

# Hoffman Estates Citizen



As Americans, we come from many walks of life, with unique viewpoints and diverse opinions. For some, the American Dream means owning a home, having a good job and achieving financial security. For others, it represents new opportunities for freedom, equality, and the pursuit of happiness.

It was optimism that helped found our country 250 years ago. As the founding fathers declared independence, it was with hopeful confidence that this country, our country, would one day be a great nation. This continued optimism lives on here in Hoffman Estates, where our motto is "Growing to Greatness" and our shared history and connectedness help make us a vibrant community.

Our community connectedness is reflected in the way neighbors support one another, families gather at community events, and residents work together to strengthen the place we call home. From our parks and neighborhoods to our schools, businesses, and civic organizations, these shared experiences help foster a sense of belonging and pride that continues to unite our community across generations.

I am hopeful for our future in America, where through our system of democracy and self-governance, we will continue to promote fairness, innovation, and growth for many more years to come.

*Bill McLeod*

## SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR –

## *Celebrating America 250*

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# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

I must have been very young when I had the courage to climb my first tree. I went as high as I could go. It was like being a bird but without wings. That's when I fell, not from the tree but in love with that tree. I'd climb whenever the time was right, that meant any time I knew Mom wouldn't catch me. I'd hang onto that scratchy bark while feeling the tree move in my arms.

Now as an old girl, my memory still lets me see myself up in that tree. I have a love for trees of every kind. My own yard and parkway have struggled to grow three trees in the sixty years I've lived in Hoffman Estates.

The first was a shag bark maple in the parkway that was planted by F & S Construction, the developer of our village. The infamous "Orangeburg Pipe," a tar coated cardboard pipe connecting the house to the sewer in the street, collapsed

and the maple was pulled up during the repair.

The second tree was a replacement for the maple. It was a lovely green ash. It was carefully planted with instructions to keep it watered each summer. It grew so fast. It was catching up with the maples that lined our street and were giving our neighbors cooling shade.

Several years went by before I lost my beautiful ash, due to the pest, the Emerald Ash Borer. It was an awful loss to not only our village but to neighboring villages as well. The only way to rid ourselves of this borer was to cut down all of the beautiful ash trees, a very expensive project for Hoffman Estates and a very sad day when they came with the chain saws.

The third tree is one I'd admired each spring when it was in full bloom. I learned it is called a Callery pear. It doesn't have

any messy fruit to bother with. The village planted it to replace the ash. I felt very happy about my new tree until now.

After all the time and trouble my trees have caused, Hoffman Estates, being a Tree City, has always been there to see that I have a beautiful tree in my parkway. More trouble has settled in again. Maybe it's a bad luck spot for a tree. Or it could be bad luck for just the Callery pear.

Arborists learned the tree they thought couldn't cross pollinate can. Callery pear seeds create a new version of themselves with thorns and a wild growth pattern like weeds. What will happen to my third parkway tree now that it is considered invasive? Only time will tell. The saddest part of my story is that I've loved them all.

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## THE SUMMER HANG IS BACK

### THIS TIME, LOOKING AHEAD!

#### HELLO HOFFMAN PHASE 1: WHERE ARE WE NOW?

Over the past year, thousands of Hoffman Estates residents shared what makes this community great, what could be better, and what everyday life looks like across the Village. Everything you shared in *Phase 1: Where are we now?* is helping build what comes next.

#### NOW IT'S TIME FOR PHASE 2: WHERE DO WE WANT TO GO?

Join the community at the Hello Hoffman Summer Hang at South Ridge Park on Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. to help shape the next 20 years for Hoffman Estates. The focus this time includes big questions like: What are our values? What kind of community do we want to be? What does the future of Hoffman Estates look like?

Mix summer fun with community planning — enjoy yard games, snow cones, interactive activities, and the chance to make your voice heard!

Can't make it to the Summer Hang? Take the second survey online in English, Spanish, Hindi, or Polish with a chance to win a VIP Experience at the Hideaway Brew Garden during the 2027 season!

And, keep an eye out for a Hello Hoffman table at pop-up events across the Village.



Learn more and get involved at [HelloHoffman.com](http://HelloHoffman.com).



# A Message from Mayor McLeod

**MAYOR**  
William D. McLeod

The Hideaway Brew Garden is officially open for the 2026 season — and it's bigger and better than ever! Recently rebuilt and expanded, the Hideaway now features a larger kitchen, upgraded restroom facilities, an updated drink menu, and even more space to gather with family and friends all summer long. New this year is the immersive "Crime Corner," a rentable experience designed for true crime lovers. Rentals for private parties and events are available through the Hideaway at [hideawaybrewgarden.com](http://hideawaybrewgarden.com).



Residents are invited to head out to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green throughout the summer to enjoy Thursday night Summer Sounds on the Green concerts, live local bands, sunset picnics, and weekend makers markets. The Village Green continues to be a unique gathering place for the entire community.

Registration is now open for the 3rd Annual Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Outing on Wednesday, July 22 at Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club. Proceeds benefit the Health and Human Services Department's Self-Help Fund, helping provide critical support to Hoffman Estates

residents in need. For more information and to register, please visit [hope-fore-hoffman-golf-outing.eventlify.com](http://hope-fore-hoffman-golf-outing.eventlify.com).

Then mark your calendars for Shenanigans on the Green on Aug. 8 featuring live Celtic music, specialty food and drinks, a Celtic marketplace, dancing, family activities, the popular Corgi Dash, swordplay demonstrations, animal encounters and much more.

Summer would not be complete without Northwest Fourth-Fest and the Hoffman Estates Fourth of July Parade. All the festivities are more special this year with the celebration of our nation's 250th birthday. Join us July 1 through 5 for carnival rides, live entertainment, delicious food, fireworks, a drone light show and fun for all ages. Residents are also invited to line Illinois Boulevard on July 4 for the annual parade stepping off at 9 a.m. Full details are available at [northwestfourthfest.com](http://northwestfourthfest.com).

We hope everyone joins us for a summer full of festivities and community celebrations here in Hoffman Estates!

*Bill McLeod*



## VILLAGE TRUSTEES



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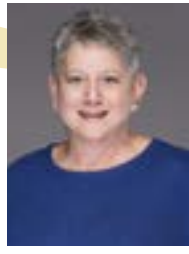
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## CLERK'S corner

The passport book and passport card are both REAL ID compliant. The Village Clerk's Office offers passport processing services to assist residents in applying for new passports. Appointments are required, so be sure to schedule yours in advance. While we cannot process adult passport renewals, our team is happy to review renewal applications to ensure everything is in order before submission. For more information or to schedule your appointment, contact the Clerk's Office by calling 847-781-2625.



**VILLAGE CLERK**  
Patty Richter

## Coffee with the Board

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



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# Growing to GREENNESS!

# Annual Recycling Event

Hoffman Estates is hosting its free annual recycling drop-off and document destruction event on Saturday, August 22 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

## Please note:

- Participants must remain in their vehicles.
- Shred documents should be placed in paper bags or small cardboard boxes only - no plastic bags.
- Only sensitive documents will be shredded. Magazines and newspapers will not be accepted.
- Separate recyclable materials within your vehicle as much as possible.
- Electronics should be removed from packaging before arrival.
- Flammable materials will not be accepted.

## Paper Shredding

Documents will be cross-shredded onsite. Residents are limited to six file-size boxes or grocery-size paper bags of documents. Please remove plastic materials, metal clips, and binders prior to drop-off.

## Electronics Recycling

Accepted electronic items include cable and satellite receivers; cell phones and tablets; computers and computer equipment/components (e.g., cables, keyboards, monitors, etc.); fax machines, printers and scanners; MP3 players; TV's; video game consoles; video recorders/players; and Zip drives.

Items NOT accepted include air conditioners; CDs, DVDs or VHS tapes; humidifiers/dehumidifiers; lamps; microwaves; refrigerators and other large home appliances; speakers; stereos; and vacuum cleaners.

## Additional Recycling Services

The Village will also accept the following items:

- Textiles and small household goods
- Sharps and expired medications
- Fluorescent and compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs
- Printer cartridges
- Batteries
- I-Pass transponders
- Construction materials including powdered mortar mix, drywall compound, and grout

Please note: Paint will not be accepted this year. Residents may find free paint disposal locations online at [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org).

For more information about this recycling event and other sustainability programs, visit [hoffmanestates.org/community/sustainability](http://hoffmanestates.org/community/sustainability).



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## Safety in your Home: Spotting common household hazards

Many home dangers are preventable with awareness and routine care. Identifying and understanding these risks is the first step toward reducing them.

The Village's Building and Code Department has identified a few of the most common potential risks, including:

- Fire hazards such as overloaded outlets, unattended cooking and aging appliances
- Electrical issues like damaged cords, outdated wiring or improper use of extension cords
- Water safety concerns including slippery surfaces, leaky pipes, unsecured pools and malfunctioning water heaters
- Fall hazards including poor lighting in hallways and stairwells, broken or missing handrails or uneven flooring
- Blocked emergency exits

Some steps to reduce household risk hazards are:

- Testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and replacing batteries once a year if they have removable batteries
- Checking electrical panels and outlets for heat, buzzing or discoloration
- Inspecting plumbing for leaks
- Cleaning dryer vents and replacing HVAC system filters per your appliance manufacturer's recommendations
- Cleaning gutters and removing overgrown plants and debris from the outside of your home



# Hoffman Estates *Maker's Market*

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



- July 12
- Aug. 9
- 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](http://bloomingdalemakersmarket.com) for more information.

## Shenanigans on the Green returns to the Village Green



Shenanigans on the Green returns to the Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy, (adjacent to the NOW Arena), on

Saturday, Aug. 8 from 1 to 11 p.m. This vibrant cultural celebration offers FREE admission and parking. Free parking is located nearby at the Tate & Lyle lot with a direct footpath to the event.

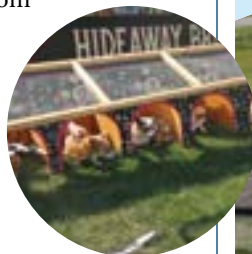
Perfect for families, the Shenanigans festival features FREE kids' activities alongside dynamic entertainment across two live stages. Authentic

Celtic food (including delicious beer and beverages) will be available for purchase.

### Key Festival Activities Include:

- 1. Kids' Fun:** Enjoy trackless train rides, an inflatable obstacle course, trampolines, face painting, and balloon artists!
- 2. Animal Encounters:** Meet and greet mini-therapy horses from Soul Harbor, Irish Wolfhounds, reptiles, and stunning birds of prey!
- 3. Corgi Dash:** Join in the thrill of cheering on the cutest Corgi pups as they dash their way through our custom racetrack. Entry fees will be donated to the Village's local food pantry partners!
- 4. Cultural Experiences:** Explore a festive Celtic Marketplace, sip your way through a unique whiskey tasting experience and catch a live swordplay demonstration!
- 5. Clan Connection:** Visit with members of Clan McFarlane and the Welsh Cambrian Society to learn all about Celtic heritage and history!

For more information, visit [hideawaybrewgarden.com](http://hideawaybrewgarden.com).



## Platzkonzert Germanfest

Sept. 11-13 at the Village Green

The Village's annual Oktoberfest-themed Platzkonzert Germanfest returns to the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green Friday, Sept. 11 through Sunday, Sept. 13! Join us for lively traditional music, craft beer, authentic German cuisine, a free Kinderplatz area for the kids, live entertainment and more! Visit [hoffmanestates.org/platz](http://hoffmanestates.org/platz) for more information.



## CONTEST: Name the new Chino Park sled hill

A brand-new sled hill is opening this winter in Chino Park, 630 Illinois Blvd., right behind the new Fire Station 21 building, and we're asking residents to help us name the Village's newest winter attraction! Contest winners will have the opportunity to be recognized during the Fire Station Open House on Saturday Oct. 10, ride in a fire truck, and help cut the ribbon at the grand opening celebration for the sled hill.

### Contest Timeline

- **Monday, Aug. 3 – Friday, Aug. 28:** Contest submission form will be open.
- **Monday, Aug. 31 – Friday, Sept. 4:** a staff committee and the Mayor's Office narrow down submissions to their top favorites.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 8:** The top submitted names are announced on the Village's website and social media channels.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Friday Sept. 18:** Public voting takes place to choose the best of the top submissions.
- **Monday, Sept. 21:** The winner will be notified, and arrangements will be made for recognition at the Fire Station Open House and a ribbon cutting event.
- **Sat. Oct. 10:** The winning sled hill name will be revealed at the Fire Station 21 Open House.
- **TBD:** Grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony.

Visit [hoffmanestates.org/SledHill](http://hoffmanestates.org/SledHill) for contest guidelines, contest submission forms and official voting.



# 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](http://portal.hoffmanestates.org).

### Keep Your Bones Strong

As we age, bones naturally weaken, increasing the risk of fractures and osteoporosis. Staying proactive with nutrition, exercise, and fall prevention can help keep bones healthy.

The Village of Hoffman Estates offers quick bone density screenings using a wrist or finger measurement. The test takes less than five minutes and includes results and a nurse consultation. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule.

### School's Starting Soon – Schedule Your Child's Vaccines Now

There's still time to get required immunizations before school begins. Illinois law mandates vaccines for children in childcare, school, and college to protect against preventable diseases.

Health and Human Services offers low-cost vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program. For program requirements, to schedule an appointment, or learn more visit: [portal.hoffmanestates.org](http://portal.hoffmanestates.org).



### Body Composition Analysis

Health and Human Services now offers Tanita body composition analysis! This specialized test uses a scale that provides general wellness information such as how much muscle, fat, and water your body has. The scale also gives a metabolic age and visceral fat score. A supportive, health-focused consult with a nurse is provided along with the assessment. Schedule an appointment by calling 847-781-4850.



### Memory Screenings

The Village of Hoffman Estates is proud to be a Dementia Friendly Community. Early diagnosis and access to support can make a meaningful difference by improving quality of life and helping reduce isolation for individuals and families.



Health & Human Services now offers FREE memory screenings for adults. Call 847-781-4850 to schedule your appointment today.

## Community Workshop

### Quest for the Inner Compass: An Emotion-Focused Adventure

Dragons, wizards, and crystals, oh my! Join HHS in an exploration of emotions and connections through imaginative role play using Dungeons & Dragons.



**Teens ages 14-17:**  
Friday, July 17,  
4-7:30 p.m.



**Adults 18+:**  
Saturday, July 18,  
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Register using the QR code and choose a character: a powerful spell master, a shapeshifter who can command nature itself, and so many more. Characters will be assigned via email after registration is complete. A meal will be served with gluten-free and vegetarian options available.

## 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.



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### UPCOMING DATES

**JULY 16  
AUG. 20**



## Hoffman Estates HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAM

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department is proud to present its dedicated hazardous materials response team, a crucial component of our community's safety infrastructure. Comprising nine highly trained members, this team is equipped to handle a wide array of hazardous situations, ensuring the well-being of people and the environment.

Before joining the hazardous materials team, each member undergoes specialized training, preparing them to respond effectively to various emergencies. Their expertise covers a broad spectrum of incidents, including roadway accidents involving hazardous substances, toxic industrial chemical spills, household hazardous material incidents, radiological emergencies, and potential threats involving weapons of mass destruction or biological and chemical agents.

As part of a regional response team serving northern Illinois, the Hoffman Estates Hazardous Materials Team plays a vital role in coordinating with neighboring jurisdictions to manage emergencies efficiently. Additionally, four members of the team are part of a national deployment team, ready to assist in larger-scale incidents across the country. Their collaboration

with external agencies, such as the FBI, underscores their commitment to comprehensive emergency management.

The team is equipped with state-of-the-art technology to identify and mitigate hazards effectively. Their arsenal includes laser spectrometry, Geiger counters, photoionization detectors for hazard identification, atmospheric monitoring systems, radiological sampling tools, and chemical decontamination equipment for both personnel and equipment. These resources enable them to respond to incidents ranging from minor household emergencies to major industrial crises and potential terrorist threats.

The Hoffman Estates Hazardous Materials Team is available 24/7 to respond to any hazardous material incident, ensuring a rapid and effective response to protect the community. Their commitment to safety and excellence makes them an invaluable asset to the Hoffman Estates Fire Department and the surrounding region.

The Hoffman Estates Hazardous Materials Team stands ready to safeguard our community against the dangers of hazardous materials, demonstrating their dedication and expertise in emergency responses.



## Fire Department CPR Courses



- Wednesday, July 22, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 8, 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](http://hoffmanestates.org/CPR) for schedule.



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

# National Night Out



## National Night Out is on the move for 2026!

Join us on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Fabbrini Park, 1704 Glen Lake Rd.

National Night Out brings neighbors and officers together for an evening focused on safety, unity, and fun. Families can enjoy activities, meet local officers, explore police vehicles, and learn about programs that keep neighborhoods safe. Community groups and local organizations will also be on hand to share resources and support services.

National Night Out isn't just an event, it's a reminder that strong communities are built when people know one another, look out for each other, and work together. Your participation helps create safer, more connected neighborhoods for everyone.



# Freezy Fridays

with

Hoffman Estates Police



Cool off with the Hoffman Estates Police Department and the Hoffman Estates Park District with freeze pops and fun from noon to 1 p.m.

## FREEZY FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

- ★ July 10 - Fabbrini Park, 1704 Glen Lake Rd.
- ★ July 24 - Cannon Crossings Park, 1675 Nicholson Dr.
- ★ Aug. 7 - Vogelei Park, 650 W. Higgins Rd.


Call HEPD Community Relations at 847-781-2830 or email [communityrelations@vohe.org](mailto:communityrelations@vohe.org) for more information.

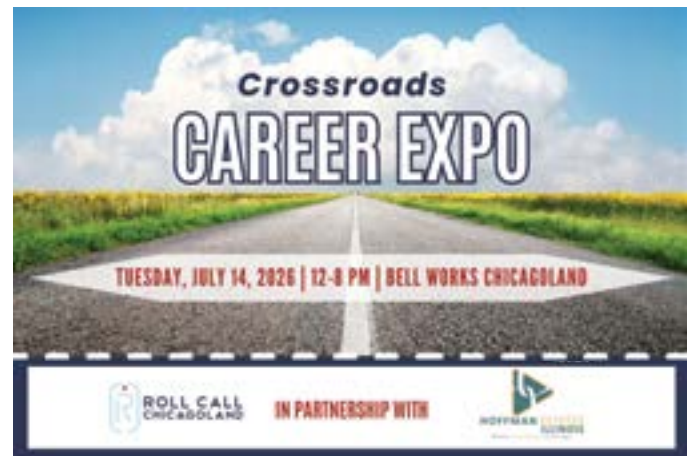
# Crossroads Career Expo

@ Bell Works Chicagoland July 14

Jobseekers and employers alike are invited to attend this career-focused networking event at Bell Works Chicagoland, 2000 Center Dr., Hoffman Estates. The Crossroads Career Expo, presented by Roll Call Chicagoland in partnership with the Village of Hoffman Estates, will be held on Tuesday, July 14 from noon to 8 p.m. Participants will explore careers and resources, as well as build connections and attend workshops.



Register to attend 



# Drainage Advice

from the Engineering Division

Stormwater management systems are designed to convey stormwater to nearby waterways through storm sewers and surface swales. While heavy rainfall can temporarily overburden storm sewers and cause ponding in low areas, stormwater drainage paths are designed to ensure structures are protected from surface flooding.

The Village recommends completing these steps to protect structures from flooding:

- Regularly check that ground settlement adjacent to the home's foundation slopes away toward the nearest side, front, or rear yard swale.
- Extend downspouts and sump pump discharges several feet from structures and direct them to the nearest drainage swale, but not closer than three feet to your property line.
- Do not block or obstruct drainage paths from upstream areas. Drainage paths are often located along property lines. Over time, these paths may become blocked by gardens, sheds, or raised landscape features.
- Village staff can offer advice for residents to consider on how to proceed with private drainage improvements. Call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email [construction@vohe.org](mailto:construction@vohe.org) for additional information.

## Floodplain Information and Services

Flooding can happen to anyone, even if you do not live near a body of water or have ever experienced flooding in the past. Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to identify Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) (or commonly "floodplain").

The Village offers a free service to assist anyone interested in obtaining information including:

- Property maps showing the SFHA and FIRM information
- Flood insurance requirements
- Local drainage issues or flooding sources not identified on the FIRM
- Information regarding wetland and open space areas within the Village and regulations prohibiting development

As a participating community in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS), property owners within the Village are eligible for flood insurance policies at a discounted rate.

Call the Engineering Division at 847-252-5800 or email [construction@vohe.org](mailto:construction@vohe.org) for information. FIRM panels are available for review at Village Hall or online at the FEMA Map Service Center at [msc.fema.gov](http://msc.fema.gov). Additional resources are also available at [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov).

## Keep bushes maintained along sidewalks

Overgrown bushes and shrubs may seem harmless, but when they extend onto sidewalks, they can quickly become a safety and accessibility issue for pedestrians. Regular landscape maintenance helps keep our neighborhoods attractive, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

Bushes that block walkways can force pedestrians, parents with strollers, wheelchair users, joggers, and children to step into the street to pass safely. Branches hanging too low can also create visibility concerns and increase the risk of scratches or trips.

Property owners are encouraged to routinely inspect and trim bushes, hedges, and landscaping bordering sidewalks and pathways. A good rule of thumb is to maintain enough clearance so pedestrians can comfortably use the entire sidewalk without obstruction.

Helpful maintenance tips include:

- Trim shrubs regularly during the growing season
- Remove dead or damaged branches promptly
- Keep bushes shaped away from sidewalks and driveways
- Avoid planting large shrubs too close to walkways
- Check visibility around corners and intersections

Well-maintained landscaping not only improves curb appeal but also demonstrates pride in our community. By keeping sidewalks clear and accessible, we help create a safer and more enjoyable environment for neighbors and visitors alike.

## Summer Sounds on the Green

Summer Sounds on the Green, the free, outdoor concert series sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Hoffman Estates Park District, runs Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green, 5510 Prairie Stone Pkwy., through Aug. 27.



Here's the schedule for the remainder of summer:

July 9: Mr. Myers

Aug. 6: R Gang

July 16: Burning Red

Aug. 13: Second Hand News

July 23: Mariachi Universitario

Aug. 20: Heartache Tonight

July 30: Oh Yes!

Aug 27: ARRA

Visit [hoffmanestatesarts.com](http://hoffmanestatesarts.com) for details.



## Upcoming programs for seniors

The Commission for Senior Citizens is hosting two fun luncheon events in July and August.

- **Wednesday, July 15:** 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 July 8.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 19:** 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 Aug. 12.

To register, call Jeana Jankovec 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.



## Commission for People with Disabilities

The Fourth of July Commission and the Commission for People with Disabilities are pleased to sponsor free carnival rides for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family/caregivers at this year's Northwest Fourth-Fest. This special opportunity will take place on Saturday, July 4, from 10 a.m. to noon at the NOW Arena. The event is open to any individual with disabilities, their immediate family and caregivers. No cost for entry! Space is limited. Registration required prior to admittance. Register online at [northwestfourthfest.com/carnival](http://northwestfourthfest.com/carnival).

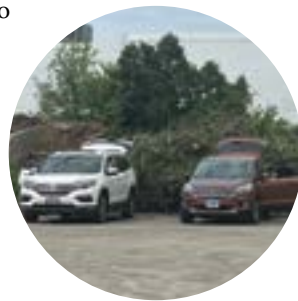
The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a First Friday swimming event for adolescents (14 and up) and adults with disabilities at Seascape Aquatic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 7. Caregivers are required to attend with participant; complimentary pizza will be served. Registration is required. Please register by calling Jeana at 847-781-2606.

## Sister Cities French Dinner Oct. 23

Save the date for the 28th Annual Soirée Culinaire, sponsored by the Sister Cities Commission, on Friday, October 23. This French evening, "Bonnes Fetes" A French Holiday Feast, will take place at Village Hall and includes dinner and a silent auction. Look for more information in the next edition of *The Citizen* Newsletter.

## Seasonal brush drop-off program

Brush may be brought to the Public Works Fleet Maintenance Facility, 2405 Pembroke Ave., from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the following Saturday dates: July 18 and Aug. 15. There is no charge for this service. Only residential brush/branches will be accepted (no commercial loads, and proof of residency is required). For more information, call Public Works at 847-490-6800.



## HOPE FORE HOFFMAN

### 3RD ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Wednesday, July 22 | Bridges of Poplar Creek Country Club

The Hoffman Estates Charitable Foundation, proud partners with Bell Works Chicagoland and Wintrust, is teeing up the 3rd Annual Hope Fore Hoffman golf outing — and this year is bigger than ever.

Join us on Wednesday, July 22 for a shotgun start at 10 a.m. and settle in for a full day of fairways, fun, and community spirit. Expect great golf, delicious food and drinks, exciting raffle prizes, and the kind of networking that actually feels like a good time.

**NEW THIS YEAR:** The Village of Hoffman Estates Police Department will be on-site for an up-close look at the department's cutting-edge drone technology. Curious about what these machines can do? Come see for yourself.

**Drone Drop — Super Event Ticket Holders Only -** Purchase a Super Event Ticket and get in on the action with the exclusive Drone Drop, ticket holders will also play contests and games throughout the course.

All proceeds benefit the Health and Human Services Department's Self-Help Fund, providing vital community resources including low-cost vaccination clinics, counseling services, medical lending closets, health screenings, and more.

Sponsorship opportunities and golf-only packages are available. Register & learn more: [hope-fore-hoffman-golf-outing.eventlify.com](http://hope-fore-hoffman-golf-outing.eventlify.com)



# July & August calendar

All meetings are at Village Hall unless otherwise noted. For up-to-date information, visit [hoffmanestates.org/calendar](http://hoffmanestates.org/calendar).



## JULY

### Wednesday, 1

- Utility Commission, noon
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, 5-10 p.m., NOW Arena
- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, 2

- Northwest Fourth-Fest, 5-10 p.m., NOW Arena

### Friday, 3

- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon-11 p.m., NOW Arena

### Saturday, 4

- Fourth of July Parade along Illinois Blvd, 9 a.m.
- Commission for People With Disabilities Carnival Rides, 10 a.m. to noon, NOW Arena
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon-11 p.m., NOW Arena

### \*Sunday, 5

- Veterans Flag 32, George Bailey, Sgt/ Maj, Army, Sp. Am.
- Northwest Fourth-Fest, noon-5 p.m., NOW Arena

### Monday, 6

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, 7

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

### Wednesday, 8

- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24

### Thursday, 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### Friday, 10

- Freezy Friday, noon, Fabbri Park

### \*Sunday, 12

- Veterans Flag 33, Sidney Daitch, T/5, Army, WWII
- Hoffman Estates Maker's Market, 10 a.m., Vistex

### Monday, 13

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, 14

- Crossroads Career Fair, noon to 8 p.m., Bell Works Chicagoland
- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Fire & Police Commission, 6 p.m., PD

### Wednesday, 15

- Senior Lunch, noon, Moretti's Unique Events
- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, 16

- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Quest for the Inner Compass Workshop for Teens, 4 p.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### Friday, 17

- Quest for the Inner Compass Workshop for Teens, 4 p.m.

### Saturday, 18

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet
- Coffee With the Board, 10 a.m.
- Quest for the Inner Compass Workshop for Adults, 11 a.m.

### \*Sunday, 19

- Veterans Flag 34, Arvo A. Mattson, T/5, Army, WWII

### Monday, 20

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

### Tuesday, 21

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

### Wednesday, 22

- Hope Fore Hoffman Golf Outing, 10 a.m., Bridges of Poplar Creek GC
- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24
- CPR Course, 6 p.m. FS24

### Thursday, 23

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### Friday, 24

- Freezy Friday, noon, Cannon Crossings Park

### \*Sunday 26

- Veterans Flag 35, Robert J. Kalas, Pfc., Army, WWII
- Veterans Memorial Commission, 1 p.m.

### Monday, 27

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Fire Pension Board, 9:30 a.m., FS24

### Monday, 28

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m., Village Green

### Wednesday, 29

- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, 30

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

## AUGUST

### \*Sunday 2

- Veterans Flag, 36, Frank S. Carter Jr., Capt., ASAAF, WWII

### Monday, 3

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Emerging Technology Commission, 6 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, 4

- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- National Night Out, 6 to 9 p.m., Fabbri Park
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

### Wednesday, 3

- Teen Fire Academy, 6 p.m., FS24
- Planning & Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

### Thursday, 6

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### Friday, 7

- Freezy Friday, noon, Voegel Park
- First Friday, 5 p.m., Seascape

### Saturday, 8

- CPR Course, 9 a.m., FS24
- Shenanigans on the Green, 1 p.m., Village Green

### \*Sunday, 9

- Veterans Flag, 37, John M. Kmetz, Sgt, USMC, WWII
- Hoffman Estates Maker's Market, 10 a.m., Vistex

### Monday, 10

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Platzkonzert Commission, 4 p.m.

### Tuesday, 11

- Senior Citizens Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Hello Hoffman Summer Hang, 5 p.m., South Ridge Park

### Thursday, 13

- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.
- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### Saturday, 15

- Seasonal Branch Dropoff, 8 a.m., PW Fleet

### \*Sunday, 16

- Veterans Flag 38, Robert Scholl, END 3, Navy, Korea

### Monday, 17

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, CANCELED
- Village Board, 7 p.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

### Tuesday, 18

- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

### Wednesday, 19

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

### Thursday, 20

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

### Saturday, 22

- Annual Recycling Event, 9 a.m., PW

### \*Sunday, 23

- Veterans Flag 39, WM R. Dreher, Sgt., Army, WWII

### Monday, 24

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.m.

### Thursday, 27

- Summer Sounds on the Green, 7 p.m., Village Green

### \*Sunday, 30

- Veteran's Flag 40, Thomas W. Christian, Cpl., USAAF, WWII

### Monday, 31

- Electronic Recycling, 10 a.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.

## Prolonged Heat Can Stress Trees

Trees exposed to summer heat day after day with little precipitation may have droopy leaves and even some that turn brown or yellow prematurely. These are common signs of trees experiencing heat stress which makes them more susceptible to pests, which causes further decline. Help trees avoid this stress by providing them with deep watering (softening the top 10" of soil) during hot weather to encourage the formation of long deep roots.

### Tree Watering Tips:

- Avoid evaporation by watering in the early morning or early evening.
- Use a soaker hose or oscillating sprinkler to allow water to infiltrate the soil slowly for deeper watering. Several sessions may be necessary to loosen over-dried soil.
- The area near furthest extension of tree canopy should be watered as this is where the root tips are located that bring moisture to the tree.
- Mature trees require deep watering twice a month in normal conditions.
- Newly planted trees require deep watering 1-2 times a week, depending on precipitation received.

## Village of Hoffman Estates

1900 Hassell Road  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
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Main . . . . . 847-882-9100  
Police and Fire . . . . . 911  
Police Administration . . . 847-781-2800  
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

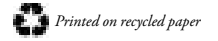
Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley  
1700 Moon Lake Boulevard

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

POSTAL CUSTOMER  
Hoffman Estates, IL



The nomination deadline for the 25th annual Community Pride Recognition Awards is Friday, August 28. This program, sponsored by the Sustainability Commission, recognizes and honors three “best” landscaping categories:

- **Detached single-family home**
- **Attached single-family home**
- **Neighborhood or homeowners association**

This program also recognizes beautiful properties that may incorporate “green” practices. If you see a neighbor using rain barrels, composting, incorporating nontoxic methods of pest and weed control, or other sustainable practices, let us know! Photographs will be taken of areas viewable from the street in early September. For more information and an online nomination form, visit [hoffmanestates.org/CommunityPride](http://hoffmanestates.org/CommunityPride).

I nominate the residence at: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner(s) name (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

“Green” landscape techniques (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Neighborhood/homeowners association: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and return to:**

Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o Sustainability Commission  
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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169