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Hoffman Estates Citizen

Construction on the New Fire Station 22 Starting in September

Construction is slated to begin this September on the new Fire Station 22. The community is invited to join local officials and first responders for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new station on Saturday, Sept. 12, at 11 a.m., at the construction site at 1801 Governors Ln., near the northeast corner of Higgins Road and Governors Lane.

A Fire Station Feasibility and Space Needs Study was conducted for the Village in 2022. The study found that Station 22, originally built in the 1970s, requires significant investments to meet the demands for modern fire protection and emergency medical services. As a result, the Village elected to replace Station 22 with a newly constructed facility in a new location.

The estimated cost for construction of the new Station 22 is approximately $16 million, excluding land acquisition costs. Based on recommendations in the study, the new station is being built in an ideal location for service delivery, less than a fifth of a mile north of the current station.

The same study also recommended the replacement of Fire Station 21, located at 225 Flagstaff Ln. Construction on that new station was completed in February 2026.

During the construction period, the current Fire Station 22 will remain operational to ensure that public safety services continue without interruption. Learn more about this project on our website at hoffmanestates.org.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

It was about this time of year, maybe with a little nip in the air, that got the Sunderlage Farm family working on what needed to be done before the animals would be chosen for the smoking process. The smokehouse had to be cleared of all of Mother's cook pots, spoons, and grinders from a hot summer of cooking. Her wash board and scrubbing tub also had to be pulled out; they would be put on the back porch for the season.

The small brick building at Sunderlage Farm is large for a smokehouse. It is 12 by 16 feet with two windows; one on the east wall and one on west wall. Windows are very rare in a smokehouse, as it needs to be an airtight building. The windows helped bring in light for the cooking and washing duties that mother had to do during the summertime. She liked to keep the house as cool as possible on those very hot days in July and August.

Each year, she hoped there would be fewer tears from the children. They had been taught that this was why they raised the animals, to give their life so the family would have food for the year ahead. Everyone would have a job to help prepare the meat for the smokehouse.

It was an exhausting job to get the meat ready for smoking. It would be cut into sizes that could be managed in the smokehouse and much was made into sausages, a favorite of the entire family. It was known that some sausages disappeared from the hanging racks, but no one had any idea as to who had taken them. Much of the other meat was either brined or salted before it went into the smokehouse.

Based on the early family history, we believe the smokehouse was built shortly after they all arrived from Badbergen, Germany in 1834. Food was needed and the smokehouse went up. It helped feed other early settlers, the Mayers, Oatmans and Greve families.

This small building is very special – so special that it is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is unique in its Greek Revival style with thick brick walls and windows that are rare in smokehouses. There are no others like it in Northern Illinois.

The Sunderlage Farmhouse is celebrating its 170th anniversary this year. Please join me and Catherine Sunderlage at the Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 1550 Hassell Rd., on Saturday, Sept. 19 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to celebrate the 170-year-old Sunderlage Farmhouse and our 67-year-old Village. Limit of 24 people.

Email Pat Barch at
eagle2064@comcast.net

Hello Hoffman "Where Are We Now?"

The "Phase 1 - Where Are We Now?" existing conditions report was presented to the Village Board on July 20 as part of the Hello Hoffman Comprehensive and Strategic Planning effort. A deep-dive analysis of data and feedback resulted in the identification of seven "Big Takeaways" and 12 "Big Questions" that will guide planning for "Phase 2 - Where Do We Want to Go?" work.

The Big Takeaways from Phase 1:

- People love living here.
- Hoffman Estates is changing.
- Our greatest challenge is our geography.
- Connection of all kinds is important.
- Public safety remains top of mind.
- Our economic future is evolving.
- Demand for housing remains consistent.

The Big Questions to answer in Phase 2:

- How do we build on our high satisfaction?
- How do we make sure everyone feels safe in Hoffman Estates?
- How do we provide opportunities for connection?
- How do we balance economic growth with our family-friendly feel?
- How do we meet the needs of a changing population?
- What parts of town have the most opportunities for change? What needs to stay the same?
- What does affordability look like in Hoffman Estates?
- How can we connect people to mental health resources?
- How should we approach sustainability & resiliency?
- How do advancements in technology change our economy?
- How do we clearly define Hoffman Estates' identity?
- How do we make sure there are housing options in Hoffman Estates at all stages of life?

The Phase 2 survey is open now. Visit hellohoffman.com to take the survey, view the report and learn more.

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A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

From the Village Green and Hideaway Brew Garden to the Bridges of Poplar Creek and everything in between, it has been another exciting summer in Hoffman Estates. Our commission members, volunteers and staff dedicate countless hours to making each event a success, and I am incredibly grateful for their commitment. Their teamwork and community spirit are what make Hoffman Estates such a wonderful place to live.

A special thank you goes to the Fourth of July Commission, the Celtic Fest Commission and the Arts Commission for the tremendous work they do each year. Summer Sounds on the Green, Northwest Fourth-Fest and Shenanigans on the Green once again welcomed thousands of residents and visitors to enjoy the music, food and entertainment our community has to offer.

The 3rd Annual Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Outing on July 22 was another tremendous success, raising more than $45,000 to support the Village's Health and Human Services Self-Help Fund. We had 120 golfers spend the day on the course helping neighbors and families in need while enjoying great weather, friendly competition and plenty of fun. Thank you to everyone who sponsored, volunteered and participated in making this our most successful outing yet.

As summer winds down, there's still plenty to enjoy. Join us Sept. 11, 12 and 13 for the Platzkonzert Germanfest at the Village Green. This beloved tradition features authentic German food and beverages, live entertainment, family-friendly Kinderplatz activities, contests and much more. We hope you'll come celebrate with us! For more information, visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.

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

Have a wonderful fall!

Bill McLeod

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2026 General Election Information

Election Day for the 2026 General Election is Tuesday, Nov 3. Early Voting will be available at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., Oct. 19 through Nov. 2. during the following times:

- Monday through 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: cookcountyclerkil.gov/elections/voter-registration.

Make your voice heard—be sure to vote!

Coffee with the Board

Saturday, Oct. 17, 10 a.m.
Council Chambers, Village Hall 1900 Hassell Road

JAPANFEST NW

HOFFMAN ESTATES
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Inaugural JapanFest NW: Sept. 20

Join us at the Hideaway Brew Garden on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. for the inaugural JapanFest NW, an afternoon celebrating the rich traditions and culture of Japan.

Hoffman Estates has long been home to a strong community of businesses with Japanese connections, and we are proud to host this special event featuring interactive activities, cultural demonstrations, and engaging live performances for all ages.

Visit hoffmanestates.org/news for additional information about JapanFest NW.

Hoffman Estates Makers Market

The Hoffman Estates Makers Market is back for a second year, in a new location. Open the second Sunday of the month through October from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the Makers Market is located in the Vistex parking lot at the corner of Barrington and Hassell Roads.

• Sept. 13 • Oct. 11

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.

Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta

The Village's Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to celebrate the community's diversity by hosting the annual Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Enjoy an afternoon of the sights and sounds of the Hispanic culture featuring dance groups representing Latin American countries, a sampling of Hispanic cuisine and music from Jose Verduzco. And, of course, a piñata for the kids!

This event is free and open to the public. Please RSVP to Jeana Jankovec at 847-781-2606 by Friday, Oct. 2.

Hoffman Estates Arts Commission hosting

ZINE FEST Oct. 3

Join Hoffman Estates Arts Commission as they celebrate self-publishing culture at Zine Fest on Saturday, Oct. 3 at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This unique one-day event brings together independent publishers and creators from across the Chicagoland area to showcase everything from personal stories and photography to fine art, comics, and graphic design. Whether you are a longtime fan of DIY publishing or just looking for a fun, creative way to spend an afternoon, stop by to support local artists and leave with some incredible handmade works.

For more information and a look at this year's exhibitors, visit hoffmanestatesarts.com/zine-fest-2025.

Soirée Culinaire

French Dinner and Silent Auction:

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF CITY SISTERHOOD

Join the Sister Cities Commission for the 28th annual "Soirée Culinaire – A French Culinary Experience" on Friday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. at Village Hall. This year features a "Bonnes Fêtes," a French Holiday Feast celebrating the 30th anniversary of the twinning with our Sister City, Angoulême, France.

The evening includes a menu with traditional foods served during the holidays in France, a silent auction and door prizes. There will also be tastings of fine wines and a regional liqueur from Angoulême.

Cost is $85 per person, with ticket sales starting on Sept. 8. Registration is limited to 120 guests. To reserve your space, register online at hoffmanestates.org/SisterCities. For more information, call Debbie Schoop at 847-781-2611.

Bubbles & Popcorn:

Meet me at the movies!

Champagne, popcorn and other movie snacks will be on tap to help celebrate French filmmaking with a showing of the French/Belgium film "Delicious" at Village Hall on Saturday, Sept. 19 at 1 p.m.

Presented in partnership with the Hoffman Estates Sister Cities Commission and the Schaumburg Township Library District, this free event features the 2021 comedy/drama film "Delicious," set in France in 1787.

Reservations are required, please call 847-781-2606 to register. This event is for adults age 21 and over.

10 Facts about Storm Water

1. Storm sewers are designed to collect rainwater runoff only.
2. Water entering the storm sewer system is not treated before moving into downstream waterways (ponds, creeks, wetlands, etc.).
3. All open grated drains that can collect surface water are part of the storm sewer system.
4. Sump pumps that collect surface water or ground water from the house perimeter discharge into the storm sewer through surface runoff or direct pipe connection.
5. All interior house drains, including floor drains and ejector pump discharges, do not enter the storm sewer system. These sources enter a separate sanitary sewer system that flows to a water treatment plant before being released into downstream waterways.
6. Dumping of any pollutants or waste into a storm sewer is never permitted and can pollute downstream waterways.
7. Runoff may become polluted as it runs along roads, parking lots, roofs, lawns and construction sites.
8. Runoff may contain pollutants, such as automotive fluids, fertilizers and pesticides, leaves, sediment, litter, and pet waste.
9. Please do your part to keep storm water clean! Everyone can help reduce the amount of pollution carried in storm water.
10. Report illegal dumping or spills by calling the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800 or emailing publicworks@vohe.org. Use the Police non-emergency number, 847-882-1818 after 4 pm on weekdays or on weekends.

The Village encourages all residents and businesses to take pride in their storm water quality. Visit the storm water management web page for tips and more information at hoffmanestates.org/stormwater.

Help reduce local flooding – clear the drains

Residents can help reduce the risk of local flooding by keeping storm sewer inlets free of obstructions. Please help by removing leaves, paper, branches or ice obstructing an inlet. Call Public Works at 847-490-6800 to report any inlet that is not draining, causing a large volume of water to collect on the street.

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**
- **Bone density screening**
- **Body composition analysis**
- **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**.

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) is a highly contagious virus and a leading cause of hospitalization in infants under 1-year-old. Symptoms can start like a common cold—sneezing, runny nose, cough, and fever—but may quickly become serious, causing wheezing, difficulty breathing, and trouble eating or drinking. In severe cases, RSV can lead to bronchiolitis or pneumonia.

Protect your baby this RSV season with a preventative antibody that helps reduce the risk of severe illness. Request an appointment online at portal.hoffmanestates.org.

Get Ready for Flu Season

Flu Season usually begins in October and can last through May. To reduce the risk of flu, CDC recommends vaccine for everyone aged 6 months and older.

Health and Human Services offers thimerosal-free flu shots as well as higher dose vaccines for older adults. Call 847-781-4850 for questions or visit portal.hoffmanestates.org to request an appointment.

Dementia Friendly Community Panel Discussion

The Hoffman Estates Dementia Friendly Community Committee is hosting a community panel discussion "The Journey to Senior Living, Are You Prepared?" on Tuesday, Sept. 22 at 5 p.m. at Village Hall. Local financial experts from L&M Financial Services, and representatives from agencies specializing in estate planning, in-home care, and senior care facilities will provide information about preparing for elder care needs. A Q&A session will follow the panel discussion. Register online at bit.ly/4yUqMyD or call 847-781-4850 to secure a spot.

Death Over Dinner: A Community Conversation

Monday, Oct. 12, 6 to 8 p.m. at Morizzo Funeral Home, 2550 Hassell Rd.

Back by popular demand, Death Over Dinner offers an evening of reflection and connection to explore the universal themes of mortality, honoring lives past and present and embracing a life of meaning. Together we'll share food, stories, and thoughtful conversation in a warm, welcoming space. Dinner will be provided – all you need to bring is your curiosity and your heart. Registration is required: bit.ly/450fz1F

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 or email HHS@vohe.org to register.

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

UPCOMING DATES
SEPTEMBER 17
OCTOBER 15

Support Groups Forming

Men's Wellness & Support Circle: a supportive and welcoming group designed to encourage open conversation, personal growth, and connection within the community. Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 6 through Nov. 10. Cost: $5 per session. Call 847-781-4850 to register.

Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group: this together-in-healing supportive group is for individuals who have experienced the loss of a child or pregnancy to connect with others who understand the unique grief that comes with such a loss. Monday evenings 5 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 through Oct. 26. Cost: $5 per session. Call 847-781-4850 to register.

Public Works Open House and Pumpkin Smash

Join us for the annual Public Works Open House on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

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

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

Branch pickup begins by zone on Sept. 21

The Public Works Department will conduct a free curbside tree branch pickup service beginning Monday, Sept. 21, starting with Zone A. This program is for residents covered by the Village refuse collection contract.

Public Works crews WILL accept:

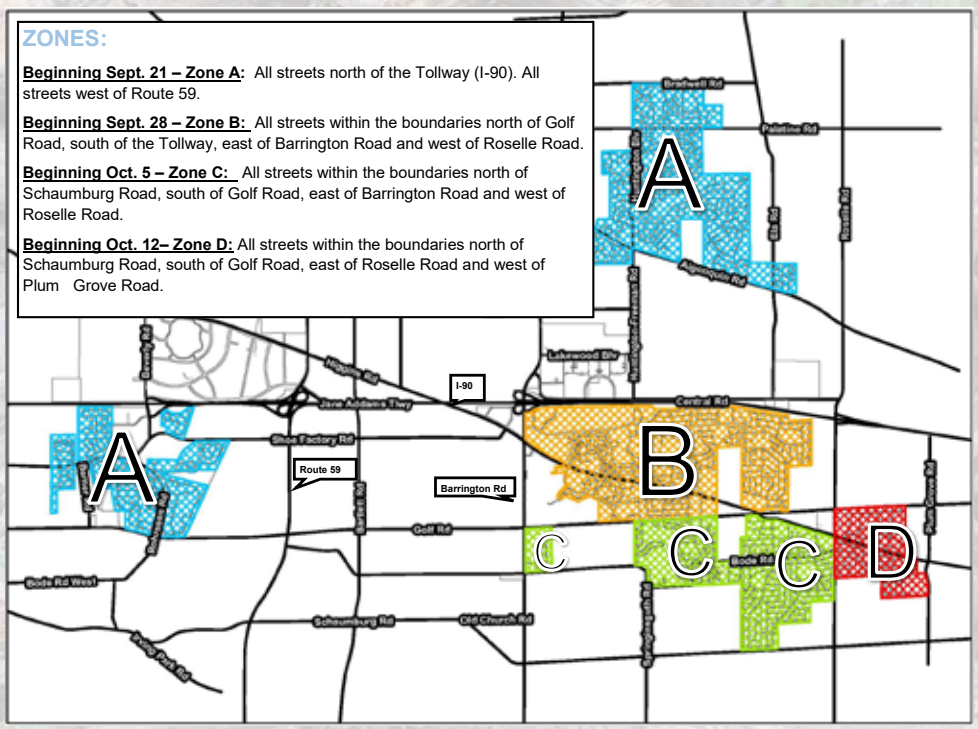
- Branches no larger than 8 inches in diameter or 10 feet in length
- Shrub trimmings and similar brush
- Willow tree branches if separated from other materials

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

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.



School Zone Safety

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

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

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

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

POLICE COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, OCT. 15, 7 P.M.
Hoffman Estates Police Department
411 W. Higgins Rd.

The Hoffman Estates Police Department is committed to building strong relationships with our residents, enhancing transparency, and working together to keep our community safe. To continue that partnership, we're hosting a Community Beat Meeting where residents can meet officers, ask questions, share concerns, and learn more about what's happening in their neighborhoods.

These meetings give our department a chance to hear directly from you and provide updates on current initiatives, crime trends, and collaborative safety efforts. Your insight and involvement play an important role in shaping how we serve our community.

Wed. Oct. 7
8-10 a.m.
McDonald's
2580 W. Golf Rd.
Hoffman Estates

Halloween Safety Tips

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Hoffman Estates Police Department want you to have a safe and happy Halloween! Recommended trick-or-treating hours in Hoffman Estates are 3 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 31. Be especially alert for kids during those hours.

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

Open Houses

Kick Off Fire Prevention Month

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

- **Saturday, Oct. 3: Fire Station 23, 1300 Westbury Dr., 1 to 4 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Oct. 10: Fire Station 21, 225 Flagstaff Ln., 1 to 4 p.m.**

Bring your family and friends to:

- **Meet your very own Hoffman Estates Firefighters,**
- **Learn about fire safety,**
- **Sit in a fire truck, fire engine, squad, and other vehicles,**
- **Challenge an obstacle course,**
- **Watch a LIVE FIRE demonstration,**
- **Slide down the fire pole,**
- **Engage with local vendors and community groups,**
- **Station 21: attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and hear the name of the winner of the sled hill naming contest,**
- **AND MORE!**

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

Close before you Doze

A Simple Habit That Can Save Your Life

Why Close Your Bedroom Door?

A closed bedroom door can help protect you during a home fire. It can slow the spread of heat, smoke, and toxic gases, giving you more time to escape or wait for help.

Closed Door vs. Open Door

With an Open Door:

- Heat can become extremely dangerous.
- Smoke and carbon monoxide can quickly fill the room.
- You may have only seconds to react.

With a Closed Door:

- Temperatures stay much lower.
- Air remains safer to breathe.
- You have more time to escape or be rescued.

Fire Safety Tips

- Close all bedroom and living area doors before going to sleep.
- Install smoke alarms inside and outside sleeping areas and on every level of your home.
- Test smoke alarms every month.
- Practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- Before opening a door during a fire, feel it with the back of your hand. If it is hot, do not open it. Use another exit if possible.

Remember

A closed door can slow the spread of fire, reduce smoke damage, and provide valuable time during an emergency. Shut your door tonight and sleep safer.

Fire Department CPR Courses

- Wednesday, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 10, 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

Labor Day observance and service impacts

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, in observance of Labor Day. Garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will be delayed one day during the week of the holiday. The Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program scheduled for Monday, Sept. 7 is canceled. The service will resume at Village Hall on Monday, Sept. 14.

Commission for People with Disabilities hosting First Friday event

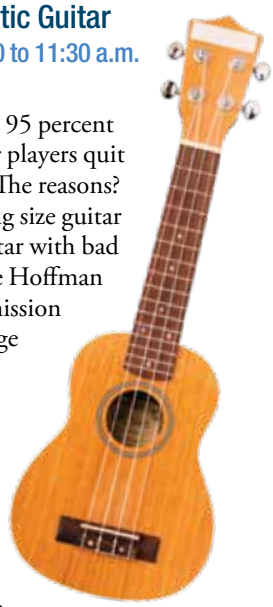
The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday event for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over on Friday, Oct. 2 at Village Hall from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for $2 a slice. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

Halloween Trick-or-Treating hours

The suggested hours for trick-or-treating in Hoffman Estates are 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31. Visit hoffmanestates.org for Halloween safety tips.

Arts Commission: Choosing Your First Acoustic Guitar

Saturday Oct. 17, 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Village Hall



Statistics show that 95 percent of beginning guitar players quit after the first year. The reasons? Choosing the wrong size guitar and choosing a guitar with bad playability. Join the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and Dr. JC at Village Hall on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to learn about finding and choosing a guitar that fits you, is easy to play and won't break the bank. This free seminar will include the opportunity to play sample guitars, and a drawing to win an acoustic guitar. Open to ages 7 and up. Register online at hoffmanestatesarts.com.

Upcoming programs for Seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun events in September and October!

- **Wednesday, Sept. 16:** luncheon and entertainment at noon at Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. Cost is $10 for Hoffman Estates residents and $15 for non-residents. Registration deadline is Sept. 9.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 21:** luncheon and magical entertainment at noon at Moretti's Unique Events, 2525 W. Higgins Rd. Cost is $10 for Hoffman Estates residents and $15 for non-residents. Registration deadline is Oct. 14.

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

Arts Commission Presents:

The Power of Song in Democracy

Thursday, Oct. 15 at 7 p.m.
Village Hall

In honor of America's 250th birthday, Historian and Singer-songwriter Chris Vallillo will perform The Power of Song in Democracy, featuring music from the entire length and breadth of our nation's history. His performance demonstrates the power of song to mold and empower political, social and moral issues of the day. From the days of the revolution, right on up to these modern times, music has been used to spread the ideas of democracy and shape the movements and issues of the day. Chris will perform a selection of the best songs and share the details and stories of their place in history.

An award-winning singer/songwriter and roots musician who has twice served as the Illinois State Scholar for the Smithsonian Institution's traveling exhibit on roots music, Chris Vallillo brings to life the people and places of "unmetropolitan" America in song. Performing on six string and bottleneck slide guitars, Vallillo weaves original, contemporary, and traditional songs and narratives into a compelling and entertaining portraits of the Midwest.

September & October calendar

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

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, 1
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

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

***Sunday, 6**
- Veteran's Flag 41: PFC Henry W. Dietz, Army, WWII

Monday, 7
- Labor Day, Village Hall closed

Tuesday, 8
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.
- Active Transportation Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 10
- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Friday, 11
- September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, 11 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 5-11 p.m., Village Green

Saturday, 12
- Fire Station 22 Groundbreaking, 11 a.m., 1801 Governors Ln.
- Platzkonzert Germanfest, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., Village Green

***Sunday, 13**
- Veteran's Flag 42: PFC Arthur Richoz, Army, WWII
- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Vistex
- Platzkonzert Germanfest, noon-5 p.m., Village Green

Monday, 14
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 15
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 16
- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 17
- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

Saturday, 19
- Sister Cities French film "Delicious", 1 p.m.

***Sunday 20**
- Veteran's Flag 43: SRA Sumner L. Cowhan, USAF, Iraq
- JapanFest NW, 1-4 p.m., Village Green

Monday, 21
- Branch pickup starts for Zone A
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, 22
- Dementia Friendly Community Panel Discussion, 5 p.m.

Wednesday, 23
- CPR Course, 6 p.m., FS24

***Sunday, 27**
- Veteran's Flag 44: Cpl. Bernard J. Timm, USAAF, WWIII

Monday, 28
- Branch pickup starts for Zone B
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

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Friday, 2
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 3
- Arts Commission Zine Fest, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fire Station 23 Open House, 1 p.m.

***Sunday 4**
- Veteran's Flag 45: Pvt. Harold Christopher, Army, WWII

Monday, 5
- Branch pickup starts for Zone C
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 6
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Fire & Police Commission, 6 p.m.
- Men's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 7
- Coffee With a Cop, 8-10 a.m., McDonald's, 2580 W. Golf Rd.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 8
- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Saturday, 10
- CPR Course, 9 a.m., FS24
- Fire Station 21 Open House, 1 p.m.
- Hispanic Heritage Day Fiesta, 2 p.m.

***Sunday, 11**
- Veteran's Flag 46: Cpl. Theodore C. Geiersbach Jr., Army, Korea
- Hoffman Estates Makers Market, 10 a.m., Vistex

Monday, 12
- Branch pickup starts for Zone D
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Death Over Dinner Community Discussion, 6-8 p.m. at Morizzo Funeral Home
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 13
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 15
- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Power of Song in Democracy, 7 p.m.
- Community Beat Meeting, 7 p.m., PD

Saturday, 17
- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.
- Arts Commission Acoustic Guitar, 10 a.m.

***Sunday, 18**
- Veteran's Flag 47: Pvt. Harland M. Goodnough, Army, WWII

Monday, 19
- Early voting starts
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Emerging Technology Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 20
- Police Pension Board, 1 p.m., PD
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.
- Men's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 21
- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, 23
- Sister Cities French Dinner, 6 p.m.

***Sunday, 25**
- Veteran's Flag 48: Cpl. John T. Olson, USMC, Iraq
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m., PD

Monday, 26
- Fire Pension Board, 9:30 a.m., FS24
- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Pregnancy & Child Loss Support Group, 5 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 27
- Men's Support Group, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, 31
- Halloween Trick-or-Treat, 3-7 p.m.

* The flag-rotation ceremonies are held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming months. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.

September 11 Remembrance Ceremony

WE WILL NEVER FORGET 2026 25th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

The Hoffman Estates Veterans Memorial Commission invites the community to gather in reflection and unity on the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington, D.C., and Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The commission's annual September 11 Remembrance Ceremony, "What Does it Mean to Never Forget?" will honor and remember the nearly 3,000 lives lost as a result of the terrorist attacks.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, Sept. 11, at 11 a.m. at Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd. All are welcome to attend the ceremony, which will provide an especially wonderful learning experience for young adults and youth born after 2001.

This year's program will feature heartfelt reflections from:

- Fire Lieutenant Justin Schuenke, Hoffman Estates Fire Department
- Police Sergeant Bryant Savage, Hoffman Estates Police Department
- Jackson Lanners, United States Army Veteran, 506/4th OIF/OEF

The ceremony will also include stirring musical performances by the Salvation Army Band Ensemble, North & Central Illinois Division.

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1900 Hassell Road

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1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

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1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski
5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

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Public Works Center
2305 Pembroke Avenue

Platzkonzert Germanfest

Returns Sept. 11, 12 & 13

The Village's 20th annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest returns Sept. 11, 12 & 13 with three days of authentic German music, food and beer at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy. This festival also offers free children's activities, contests, and live entertainment.

Festival Schedule:

Friday, Sept. 11: 5 to 11 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 12: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 13: noon to 5 p.m.

Join us for:

- Live music
- German food & craft beer with commemorative mugs
- Stein hoisting, stein carrying & costume contests
- Drone Light Show Saturday night
- Dachshund races Sunday
- Kinderplatz children's activities – FREE!

Parking will be available in the lot east of the venue, off Pratum Avenue, in front of the Tate & Lyle building at 5450 Prairie Stone Parkway. Handicapped parking and shuttle service will be provided. Limited parking will also be available on Prairie Stone Parkway.

For more information and a full event schedule for the weekend, visit hoffmanestates.org/platz.