

Hoffman Estates Citizen



FULLY INVOLVED FIRE ACADEMY

**Fire Department Launches Program
For Special Needs Students**

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department, in partnership with the Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), launched a groundbreaking program this fall designed to bring the experience and education of firefighting to people with special needs.

The Fully Involved Fire Academy ran for six weeks this September and October and is the first of its kind in the region. Participants were given a unique opportunity to experience what it is like to be a firefighter while building confidence, teamwork skills and community connections.

Throughout the academy, participants learned about various aspects of the fire service, including how firefighters use different types of apparatus and tools during emergencies. Hands-on sessions allowed them to practice extrication techniques, handle fire hoses to spray water at targets, and explore search and rescue techniques. They also gained practical first aid knowledge and developed a deeper understanding of how firefighters respond to emergencies.

Hoffman Estates Fire Chief Alan Wax said that the program demonstrates the department's commitment to inclusion and community engagement. "The Fully Involved Fire Academy shows that everyone can be part of the fire service in their own way," he said. "It's about giving participants the chance to learn, to achieve, and to feel connected."

The Academy has been met with enthusiasm from both participants and families, who expressed gratitude for the chance to see loved ones thrive in a supportive and hands-on learning environment. Organizers hope the program will serve as a model for other communities to follow.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

It was a cold December day in 1958 – not the kind of weather that anyone would want to be out in. The temperature was in the low 30's and most of Hoffman Estates residents were getting ready to sit down to a nice hot meal. The quiet of the evening was suddenly filled with sirens.

The date was December 3, 1958, the anniversary of one of the most ferocious fires in Hoffman Estates' history at the Community Center, which was part of the Hammerstein Farm located at Evanston and Flagstaff Lanes. Only us old timers remember this terrible fire.

This wasn't the first time that the Community Center had been on fire that year. It had only been a few weeks earlier that one of the smaller barns on the property had burned. This time, however, it was the huge barn that not only housed the community center, but also the boy scout troops and their equipment. On the east of the barn was the newly

organized volunteer Hoffman Estates Fire Department Barn and their \$20,000 La France fire engine.

As the calls went out, local fire departments from five neighboring communities began to arrive. The closest fire hydrant was 500 feet away, so extra hoses had to be strung. The icy conditions created more problems due to a shortage of slickers and boots. A fog began to settle in, wrapping the neighborhood in an eerie glow from the flames of the growing fire. Hindered by the mounting problems, the more than 70 firemen and volunteer firemen battled the blaze for more than 2 ½ hours.

Neighbors began to crowd the local streets to watch the brave and dedicated firemen fight to save the Community Center. Soon, the nearby neighbors began arriving with pots of very welcomed hot coffee for the firefighters. The fight continued into the night. By the next day the firefighters

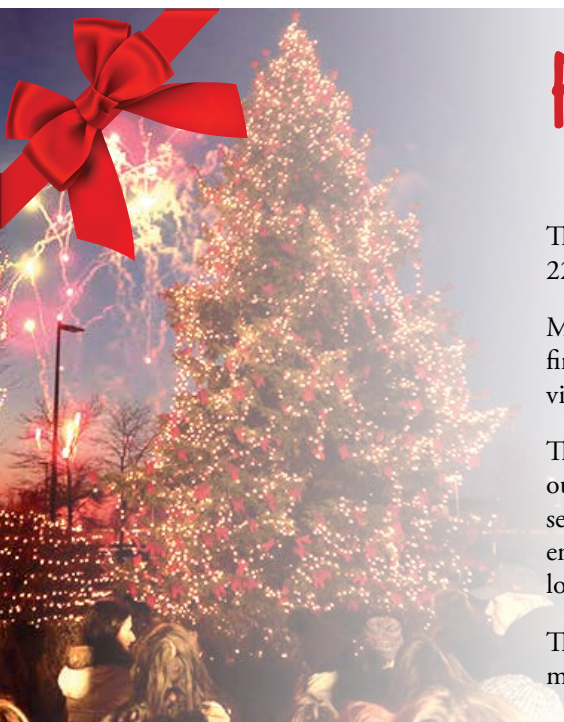
still found pockets of flames that needed to be struck out. The smell of smoke hung over the entire village.

Our firefighters were able to save their newly developed fire barn and equipment. Sadly, the remainder of the huge barn was completely destroyed. Since it was insured, some help was given to the scouts but not enough to cover their losses.

After an investigation, the fire was determined to not be from arson. No exact cause was never reported.

One of the neighbors, Mr. Art Hagstrom, lived on Grand Canyon St. and had a direct view of the buildings as they burned. His awesome pictures showed the true story of that tragic night. I've included one above along with the recollections of that December night 67 years ago.

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Friendship Tree Lighting

Kicks off the Holiday Season in Hoffman Estates

The Village's annual Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 5 p.m. in front of the main entrance of Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Mayor McLeod will be joined by Cub Scout Troop 297 to light the tree and kick off a festive fireworks display. Following the fireworks, all are invited to gather inside Village Hall for visits with Santa, entertainment by the Choral-Aires and light refreshments.

The Village's annual Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony features a large, living pine tree outside of Village Hall adorned with lights and more than 700 red bows. The growing tree serves as a reminder of our community's continuing commitment to friendship and the environment. Non-perishable food and personal care item donations will be accepted for local food pantries during this event.

This free, family-friendly event fills up quickly, so plan to arrive early for a good view. For more information, call 847-781-2606.



A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

In September, I reached a significant milestone with 45 years of public service with the Village of Hoffman Estates. It has been an exciting ride since 1980, having first served as Trustee, and for the past 25 years as Mayor. I am grateful for the continued support of the Village, residents, business owners, family, and friends. Hoffman Estates is home to me, my wife, my children, and my grandchildren. This Village has transformed and grown in so many ways in the past four decades. I'm honored to continue serving as Mayor and look forward to what the future holds for our great community! It truly has "grown to greatness" with all of us working together.



We have much to be thankful for this year! In September the Platzkonzert Committee hosted the largest Platzkonzert Germanfest in the Village's history, breaking records and delivering loads of entertainment, food, and fun for thousands of attendees! Our Fire Department once again held informative and well-attended open houses at two of the Fire Stations this October, kicking off Fire Prevention Month. These events continue to get better every year – it's amazing to see!

The fun continues into November with the annual Public Works Open House and Pumpkin Smash on Nov. 8 and on Nov. 22 with our festive Friendship Tree Lighting and Fireworks show, complete with a visit from Santa, hot cocoa and cookies, and live entertainment from the Choral-Aires.

On Nov. 11 we invite everyone to set aside time to honor all our military who have served honorably in both wartime and peacetime. Hosted by the Veterans Commission, the Veterans Day ceremony will take place at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd., starting at 10:45 a.m. Details for this event can be found on page 5.

As always, December is incredibly special for children and families participating through our Shop with a Cop program. The joy brought forth through this event is inspiring, and I'm so proud of our Police Department for continuing the tradition. On page 8, learn more about nominating a family to receive gifts.

I hope you all have a wonderful and safe holiday season! For any questions, feel free to email me at Bill.Mcleod@vohe.org or call 847-781-2604.

Bill McLeod

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CLERK'S corner

Mark your calendars for a beloved holiday tradition! The Village of Hoffman Estates will host its annual Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 5 p.m. at Village Hall. The evening begins with the lighting of the Friendship Tree, followed by a dazzling fireworks display. Afterward, guests are invited indoors for festive entertainment, light refreshments, and a visit from Santa Claus. In the spirit of giving, attendees are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items or toiletries to help replenish local food pantries. Donations will support families in need throughout the community.



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Patty Richter



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New E-Bike, E-Scooter, E-Moto Regulations in Place

With a rapid increase in the use of E-bikes and E-scooters in Hoffman Estates, particularly among young people, local ordinances have been updated to help maintain a safe and reliable transportation system for all residents.

The updated traffic regulations clarify where electric bicycles, scooters, motorcycles and other electronic transportation devices can and cannot be used throughout the community. The regulations vary depending on the class and speed of these electronic devices.

Emergency vehicles and motorized wheelchairs are exempt from these restrictions.



Low Speed E-Bikes



Classification	Public Streets	Public Paths	Public Sidewalks	Minimum Age
Class 1	Yes	Yes	No	16
Class 2	Yes	Yes	No	16
Class 3	Yes	No	No	16
Class 1: motor that provides assistance only when pedaling; up to 20 mph. Class 2: motor that may exclusively propel; up to 20 mph. Class 3: motor that provides assistance only when pedaling; up to 28 mph.				

E-Scooters



Classification	Public Streets	Public Paths	Public Sidewalks	Minimum Age
Low-Speed E-Scooter	No	No	No	NA
E-Scooter	Yes	No	No	16
Low-Speed E-Scooter: device less than 100 pounds, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding; powered by an electric motor with maximum speed up to 10 miles per hour. E-Scooter: device, with 2 or 3 wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood upon while riding; powered by an electric motor with maximum speed in excess of 10 miles per hour.				

Motor Driven Devices



Regulation
Operation of Motor Driven Devices Prohibited No person shall operate Motor Driven Devices upon any public or private street, public sidewalk, parking lot, bike path or public park.
Motor Driven Devices: motorcycle, motor scooter, moped, or motor driven skateboard with less than 150 cubic centimeter displacement, excluding E-Bikes and E-Scooters.

Veterans Memorial Commission hosting Veterans Day Ceremony

The Veterans Memorial Commission invites the community to join them on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial site located at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road, for the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Light refreshments will be served at the Police Department following the ceremony.

Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, both in wartime and peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated and to underscore the fact that all those who served have sacrificed and done their duty.

For more information, please call Police Officer Michael Kaye, Veterans Committee Liaison at 847-781-2800.

Hoffman Estates Maker's Market

November 9 • December 14

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.

The Hoffman Estates Maker's market is sponsored by Delish Cakes and Hoffman Estates Economic Development. Visit bloomingdalemakersmarket.com for more information including a vendor list.



Christmas tree and wreath disposal

Natural Christmas trees (including flocked trees) may be dropped off for disposal at no charge between Friday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 11 at the following locations:

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

Water

Where does it go?

The sanitary sewer is a system of underground pipes that carry wastewater from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to a wastewater treatment plant where it is filtered and treated before being discharged into a waterway.

The storm sewer is a system designed to carry rainfall runoff and other clean water sources only. Runoff is carried in underground pipes or open ditches, and then discharged - untreated - into local streams, rivers and other surface water bodies. Storm sewer inlets are typically found along curbs and other low-lying outdoor areas.

Disposal of chemicals or hazardous substances to the storm sewer system damages the environment. Motor oil, cleaners, paints and other common household items that get into storm drains pollute groundwater sources and can poison fish, birds, and other wildlife. In addition, grass clippings, leaves, litter and organic matter can clog storm drains and contribute to flooding.

- Do not pour ANYTHING into storm sewer drains.
- Keep storm sewer drains clear of leaves, grass clippings, sticks and litter.
- Clean up after pet waste and throw it away.
- Repair leaks from your vehicle and recycle motor oil.
- Clean up spills – DO NOT wash them into storm drains.
- Minimize the use of fertilizers, pesticides and herbicides.

We all benefit from clean water, and each of us has a role in keeping our lakes, rivers, wetlands and groundwater clean. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing publicworks@vohe.org.



All decorations, tinsel, lights, and tree bags must be completely removed. For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Groot provides curbside Christmas tree and greenery pickup on regular service days during the first two weeks in January. Look for more information about curbside pickup in the January-February 2026 edition of the Citizen.



Code Enforcement Division: Don't Let Trees, Foliage

OBSTRUCT THE SIDEWALK

Bushes, shrubs, and trees that block the sidewalk can cause unsafe conditions for pedestrians who may be forced to walk on the parkway or in the street. The Code Enforcement Division requests that homeowners properly trim back any excessive landscape growth on their private properties abutting public sidewalks.

After trimming, branches can be prepared for collection by Groot on regular garbage days. Yard waste stickers are not required for disposal through Groot.

Acceptable yard waste can be prepared as follows:

- Paper landscape bags (not to exceed 50 lbs)
- Brush bundles (not to exceed 50lbs, 5' in length, 24" in diameter and no limbs greater than 5" in diameter)
- Resident-supplied rigid plastic containers (not to exceed 50 lbs or 32 gallons)
- Yard waste specific Groot toter cart (rental fee \$30/yr, billed \$2.50/month)

In addition to yard waste, residents using their own rigid plastic container or a Groot yard waste cart may include organic food scraps along with yard waste for composting. Organic compost waste will not be accepted in paper landscape bags.

If publicly owned parkway tree branches are hanging over the sidewalk and interfering with pedestrians, please call the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 to report the location for remediation.



Hello Hoffman:

Opportunities to Provide Phase 1
Feedback Ending Soon

The Hello Hoffman Comprehensive and Strategic Plan team has been very busy collecting feedback from the community, both in-person and online. Phase 1 feedback is still in the “Where are we now” phase, taking a good look at where the Village stands today — what’s working, what makes the community shine, and where can we improve.

As Phase 1 comes to a close this fall, the community is invited to share input through the survey and the interactive map on the project website, or in-person at the Public Works Open House, 2503 Pembroke Ave. on Saturday, Nov. 8 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

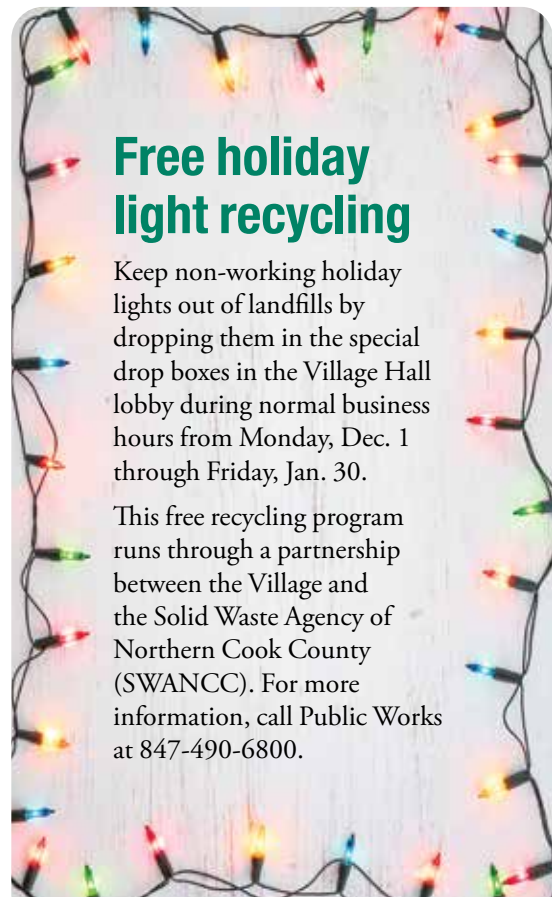
Results from Phase 1 data collection are expected to be released in early 2026. Visit www.hellohoffman.com to provide your feedback today!



Free holiday light recycling

Keep non-working holiday lights out of landfills by dropping them in the special drop boxes in the Village Hall lobby during normal business hours from Monday, Dec. 1 through Friday, Jan. 30.

This free recycling program runs through a partnership between the Village and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.





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.

November Is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

November is dedicated to raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease, the most common form of dementia. Nearly 7 million Americans are currently living with this progressive brain disorder, which affects memory, thinking, language, and the ability to carry out daily activities.



Hoffman Estates: A Dementia Friendly Community

In June, The Village of Hoffman Estates was recognized as a Dementia Friendly Community by Dementia Friendly America. This designation reflects our commitment to fostering understanding, safety, and respect for individuals living with dementia, as well as their families and caregivers.

Training and Community Engagement

Village employees have completed specialized training to recognize the signs and symptoms of dementia and respond effectively to individuals who may be experiencing cognitive challenges. We are actively collaborating with local businesses and residents to extend this training and offer educational programs throughout the community.

We invite you to join us in supporting our neighbors affected by dementia, whether by attending programs, sharing resources, or simply fostering a more compassionate and informed community.

For more information about Alzheimer's disease, please visit alzfdn.org or call the Alzheimer's Foundation of America at 866-232-8484.

Still Thinking About the Flu Shot?

Flu season often lasts through May, so there's still plenty of time to get vaccinated. The flu shot remains your best protection against serious complications, like pneumonia. During the 2024-2025 flu season, the American Academy of Pediatrics reported over 45,000 hospitalizations for children due to influenza. Getting a flu shot not only helps protect you against the most serious complications from the flu, it can also decrease the spread of flu to others. Call HHS at 847-781-4850 for questions or visit portal.hoffmanestates.org/Vaccine to request a flu shot appointment.

Bone Density Screenings

The Village of Hoffman Estates offers bone density screenings for adults at the Hoffman Estates Branch Library. The screening uses your wrist or finger and takes less than five minutes. You will receive a copy of your results and a consultation with a nurse.

- **Thursday, Nov. 20**
- **Thursday, Dec. 18**

Call 847-781-4850 to schedule an appointment.



November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Diabetes is a chronic disease that affects how your body processes food into energy. For someone with diabetes, their body doesn't make enough insulin or can't use it effectively. This leads to too much sugar staying in the blood, which can cause serious health problems over time.

A hemoglobin A1C test is a simple blood test used to help diagnose diabetes or see how well it has been managed over the past 2-3 months. Health and Human Services offers this quick and easy test for just \$20 and includes a consultation with a nurse. Results are available within six minutes. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule a test. For information on diabetes, visit diabetes.org.



- Improve memory and concentration
- Increase focus

Third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, Nov. 18, Tuesday, Dec. 16

Temporary Location*

Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 1550 Hassell Rd.

Call 847-781-4850 to register

* Location change due to the parking lot reconstruction at Village Hall.

Memory Loss Panel Discussion: Alice's Journey

Presented by the Dementia Friendly Community Committee

Panel Discussion on Wednesday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. to noon

Schaumburg Township Library Central at 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg

The panel presentation will feature 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. For more information and to register, visit schaumburglibrary.org.



Protect Your Online Purchases from *Porch Pirates*

Online shopping makes finding the perfect gift easier than ever, however, it also comes with a new kind of stress: the risk of package theft. With over 22 billion packages delivered annually in the U.S., concerns about “Porch Pirates” are very real. In fact, an estimated \$12 billion worth of packages were stolen in 2024 alone. To help keep your deliveries safe, here are some simple and effective tips from the Hoffman Estates Police Department:

- **Schedule deliveries for times when you’ll be home.**
- **Select “signature required” at checkout whenever possible.**
- **Coordinate with delivery drivers to leave packages in a discreet location. Some services even allow secure in-garage delivery.**
- **Ship to your workplace if permitted.**
- **Use “Ship to Store” options offered by many retailers.**
- **Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your package if you’re not home.**
- **Install a doorbell camera or a security system with motion-activated lights.**

Taking a few proactive steps can go a long way in protecting your purchases and your peace of mind.

Police Community Meeting

Wednesday Nov. 19, 7 p.m.

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.



Shop with a Cop

Tradition continues for the 26th Year



The Hoffman Estates Police Department will continue the Shop With a Cop holiday tradition for 2025.

During this annual event, HEPD personnel volunteer their time to be paired up with a child and shop with them at our local Target for holiday gifts for them and their families. These children and families are referred for the program through local schools, community centers, and through Police Department personnel.

In addition to helping children purchase gifts, this event provides an opportunity for the participants to become familiar with local police officers who chaperone them as they browse for gifts. The one-on-one time while shopping provides opportunities to show that police officers are individuals who have unique interests, goals, and families of their own, and that they are here to help.

In 2024, this program supported nearly 70 families from our area. To nominate a family to participate in this program, please email Police Social Worker Nataly Correa at Nataly.Correa@vohe.org. For more information or to make a donation, please email Sergeant Phillip Giacone at Phillip.Giacone@vohe.org or call 847-781-2870.

Police Department Seeks *Food Drive Donations*

Donations for the Police Department’s annual “Cram the Cruiser” food drive will be collected in special drop boxes at the Police Department, all four Fire Stations, and at Village Hall Nov. 3 through Nov. 21. Please help the Police Department reach their goal providing full Thanksgiving meals to 100 families in our community this year.

Monetary donations will also be accepted. For additional information or to nominate a family to receive a Thanksgiving dinner this year, please email Community Service Officer Angela Tribuzio at Angela.Tribuzio@vohe.org.

List of items needed:

- Turkey
- Boxed/bagged mashed potatoes
- Jars/packets of gravy
- Boxed/bagged stuffing
- Canned green beans, corn, cranberry, sweet potatoes, cream of mushroom soup.
- French fried onions
- Boxed corn bread
- Marshmallows
- Canned pumpkin
- Pie crust
- Boxed desserts

*Help us
“Cram the
Cruiser”*



Specialty Team Spotlight: Hoffman Estates Fire Department **DIVE/WATER RESCUE TEAM**

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department has several specialty teams. No emergency is ever the same, so different situations require different expertise, equipment, and approaches.

HEFD's Dive Team consists of nine specialty-trained rescue divers, with three divers on each of the Department's three shifts. The Dive Team receives specialty training for rescuing both submerged victims and those on the water's surface, as well as training in search and recovery of underwater evidence. The Dive Team operates utilizing a Surface Supplied Air (SSA) system that uses equipment to supply breathing air to divers underwater through umbilical cables from the surface.

In addition to answering calls to help in local and regional water emergencies, the Dive Team members can also be deployed throughout the nation for water-based emergencies.

HEFD Lt. Nick Forsythe was deployed to North Carolina during Hurricane Helene in 2024. His deployment lasted 14 days and included several swiftwater-based rescues, primary searches for missing victims, and the clearing of structures, vehicles, and debris.

The HEFD's Dive Team would also like to remind residents to practice water safety:

- Always wear a personal flotation device in open water and around pools if you cannot swim
- Dive in designated areas only
- Never swim alone
- Avoid drugs and alcohol near water
- "Turn around, Don't drown"
 - It only takes 6 inches of moving water to knock over an adult.
 - It only takes 12 inches of moving water to carry away most cars.
- There is NO safe ice!



Fire Station 21 & 22

Construction Updates

Later this fall, crews at Fire Station 21 are expected to move into the newly-constructed building, which was built next door to the existing Fire Station 21 at 225 Flagstaff Ln. Once construction is complete, demolition of the old station will take place, with landscaping, groundwork, and parking lot work to follow.

Plans also call for a new sled hill to be added to Chino Park using dirt moved on the site during the construction process. With demolition activities pending and more groundwork to be done, the new sled hill is scheduled to open for the 2026-2027 winter season.

With an estimated construction cost of \$9 million, the new Station 21 features expanded apparatus bays, upgraded living quarters for firefighters, and improved operational areas to better accommodate firefighting and emergency medical equipment.

Fencing is in place in anticipation of demolition work at the new site for Fire Station 22 at the northeast corner of Governors Lane and Higgins Road. Demolition activities are scheduled to start this November, with construction anticipated to begin June 2026.

Learn more about these projects on the Fire Department's website at hoffmanestates.org/firestations.



Community BRIEFS

Holiday observances



Village Hall will be closed Thursday, Nov. 27, and Friday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no change in the garbage and recycling pickup schedule the week of Thanksgiving.

Village Hall will also be closed on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24, on Christmas, Thursday, Dec. 25, and for New Year's Day on Thursday, Jan. 1. Garbage and recycling pickup will be delayed by one day during these holiday weeks.

Daylight saving time ends

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2. In addition to rolling clocks back one hour, the Fire Department reminds residents to also replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. CO alarms are required on each level of the home and are recommended near sleeping areas.

Keep leaves off the street

Raking or blowing yard waste into the street is a violation of the Village's Municipal Code. When yard waste is pushed into the street, it can wash away to cover storm water grates, which can contribute to flooding. Be sure that grass clippings, garden debris and raked leaves end up in brown paper yard waste bags, in a resident-supplied rigid plastic container (not to exceed 50 lbs or 32 gallons, or in a yard waste specific Groot totter cart for disposal on regular garbage days through the end of November. Yard waste stickers are not required for collection.



The yard waste collection program through Groot will end Monday, Nov. 24 for residents north of I-90, and Wednesday, Nov. 26, for those south of I-90 (including households west of Bartlett Road). To access information about yard waste collection programs, visit the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/YardWaste.

Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting several fun events in November and December!

- **Wednesday, Nov. 19:** Luncheon with entertainment, noon at Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. Cost is \$10, registration is required.
- **Wednesday, Dec. 17:** Winter themed luncheon with entertainment from the Arlingtones, noon Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. 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 events

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday Winter Holiday Party for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over on Friday, Dec. 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information about First Friday events, please call 847-781-2606.

Holiday Giving Tree

Health and Human Services invites residents and local businesses to become sponsors for the annual Holiday Giving Tree program. This program provides assistance to families with children in need and adults age 60+ who are experiencing hardship with gifts for the holiday season. Those interested in purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree Program can stop by the Health and Human Services Department at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. to select gift request ornaments from the Giving Tree starting Nov. 17. The deadline to participate in this program is Dec 1. Please call 847-781-4850 for additional information.



Seasonal electronics recycling Drop-off ends Nov. 17

The electronics recycling drop-off program that runs Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Fleet Maintenance facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave. ends for the season on Monday, Nov. 17. Seasonal electronics recycling drop-off will resume in the spring. This service is sponsored by the Solid West Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC). Visit swancc.org for a full list of acceptable items.

After Nov. 17 and until next spring, large electronics can be recycled at the Glenview Transfer Station, 3 Providence Way, Des Plaines on Saturdays from 9 to 11:30 a.m., with holiday closings scheduled for Nov. 29, Dec. 27 and Jan. 3, 2026.

Small electronics are accepted for recycling through a special drop-box in the Village Hall lobby year-round. Groot also offers a curbside pick-up option for recycling electronics. Residents can recycle up to two electronic items per week free of charge. Call Groot at 800-244-1977 to arrange for a special electronics collection.

November/December 2025

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!



November

*Sunday, 2

- Daylight Saving Time ends
- Veteran's Flag 87: Sgt. Charles G. Procter, Army

Monday, 3

- Electronics recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 4

- 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.

Wednesday, 5

- Utility Commission, noon, PD
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 8

- Public Works Open House & Pumpkin Smash, 10 a.m., PW

*Sunday, 9

- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Barrington Square
- Veteran's Flag 88: Pvt. Frank E. McCauley, Army, WWII

Monday, 10

- Electronics recycling, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 11

- Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:45 a.m., PD
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 12

- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Friday, 14

- Sister Cities Wine & War event, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 16

- Veteran's Flag 89: Pfc. Francis J. Gibbons, Army, WWII

Monday, 17

- Holiday Giving Tree sponsor ornaments available for pick-up
- Last electronics recycling for the season, 10 a.m., PW Fleet
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 18

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

Wednesday, 19

- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Police community meeting, 7 p.m., PD

Thursday, 20

- Bone density screenings by appointment
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 21

- Cram the Cruiser Food Drive deadline

Saturday, 22

- Friendship Tree Lighting, 5 p.m.

*Sunday, 23

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

Monday, 24

- Last yard waste collection for Monday pickups
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 26

- Last yard waste collection for Wednesday pickups

Thursday, 27

- Village Hall closed

Friday, 28

- Village Hall closed

*Sunday, 30

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

December

Monday, 1

- Holiday light recycling program starts
- Holiday Giving Tree sponsor deadline
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 2

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

Wednesday, 3

- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 5

- First Friday Winter Holiday Party, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 7

- Veteran's Flag 2: Airman 2nd Class Edwin L. Frank, USAF, Korea

Monday, 8

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 9

- Commission for Senior Citizens, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10

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

Thursday, 11

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 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.

*Sunday, 14

- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Barrington Square
- Veteran's Flag 3: Cpl. Donald W. Williams, USMC, Korea

Monday, 15

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

Thursday, 18

- Bone density screenings by appointment

*Sunday, 21

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

Wednesday, 24

- Village Hall closed

Thursday, 25

- Village Hall closed

Friday, 26

- Christmas Tree and wreath disposal program begins

*Sunday, 28

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

Public Works Hosting

Open House & Pumpkin Smash Nov. 8

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

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.

Guests are also encouraged to bring their 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, contact Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org.





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

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

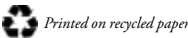
Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley
1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

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

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Public Works

prepares for winter

As cooler weather approaches, our Public Works team is already preparing for the upcoming winter season. They have been busy stocking up on salt and de-icing liquids, thoroughly checking and maintaining equipment, and training staff on new machinery and updated procedures to improve our response capabilities.

Snow removal procedures call for major streets to be plowed first, followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs. To ensure efficient snow removal, avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the streets or onto fire hydrants. Parking on Village streets is prohibited for eight hours after a snowfall or two inches or more, or until the street has been cleared. For safety, remind children to stay away from streets while playing in the snow. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep our Village safe and accessible all winter long.

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 Dept.

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

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 contact information for where to direct questions or concerns related to different roadways in the Village.

Hoffman Estates Snow Command:

847-490-6800

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

Conditions regarding IDOT roads

847-705-4612

Report an incident on IDOT roads

Cook County Highway Department:

312-603-1600

Conditions regarding county roads.

Illinois Tollway Information Line:

800-865-5394

Conditions regarding tollroads.