccination portal online at portal.hoffmanestates.org. To learn more about Cervical Cancer visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at cdc.gov/cancer/hpv.



Calling Older Adults: Join Wits Workouts

Mild memory loss can be a normal part of aging. Fortunately, there are things that older adults can do to improve memory and concentration, and to increase focus. Wits Workouts were started by researchers at the University of Illinois to promote brain health and provide opportunities for older adults to engage intellectually with others.

Older adults are invited to join us for a free Wits Workout class at Village Hall on the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon, including upcoming sessions on Jan. 16 and Feb. 20. For more information or to register, call Health and Human Services at 847-781-4850.

Heart Health Month

With February approaching, it is important to start raising awareness about heart health!

Heart disease and stroke are some of the leading causes of death in Illinois. Some common risk factors for heart disease and stroke are poor nutrition, physical inactivity, high cholesterol and high blood pressure.

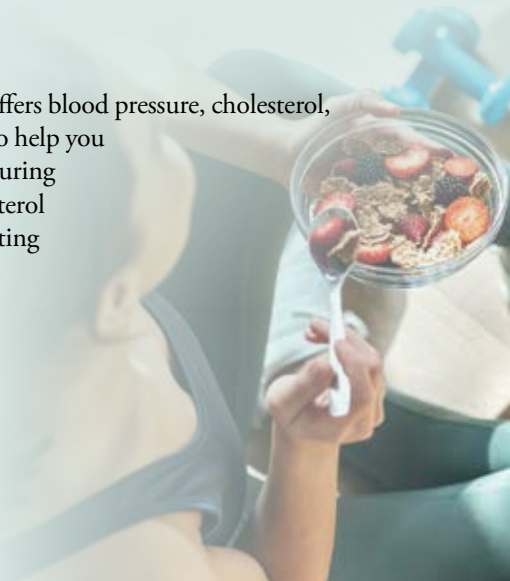
Here are some ways to improve heart health:

- Regular exercise
- Adopt a heart-healthy diet
- Avoid smoking
- Manage stress
- Get enough sleep

Health and Human Services offers blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, and A1C screenings to help you and your heart stay healthy! During the month of February, cholesterol screenings are \$20, glucose testing is free, and A1C tests are \$15.

To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850 or visit hoffmanestates.org/hhs.

To learn more about heart health, visit the American Heart Association website at heart.org.



SAFETY TIPS for Winter Play

Winter is a fun time of year for outdoor play. The Hoffman Estates Police Department offers tips on how to stay safe playing in the ice and snow.

- **Staying Warm:** Dress in layers to stay warm. Layers can be taken off one at a time as you start to heat up.
- **Sledding:** Never sled on or near roadways. The safest location to sled is a shallow slope that is free of trees, fences or any other obstacles. Children are encouraged to wear a ski or hockey helmet while sledding. Never use a damaged sled or one with sharp or jagged edges. Make sure the handholds on the sled are secure. Always sit up or kneel on a sled – lying down increases the risk of head, spine and abdominal injuries.
- **Snow Forts and Snowbanks:** Children should NOT build snow forts or make snow tunnels. They may collapse and suffocate a child. Children should NEVER play in or on snowbanks. Drivers may not see the children playing and will be unable to stop quickly if a child slips into the road.



FIRE DEPARTMENT offering CPR courses

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is offering Heartsaver CPR/AED courses Monday, Jan. 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at and Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at Hoffman Estates Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Dr.

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

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



Join the Citizens Fire Academy

Train like a firefighter: join the 2025 Citizens Fire Academy. Participants will complete search and rescue drills, learn CPR, rappel from height, extricate with the Jaws of Life, and more. Citizens Fire Academy courses will run Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. March 5 through May 7, with a graduation ceremony on May 19.

Register today online at hoffmanestates.org/fire. For more information, email HEFD.Public@vohe.org.

Community BRIEFS

Upcoming programs for seniors

Please join the Commission for Senior Citizens as they start the new year off with two fun events.

- **Wednesday, Jan. 15:** Bring in the new year with a fun filled morning of light refreshments, coffee, and a movie starting at 11 a.m. This event is free to attend with a donation for the food pantry. Registration is required.
- **Wednesday, Feb. 12:** Love and friendship are in the air at the Senior Commission Valentine's Day luncheon! Join us at noon for a fun filled afternoon of great music and food. Cost is \$10, registration is required.

To register for senior programs, 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.

First Friday event

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting an exciting First Friday event for adolescents ages 14 and older and adults with disabilities on Friday, Feb. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

Courtesy reminders for pet owners

Village ordinances specifically address nuisance noise caused by dogs barking outside. No one likes to hear a dog bark incessantly. Out of consideration of others, please do not permit your dog to bark for prolonged periods of time.

Pets are not allowed to run at large in the Village, and dogs must be on a leash in public parks except within Park District-designated dog parks. As an additional courtesy, please remember to always clean up after your pet.

Holiday garbage collection reminders

Garbage and recycling collection service will be on the holiday schedule the week of New Year's Day, with collection delayed by a day the week of January 1.



Christmas tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January. A yard waste sticker is required and should be attached to the tree trunk or a branch. Please remember that all lights, ornaments and garland must be removed from the tree, and plastic disposal bags are prohibited. Wreaths and garland will also be accepted, provided the wiring has been removed. These items should be placed in a Kraft yard waste bag with a disposal sticker attached. Visit groot.com for more information.

Living Christmas trees and other greenery may also be dropped off for disposal at no charge through Sunday, Jan. 12 at the following locations:

- Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Avenue
- The field next to Fire Station 23, 1300 Westbury Drive
- The field next to Fire Station 24, 5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

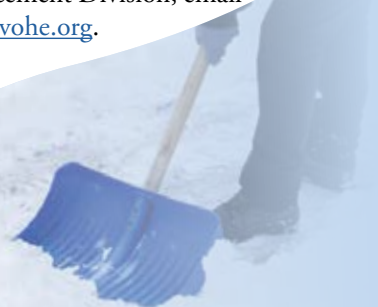
Residential rental license renewals due by Jan. 17

Residential rental license fees must be received by Jan. 17 to be in compliance with Village Code. Payments can be made by mail, in person, or online by visiting the Village website at hoffmanestates.org and selecting the 'Online Payments' tab. For those who do not pay on time, late payments will be assessed with a penalty equal to 25% of the license fee. Notification will be sent when it is time for the annual inspection to be scheduled. For questions regarding the program, or if you are a tenant renting property and are unsure whether the property has been licensed, email rentalhousing@vohe.org or call 847-781-2650.

Snow removal reminders

Locating fire hydrants in the snow and digging them out can add several minutes to a Fire Department call in the winter. Please help by removing snow and ice within a 3-foot perimeter of the hydrant closest to your home and shovel a pathway from the hydrant to the street so firefighters can access it.

It is unlawful to shovel or blow snow into the street, as this can create traffic hazards and block the flow of water into storm sewers. Businesses must clear their sidewalks for accessibility purposes, and residents are also encouraged to do so. If you have any questions for the Code Enforcement Division, email buildingcodes@vohe.org.



January & February calendar

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

January

Wednesday, 1

- NEW YEAR'S DAY - VILLAGE HALL CLOSED
- Planning and Zoning Commission - CANCELED

Saturday, 4

- Auxiliary Radio Team meeting, 10 a.m. at the Police Department

*Sunday, 5

- Veteran's Flag 44: Cpl. Bernard J. Timm, USAAF, WWII

Monday, 6

- Village Board, CANCELED

Tuesday, 7

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

Thursday, 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

*Sunday, 12

- Christmas tree and wreath drop off ends
- Veteran's Flag 45: Pvt. Harold Christopher, Army, WWII

Monday, 13

- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission 6 p.m.
- Standing Committee & Village Board Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 14

- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Fire & Police Commission, 6pm at the Police Department

Wednesday, 15

- Senior Commission movie, 11 a.m.

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

Thursday, 16

- Wits Workout, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 17

- Residential rental license renewal deadline

Saturday, 18

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m.
- EmComm roundtable discussion at the Police Department, 10 a.m.

*Sunday, 19

- Veteran's Flag 46: Cpl. Theodore C. Geiersbach Jr., Army, Korea

Monday, 20

- Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast, 8 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 21

- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m. at the Police Department

*Sunday, 26

- Veteran's Flag 47: Pvt. Harland M. Goodnough, Army, WWII
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

Monday, 27

- CPR Course, 6-9 p.m. at Fire Station #24
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Friday, 31

- Holiday Light Recycling Program ends

February

*Sunday, 2

- Veteran's Flag 48: Cpl. John T. Olson, USMC, Iraq

Monday, 3

- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 4

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

Wednesday, 5

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

Friday, 7

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 9

- Veteran's Flag 49: Capt. Peter A. Wastie, USMC, Vietnam

Monday, 10

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 11

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

Wednesday, 12

- Senior Luncheon, 12 p.m.

Thursday, 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Dating Seminar for Teen Parents, 6 p.m.

Saturday, 15

- CPR Course, 9 a.m. to noon at Fire Station #24
- Black History Month Celebration, 2 p.m.

*Sunday, 16

- Veteran's Flag 50: Sgt. Stephen J. Topolski, Army, WWII

Monday, 17

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

Wednesday, 19

- Mayor's Update Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. at NOW Arena
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 20

- Wits Workout, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 23

- Veteran's Flag 51: Cpl. James F. Farrell, Jr., USMC

Monday, 24

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m.

View Village website calendar for event updates and details!



* 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.

Various photos courtesy Mona S. Morrison

Hoffman Estates Commits to Becoming a Dementia Friendly Community

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As part of its mission, Dementia Friendly America aims to empower communities to take action by utilizing tailored resources across multiple sectors, including health care, local government, community services, faith-based organizations, and more. The commitment by the Village of Hoffman Estates aligns with Dementia Friendly America's goals of:

- Raising awareness and transforming attitudes about dementia.
- Providing supportive options that foster quality of life for those affected.
- Supporting caregivers and families who are impacted by the disease.

- Encouraging meaningful participation in community activities for those living with dementia.
- Extending outreach to underserved community members impacted by dementia.

For more information about the Dementia Friendly Hoffman Estates committee efforts or to get involved, please contact Dr. Monica Saavedra, Director of Health and Human Services at 847-781-4866 or email Monica.Saavedra@vohe.org.



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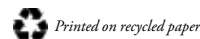
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Fire Administration 847-843-4825
Public Works 847-490-6800
Health and
Human Services 847-781-4850
Event Hotline 847-252-5443

Village officials

Mayor

William D. McLeod

Trustees

Karen J. Arnet
Patrick Kinnane
Karen V. Mills
Anna Newell
Gary J. Pilafas
Gary G. Stanton

Village Clerk

Patty Richter

Village Manager

Eric J. Palm

Municipal facilities

Visit our website for online services.

Village Hall
1900 Hassell Road

Police Department
411 W. Higgins Road

Fire Administration
1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke
225 Flagstaff Lane

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

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova
1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

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

Dating Seminar for Parents of Teens



Health and Human Services is hosting a “Dinner & Dialogue” dating seminar for parents and caregivers of teens on Thursday, Feb. 13 at Village Hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

Relationships are a normal part of teenage development but adjusting to and managing teen dating can be challenging and overwhelming for parents. Attend this seminar to learn tools and skills to talk to your children about dating and relationships, how to support teens in identifying signs of healthy and unhealthy relationships and how to discuss consent in an age-appropriate way.

A dinner buffet from Moretti's will be served. There is no cost to attend this seminar. To register or for more information visit bit.ly/3Z9i7HL, call 847-781-4587 or email Isabel.Silverston@vohe.org by Feb. 7.

Stay informed: Subscribe to eNews for timely updates

In a continuing effort to keep residents informed about Village services and events, the Village of Hoffman Estates publishes several electronic newsletters.

Electronic mailing lists include:

- Citizen Newsletter
- Economic Development
- Employment Opportunities
- eNews

Subscribe to the weekly Hoffman Estates eNews publication to receive timely

information about services, special events, meetings, news releases and more.

The Economic Development e-newsletter is issued quarterly and includes updates about development buildouts, new businesses, networking opportunities, and state and local resources for businesses.

Sign up for the Citizen Newsletter and Employment Opportunities lists to receive notifications when the newsletter and jobs are posted to the Village's website.

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