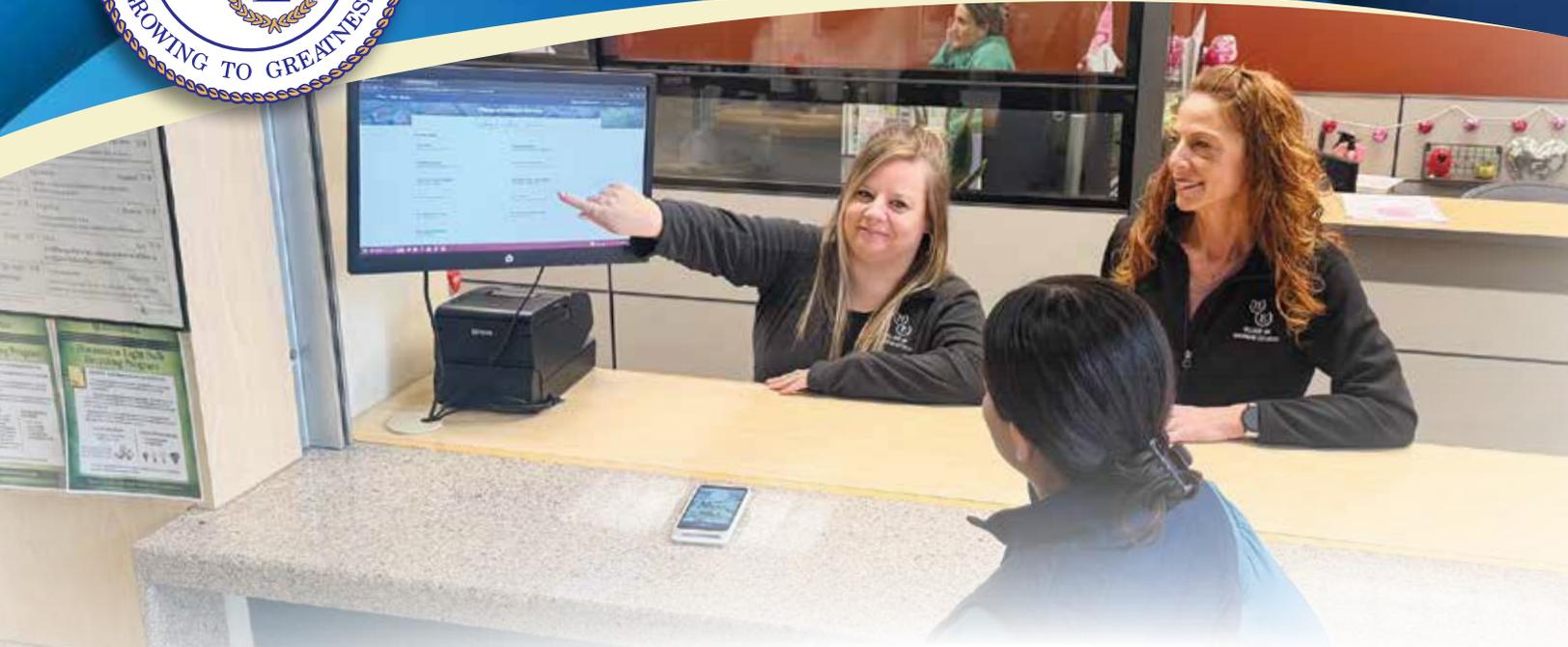


Hoffman Estates Citizen



PERMIT AND PAYMENT SYSTEMS UPGRADED

Updated systems provide the Village with better tools to manage financial operations, track permits and licenses, manage utility bills and more.

The transition to the new system with BS&A Software is the culmination of a multi-year project to find a replacement for a legacy system that the Village originally implemented in 1998. The new BS&A system went online the last week in January and does have impacts on the way some utility customers pay their water bills, how building permit applications are processed, on residential rental property licensing and on business licensing.

The biggest change for utility customers is for those who use the automatic bill pay option, as enrollment in the new system is required. Visit hoffmanstates.org/payments to access the new Utility Account & Self-Service Portal to enroll for automatic payments. A new online portal for credit card payments is also accessible from the payments webpage. For those paying utility bills by check, via mail or a Village drop box, there are no impacts. Please call the Water Billing Department at 847-843-4824 with questions.

The new BS&A online permit portal is also open for building permits and inspections. Instructions for homeowners and for contractors on how to create a new permitting account is available at hoffmanstates.org/permits.

Rental Property Licenses and Business Licenses will be issued through the new system. Notices with instructions on how to renew and pay for 2026 licenses will be mailed.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

In the last issue of the Citizen, I shared the 170-year history of the Sunderlage Farmhouse on Volid Dr. In this issue I'd like to say happy 110th birthday to the Vogelei Farmhouse on Higgins Rd. just west of Golf Rd. With the stately gray stone farmhouse with its brown barn sitting behind and to the right of the house, the original barn was built in 1916 at the same time as the house, but it burned and was replaced in 1937. Both can be quickly glimpsed as you drive past on Higgins Rd.

In 1910, Edward Sunderlage and his wife Amanda purchased the land from Amanda's father Friedric. It wasn't until 1916 that the house was built at the cost of \$5,500, and it was a beautiful and modern farmhouse for its day. It took six months to build. It had six bedrooms, four upstairs

and two downstairs. The first floor also had a living room, kitchen and pantry. In those early days it was unusual for a house to have electricity but this house was supplied with electricity by sixteen 32-volt batteries and had the added luxury of its own septic tank. The basement took a week to dig. It was done by a team of horses and a scraper.

The property was later owned by Chester and Esther Christiansen. My home was built on their farm land and the development was called "The Highlands". The farm had a wonderful fruit orchard of apple and pear trees and a garden of strawberries. My children discovered these years after the farm was sold to the Hoffman Estates Park District.

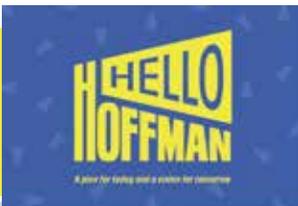
Mrs. Ida Vogelei had purchased the farm from the Christiansen family to enjoy the

peace and quiet of the countryside, and then in 1968 she sold it to the Hoffman Estates Park District with a promise to name its park after her.

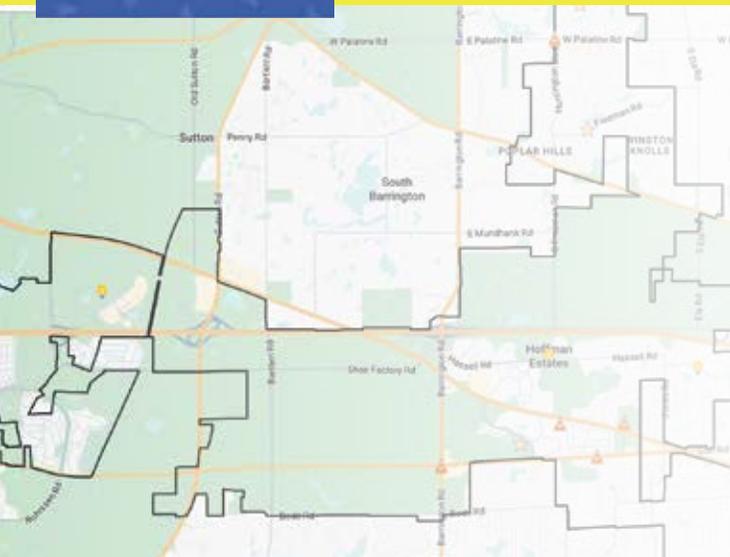
The Park District has made good use of the property. The barn was once the setting for local plays but now is the home of the Vogelei Teen Center. The house was once the Hoffman Estates Park District offices but is now rented to other tenants.

Gardens, a walking path, a wonderful playground and a small lake are some of the developments made on the farm. Visit the Vogelei Park this spring and summer for a peaceful and relaxing experience. Happy 110th birthday!

Email Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net



HELLO HOFFMAN Comprehensive and Strategic Planning Efforts Continue



For the past several months, the Hello Hoffman team has been out in the community asking for feedback on Phase 1 of the plan: Where Are We Now? We want to know your favorite places, what makes Hoffman Estates special to you, and where you see our biggest opportunities for improvements.

The team has met over 2,000 people across more than a dozen events. Over 200 of you filled out the survey online! Thank you for sharing your perspectives. If you've got more to say, it's not too late to leave a pin on our online interactive map at hellohoffman.com. Use the map tool to pin somewhere special to you, somewhere that you see as an opportunity site, or somewhere you just really have a good idea for!

The team will be back on the road this summer asking you to help envision the future with Phase 2: Where Are We Going? Stay tuned for more!



A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

Another year is in the books for Operation Love – thank you to everyone who participated in this annual event! More than 2,500 cards were collected and delivered to organizations throughout Hoffman Estates. Our seniors and veterans especially appreciate receiving these beautiful, heartfelt messages. This popular event is proof a little appreciation goes a long way.

Events, indoors and outdoors, are on the horizon! Coming up in April is the Bon Appétit annual food festival at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., organized by the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce. On Thursday, April 9, from 5 to 7:30 p.m., sample a diverse selection of tasty bites from restaurants across Hoffman Estates and beyond. Tickets can be purchased on the Chamber website at hechamber.com.

Over the winter, the Village Green and Hideaway Brew Garden building and grounds received a significant upgrade, designed to create an even better experience for guests. As you plan your

activities, add Village Green and the Brew Garden to your list of stops. The updates included expanded concessions and restroom facilities. Check out all the Hideaway has to offer at hideawaybrewgarden.com.

As we head into the spring and summer months, please let us know about your neighbors and local merchants who are doing great things. Our Great Citizen Award program is designed to highlight the good deeds that often go unmentioned. Recently we honored Glenn Wellman for his effort in helping neighbors and school children by removing snow along their travel routes. Resident George Kalopis, Fire Chief Alan Wax, Fire Captain Ryan Bebe and Firefighter/Paramedic Jon Drummer were recognized for their effort in coordinating a regional donation of fire equipment to humanitarian partners in Greece to help fight fires. These efforts make the Village a great place to live!

To nominate someone please email me at me at Bill.McLeod@vohe.org or call 847-781-2604.

Bill McLeod

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CLERK'S CORNER

Election Day for the 2026 Gubernatorial Primary Election is Tuesday, March 17. Early voting will be held at Village Hall March 2 through March 16 during the following times:

- Monday–Saturday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Sunday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Voters should use the main entrance of Village Hall and follow posted signage. Please note: Village Hall will not serve as a polling place on Election Day.

Registering to vote has never been easier. Residents can register online, in person, or by mail using downloadable registration forms. For more information, visit the Cook County Clerk's website at cookcountyclerk.il.gov/elections/voter-registration



VILLAGE CLERK
Patty Richter

Coffee with the Board

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



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April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The Hoffman Estates Police Department will participate in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) distracted driving campaign throughout the month of April.

Distracted driving is any activity that diverts a driver's attention from the primary task of driving, with examples including texting, eating, talking on the phone – all of which increase crash risks by reducing focus and increasing response time. According to the NHTSA, 3,142 lives were lost in the United States in 2020 due to distracted driving.

Remember, Illinois law prohibits using handheld cell phones, texting, or using other electronic communication devices while driving, classifying them as moving violations. Drivers over 19 may use hands-free devices (Bluetooth/speakerphone) or single-button voice-activated technology. Violations include a \$75 fine for the first offense with penalties increasing for subsequent offenses.

Bon Appétit

Food and Drink Festival

Thursday, April 9, 5 to 7:30 p.m.

Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr.

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Bon Appétit Food and Drink Festival at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., Hoffman Estates, on Thursday, April 9 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. This festival features a variety of cuisines prepared by restaurants throughout the northwest suburbs. Admission is \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door. Visit the Chamber's website at hechamber.com to learn more.



Historical Society hosting Sculpture Tour



The Schaumburg Township Historical Society is hosting a docent-led sculpture bus tour on Saturday, April 18 from noon to 3 p.m. to highlight the many sculptures located in our neighborhoods. Tour buses will leave from and return to the Schaumburg Township building, 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, to visit the local sculptures. Most sculptures will be viewed from the bus, but two locations will require a small amount of walking.

Tickets will be available for \$25 each from March 18 to April 10 or until they sell out. This event intended for those 16 and older. No refunds will be given. Purchase tickets online: bit.ly/3Z6sLPy

Sister Cities Commission presents "Monet Lives"

Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.
at Village Hall

"Monet Lives" is an intimate portrayal of Claude Monet as if he came back to life and told stories of his struggles, obsessions, and triumphs - along with his personal takes on the other Impressionists and what life was like in the booming Paris of 1860, as presented by Jim Parks.

A luncheon will follow the program and includes Chilled Cream of Asparagus Soup; Creamed Chicken with Vegetables in a Sherry Cream Sauce, served in a Flaky Bouchon Shell; Croissants with Whipped Cinnamon Honey Butter; and Praline Pastry Cream Tartlet.

Tickets are \$25 each with reservations required. Call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 March 5 through April 23 to reserve your seat.



Code Enforcement Division *Reminders*

Outdoor Decorative Lighting Regulations

Outdoor decorative lighting, including icicle lights, swags, and colored bulb strands, is considered temporary and not intended for extended outdoor exposure. In accordance with the National Electrical Code, temporary electrical power and decorative lighting installations are permitted for a maximum of 90 days. Residents are requested to remove outdoor decorative lighting promptly when weather conditions allow for safe removal.

Outside Storage

To help keep our neighborhoods looking their best, we would like to share a quick reminder about outside storage and toter placement:

- Please avoid storing items in the front yard or driveway.
- Side yard storage should be limited to:
 - Garbage and recycling containers
 - Yard waste bags
 - Firewood

Toter Storage

- Garbage and recycling toters should be stored behind the front house line or inside your garage.
- Toters should not be kept in the driveway.

Code Enforcement inspectors will check for compliance during routine residential inspections. For more information, please call the Code Enforcement Division at (847) 781-2631. Thank you for helping us maintain a clean and welcoming community!

Highlighting Infrastructure Improvements for 2026

The Village's Capital Improvement Program includes more than \$17 million in investments in Village streets, sidewalk, streetlights, water, sanitary sewer, and stormwater infrastructure in 2026. The program is focused on cost effective investments across all Village infrastructure.

Program highlights include a \$9 million investment in streets and related infrastructure, including rehabilitation of over 8.5 miles of streets, a \$3 million investment in water main replacements, nearly \$5 million in sanitary sewer rehabilitation and lift station replacement, and over \$1 million in stormwater improvements.

Current project information can be found on the Village's Active Construction Projects Map at vohe.org/construction. Informational packets will be mailed to all residents living within project location limits before work begins.



Scan here for more information



Service updates from GROOT

Yard waste & compost pickup resumes April 1

Hoffman Estates residents are able to put out unlimited yard waste on their regular collection day from the beginning of April through the end of November of each year. Yard waste stickers are not required for this program.

Acceptable yard waste can be prepared as follows:

- Paper landscape bags (not to exceed 50 lbs.)
- Brush bundles (not to exceed 50 lbs., 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/year, 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.

Learn more about garbage and recycling services on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/garbage.



Discounted Roll Off Container program available through Groot

As part of their contract with the Village, Groot offers Hoffman Estates residents discounts on roll off containers for a set two-week period once a year. For the 2026 program, 10 cubic yard dumpsters are \$208.76 and 20 cubic yard dumpsters are \$299.07. The discount period will begin on:

- April 6 for residents in Zone A (All streets north of the Tollway (I-90) and all streets west of route 59)
- April 20 for residents in Zone B (All streets within the boundaries north of Golf Road, south of the Tollway, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- May 4 for residents in Zone C (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Barrington Road and west of Roselle Road)
- May 18 for residents in Zone D (All streets within the boundaries north of Schaumburg Road, south of Golf Road, east of Roselle Road and west of Plum Grove Road)

See the zone map on page 7, which is also used for branch pickup.

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

Spring Cleaning: request a special pickup

Thinking about doing some spring cleaning? Groot offers special pickups for residents. Some services require making arrangements with Groot prior to pickup.

• Oversize or Bulk Pickup

Residents may arrange for collection of large amounts (exceeding one cubic yard -- roughly nine square feet) of refuse or debris, such as "spring cleanup," move-in, or move-out garbage. Call Groot directly at 847-734-6400 for an estimate of charges and scheduling. Billing is by the cubic yard.

• Appliance Pickup

Appliances, also referred to as "White Goods," require a separate pickup from regularly scheduled service, which will take place on Wednesdays. There is no additional charge for appliance pickup, however this pickup must be arranged by calling Groot at 847-734-6400 in advance of service.

• Mattresses

Groot is generally able to pick up mattresses at the curb with regular trash service but some guidelines must be met. If the mattress is larger than a twin or full/double mattress (queen or larger), it must be secured in a fold or roll with tape, string, or bungee cords. This allows a single Groot employee to pick up the mattress.

• Textile Recycling

For more information on the textile and home good recycling program, please visit Simple Recycling at simplerecycling.com.

• Electronic Waste

Groot will pick up and recycle two electronic items per week at no cost with pre-arranged curbside collection. Pickup must be scheduled 24 hours in advance. While most items will be picked up for free, there is a \$50 charge for tube televisions exceeding 50 pounds. Call Groot at 847-734-6400 to schedule an electronics pickup.



Branch Pickup

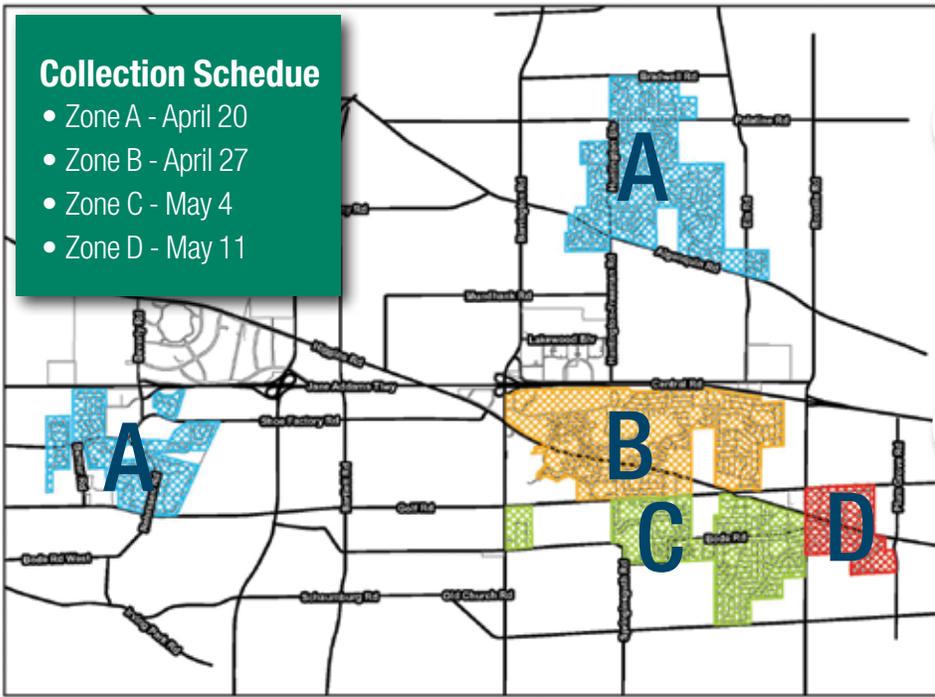
begins by zone April 20

The Public Works Department will conduct a free curbside tree branch pickup service beginning Monday, April 20, starting with Zone A. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

Only one collection pass will be made for each street (no exceptions). If branches are too large, mixed with unacceptable materials or are not properly prepared, they will not be picked up. Stack branches neatly at curbside by 7 a.m. on the first date of pickup listed for your zone, facing the cut ends toward the street. Please do not tie branches in bundles or place them in any container. Branches should not block sidewalks, mailboxes, fire hydrants, or protrude into the street.

Collection Schedule

- Zone A - April 20
- Zone B - April 27
- Zone C - May 4
- Zone D - May 11



Branch Pickup Guidelines



Public Works crews **WILL** accept:

- Tree branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Branches from willow trees if separated from other materials



Public Works crews **will NOT** accept:

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

Electronics Recycling

drop-off resumes

The weekly electronics recycling program is moving back to Village Hall for 2026. Hoffman Estates residents and residents from all Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) communities may drop off unwanted electronics for recycling on Mondays between 10 a.m. and noon April 6 through Nov.16, weather permitting. There is no charge to residents (no commercial allowed).

This program is provided in cooperation with SWANCC. Addresses will be verified and electronics will not be accepted outside of the posted dates and times. Visit swancc.org for a full list of accepted items. 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.



Bone Density Screening

The Village of Hoffman Estates is offering bone density screenings for adults at the Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 1550 Hassell Rd., on Thursday, March 19 by appointment. The screening uses a wrist or finger measurement and takes less than five minutes. You will receive a copy of your results and a consultation with a nurse. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule your free appointment.

Body Composition Analysis

Health and Human Services now offers Tanita body composition analysis! This specialized scale provides general wellness information such as how much muscle, fat, and water your body has. The machine will also give a metabolic age and visceral fat score. A supportive, health-focused consult with a nurse is provided along with the assessment. During the month of March, body composition analysis will be available for just \$10. Schedule your appointment by calling 847-781-4850.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month

Colorectal cancer is one of the leading cancer killers in the US, but it doesn't have to be. Please know that:

- Routine screening starting at age 45 can save lives.
- Men and women are both at risk—even without a family history.
- Screening can find problems before symptoms appear and detect cancer early, when it's most treatable.

Health and Human Services offers Colon Cancer Awareness lapel pins and CDC fact sheets on colorectal cancer that include information about risk factors, symptoms, and screening. Stop by to learn more.

National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW)

April 20 – 27, 2026

Vaccines protect our youngest children when they're most vulnerable. They're safe, effective and essential for preventing serious illness and keeping communities healthy. The Village of Hoffman Estates provides low-cost vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. Health and Human Services offers children ages 2 months through age 18 vaccines to those who qualify (those with Medicaid, no insurance, or who are underinsured). To schedule an appointment, visit portal.hoffmanestates.org.

Community Workshop and Events:

Balance & Bliss: Menopause Insights & Soundbath Serenity

Tuesday, March 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.
Village Hall

This workshop includes dialogue with physicians and therapists who will share overlooked perimenopause and menopause symptoms. Participants will be invited to participate in a soundbath experience to promote relaxation and stress relief. Registration deadline is March 16. Register online or call 847-781-4860.

bit.ly/49NpGu3



Death Over Dinner: A Community Conversation

Thursday, March 12, 6 to 8 p.m.
Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Rd.

Death Over Dinner is 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. Dinner will be provided, all you need to bring is your curiosity and your heart. Register online:

bit.ly/4t3EL20



Discover the Power of the Human-Animal Bond

Friday, April 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Village Hall

Learn about the impact animals have on our lives and the benefits they bring to mental health. Plus, meet Charlie the Therapy Dog as we dive into the meaning and importance of these relationships. Please note, no personal animals allowed at the event. Registration deadline is April 10. Register online or call 847-781-4866.

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MEMORY MINDERS BRAIN HEALTH CLASS

Challenge your brain through interactive activities designed to help maintain cognitive function and memory. Class meets once a month at Village Hall at 10 a.m. Call 847-781-4850 to register.

Sponsored by the Cook County Public Health Department Building Healthy Communities Grant



UPCOMING DATES
March 19
April 16

HEPD seeking *Police Cadets*

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is proud to offer the opportunity for young adults to participate in the Public Safety Cadet Program. This program is intended for individuals ages 14 to 20 who have an interest in law enforcement careers and want to create positive impacts in their community.

Public Safety Cadets will train with veteran officers in a variety of law enforcement skill sets such as traffic accident investigations, handling domestic disputes, crimes in progress, and other tactical skills. Cadets will be able to test their knowledge at state and national competitions. Cadets work closely with sworn personnel and assist during annual community events like the Northwest Fourth-Fest.

Visit our website at hoffmanestates.org/police for a membership application and a list of program requirements.



Enroll today for the 2026 *Citizens Police Academy*

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is excited to announce that registration is open for the 2026 Citizens Police Academy. This revamped 10-week course offers participants a hands-on opportunity to experience what it is like to be a police officer. The academy runs Wednesday evenings starting April 8 and ends with a graduation ceremony on June 15.

The goal of the Citizens Police Academy is to foster trust and communication through education. Students will receive training and instruction from patrol officers, detectives, and other guest speakers to cover a variety of topics such as:

- Vehicle stops
- Crime Scene investigation
- SWAT Operations
- Virtual reality training
- Gangs/drugs
- K9 demonstrations
- and much more!

Visit hoffmanestates.org/CPA to register or for more information.

Calling 9-1-1:

What You Need To Know

Nearly 75 percent of emergency calls answered by the Hoffman Estates Fire Department were medical in nature in 2025. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) continue to be at the forefront of what the Hoffman Estates Fire Department proudly provides to the community.

In the event that you need to call 9-1-1 for a medical emergency, it is imperative that the first responders who arrive at your home gather critical information about the patient to provide the best care possible, transfer the information to the Emergency Room staff, and complete an accurate medical report.

Having this information written and accessible is critical, allowing emergency medical care to be performed in a timely and efficient manner. The information that our EMS responders need to know includes the following:

- Name
- Date of Birth
- Phone Number
- Address
- Emergency Contact
- Medical History
- Medications
- Allergies to Medicines
- Advanced Directives, POLST/ DNR, Power of Attorney

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department has prepared an Emergency Information Form (previewed here) that can be found on our website for printing.

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department encourages all members of the community to download and print this form and place it on their refrigerators. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact our Public Education Division at HEFD.Public@vohe.org.



Fire Department *CPR Courses*



- Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Saturday, April 11, 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.

Community BRIEFS

Youth Commission hosting craft event

The Youth Commission is hosting a free craft event on Saturday, March 7 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Village Hall. This activity is geared toward kids ages 5-12, however all ages are welcome! Bring your imagination and enjoy a morning of hands-on fun! Register online to reserve your spot today! bit.ly/4qJfEQr

Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun luncheon events this spring.

- **Wednesday, March 18:** Luncheon with musical entertainment at noon at Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. Cost is \$10 for Hoffman Estates residents, \$15 for non-residents. Registration is required.
- **Wednesday, April 15:** Luncheon with entertainment at noon at Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. Cost is \$10 for Hoffman Estates residents, \$15 for non-residents. Registration is required.

To register, call Hallie Karle at 847-781-2606 and send a check payable to "Village of Hoffman Estates" to 1900 Hassell Rd., Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169. Payment must be received before a reservation can be confirmed.

Garden plot sign up begins April 6

Residents may reserve plots in the Village's community gardens for \$25 beginning Monday, April 6. There are two garden plot locations: north at Mumford Drive and Westbury Drive, or south at Volid Drive and Vista Lane. Plot assignments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

To reserve a garden plot, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org beginning April 6 at 8:30 a.m. Calls or emails before this time will not be accepted. Voicemails and emails received after 8:30 a.m. will be processed according to the date and time received.

A garden plot reservation request must include all the following information, or it will not be accepted:

1. Full Name
2. Address including zip code
3. Phone number
4. Email address
5. Garden plot location (north or south) & plot number preference (if known)

Plot assignment confirmations will be emailed to residents the following week.

Spring hydrant flushing starts in April

Annual hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin the week of April 6, occurring between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. over a six-week period. This program ensures delivery of the best quality of water in the Village by circulating fresh

water through the system and allowing for the inspection of fire hydrants.

Signs will be posted on days of planned hydrant flushing. Residents may notice temporary changes in water pressure or discoloration during or shortly after flushing in their area. Residents experiencing discolored water should run cold water from a faucet for several minutes until it clears. Avoid doing laundry during flushing periods, as sediment may stain light-colored clothing.

Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday event

Bring out your green gear and your best dance moves as the Commission for People with Disabilities hosts its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance on Friday, March 6 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. This free event is for adolescents ages 14 and older and adults with disabilities. Join us for music, dancing, celebrating and meeting new friends! Pizza will be served for \$2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606. There will be no First Friday event held in April.

Hoffman Estates Arts Commission offering

Tabletop Photography seminar

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Hall

Presenter: Jim Hojnacki

After learning about white balance, exposure, depth of field and file type, participants will photograph subjects of their choice with the guidance from the instructor.

Please be prepared to bring the following equipment:

- DSLR or mirrorless camera (with charged batteries)
- Tripod (loaners will be available)
- Lens with a range of 50 to 100+ mm (ex. 50 – 200 mm or 24 – 105 mm)
- Cable release (or use of the camera self-timer)

Backdrops and various lighting sources will be available. Course cost is \$10, registration is required. Visit hoffmanestatesarts.com to register.



March & April calendar

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



March

*Sunday, 1

- Veteran's Flag 14: Cpl. Roland D. Carlsen, Army, Korea

Monday, 2

- Early voting begins
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 3

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

Wednesday, 4

- Utility Commission, noon, PD
- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 6

- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 7

- Youth Commission craft event 10 a.m.

*Sunday, 8

- Veteran's Flag 15: SN John M. Olson, Navy

Monday, 9

- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 10

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

Wednesday, 11

- Economic Development Commission, 2 p.m.
- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24

Thursday, 12

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- HHS Death Over Dinner workshop, 6 p.m. at Morizzo Funeral Home

*Sunday, 15

- Veteran's Flag 16: SP4 Edward Wells, Army

Monday, 16

- Early voting ends
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 17

- Election Day
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 18

- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's Unique Events
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24
- CPR Course, 6-9 p.m., FS 24

Thursday, 19

- Bone density screenings by appointment at HE Library branch
- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 22

- Veteran's Flag 17: Pvt. William E. Sarb, Army, WWII

Monday, 23

- Village Board & Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 24

- HHS Balance & Bliss workshop, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 25

- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24

*Sunday, 29

- Veteran's Flag 18: Pfc. Robert M. Kissane, Army

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Wednesday, 1

- Yard waste collection program begins
- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

*Sunday, 5

- Veteran's Flag 19: Cpl. Daniel Bobel, USMC, WWII

Monday, 6

- Garden plot sign up begins, 8:30 a.m.
- Electronic Recycling 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 7

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

Wednesday, 8

- Citizens Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., PD
- Citizens Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS 24

Thursday, 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Bon Appétit Food and Drink Festival, 5 p.m., Bell Works Chicagoland

Saturday, 11

- CPR Course, 9 a.m. to noon at Fire Station #24

*Sunday, 12

- Veteran's Flag 20: Sgt. Richard DeRosa, AFR

Monday, 13

- Firefighters Pension Board, 9:30 a.m., FS 24
- Electronic Recycling 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 14

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

Wednesday, 15

- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's Unique Events
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Citizens Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., PD

Thursday, 16

- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 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.

Friday, 17

- HHS Human-Animal Bond workshop, 10 a.m.

Saturday, 18

- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.
- Tabletop Photography Seminar, 10 a.m.
- Schaumburg Township Historical Society Sculpture Bus Tour, noon, Schaumburg Township building

*Sunday, 19

- Veteran's Flag 21: T/5 Uhle F. Lachner, Army, WWII

Monday, 20

- Spring Branch Pickup Begins - Zone A
- Electronic Recycling 10 a.m.
- Emerging Technology Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 21

- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m., PD
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 22

- Citizens Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., PD

*Sunday, 26

- Veteran's Flag 22: Cpl. Peter J. Giannopoulos, USMC, Iraq
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

Monday, 27

- Spring Branch Pickup Begins - Zone B
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 29

- Citizens Police Academy, 6:30 p.m., PD

Dementia Friendly business partners sought

The effort led by our Health and Human Services Department for Hoffman Estates to become a certified Dementia Friendly Community was successful last year. Programming included a senior resource fair, a seminar on learning about your aging brain, a panel discussion on memory loss, and Wits Workout brain exercise classes.

For this year, the initiative includes providing training and outreach to our business community. A short training video has been developed for businesses to share with their employees to promote dementia friendly interactions. Businesses who participate in the training program will receive recognition from the Village and a window cling naming them a Dementia Friendly Community Partner. Please visit the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/DementiaFriendly to learn more and to sign up to become a partner.

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Municipal facilities

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1900 Hassell Road

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411 W. Higgins Road

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1900 Hassell Road

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225 Flagstaff Lane

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Fire Station

Construction Updates

Construction for the new Fire Station 21 on Flagstaff Ln (pictured below) is substantially complete, with demolition of the old Station 21 building to follow. Infill from the demolition will be used to finish grading the new sled hill in Chino Park. The Village will hold a naming contest for the new sled hill later this year, so start thinking about your creative entries today!

With the site at current Fire Station 22 on Moon Lake Blvd. not large enough for the new building, Station 22 is being relocated to a new site just north of Higgins Rd. on Governors Ln. Demolition of the existing buildings on the new site started on Feb. 2 (pictured right). The timeline calls for construction to begin on the new station in July and go through late next year. The old Station 22 will remain operational until the new station opens.

