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Hoffman Estates Citizen



DEMENTIA FRIENDLY BUSINESSES

Dementia Friendly Community Initiative Includes Local Businesses

Creating a more welcoming and supportive community for people living with dementia starts with awareness, and here in Hoffman Estates, local businesses are an important part of that effort.

Through the Dementia Friendly business initiative, which is led by the Village's Health and Human Services Department, employees at participating businesses receive dementia-friendly training designed to help them better understand dementia and feel more confident when interacting with people who may be experiencing cognitive challenges. Businesses that complete the program are recognized as Dementia Friendly Establishments and receive a window cling identifying them as program partners. L&M Financial Services, Inc. and the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce recently completed the training and joined the effort.

Hoffman Estates was officially recognized as a Dementia Friendly Community by Dementia Friendly America in June 2025. The designation reflects the community's commitment to increasing understanding, supporting caregivers and families, and promoting inclusive participation in community life. The involvement of businesses like L&M Financial and the Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce demonstrates how community-wide partnerships can help make Hoffman Estates a more informed, compassionate and welcoming place for everyone.

Local business owners interested in becoming a Dementia Friendly Community Partner can learn more at hoffmanestates.org/dementiafriendly.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

On Nov. 7, 1959, the very first election was held in Hoffman Estates. Residents had just voted for Village incorporation in September, and now they would go to the polls to elect their first Village President and Board of Trustees.

Unlike the long, drawn out political campaigning that goes on now, the early residents only had six weeks to learn about the candidates that would govern them for the next four years – not much time to make such important decisions.

The population of Hoffman Estates was only 8,000 residents, but that was still a lot of door bells to ring to persuade neighbors and friends to vote for either the Good Government Party or the People's Party.

It was decided that the elections would be non-partisan, neither Republican nor Democrat. Both parties would rely on posters, fliers and newspaper advertisements to get their messages across in the brief time allotted.

Election day finally arrived in early November. After three votes to incorporate, the early residents finally had a say in who would govern them, and how they would govern themselves. Now the democratic process would help them shape their future.

The residents of Hoffman Estates chose Ed Pinger as President, Marilyn Brading as Clerk, and James Gannon, Bruce Berger, Ed Deerfield, Ed Cunningham, John Pickering and Roy Jenkins as Trustees. The Good Government Party had won the election.

On Nov. 12, 1959, the first Village Board meeting was held. It was the first of many, and the beginning of the Village of Hoffman Estates.

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Hello Hoffman Phase 2:
Where do we want to go?

The Hello Hoffman Comprehensive and Strategic Planning team has been very busy collecting feedback from the community over the summer and this fall in-person and online. Phase 2 feedback has moved to the "Where do we want to go?" phase, where the team will use data and feedback to determine possibilities for future development in the Village.

As Phase 2 work continues, the community is invited to share input at the Public Works Open House, 2305 Pembroke Ave., on Nov. 7 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. or by using the interactive Community Map on the project website at hellohoffman.com. Giving feedback is easy - click the "Add a Point" button on the map to get started!

Saturday, Nov. 28 is
Small Business Saturday

Hoffman Estates is home to many unique and interesting small businesses, from restaurants to retail, throughout our Village.

Now that the holidays are around the corner, remember that Saturday, Nov. 28 is the official date for Small Business Saturday throughout the country. It is estimated that for every $100 spent at a locally-owned business, $73 remains in the local economy. Compare that to the same $100 spent at a non-locally owned business, where only $43 remains in the local economy.

Please help support small businesses in Hoffman Estates this holiday season, and beyond.

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A Message from Mayor McLeod

MAYOR
William D. McLeod

As we near the end of the year, I reflect on all the wonderful experiences our community has enjoyed in 2026. From Arts Commission concerts at the Village Green on Thursday evenings and our Northwest Fourth-Fest, to community activities, cultural festivals and programs to engage our residents – it's been wonderful to see the community turn out for these events! I am proud of the volunteers on our commissions and committees who spend their time making these events not only possible, but highly enjoyable. As we go into a season of thankfulness, I also want to highlight the many businesses and their employees who support Village events throughout the year. Together we are "Growing to Greatness"!



And the year is not yet over! There is so much yet to come, including our annual Public Works Open House and Pumpkin Smash on Saturday, Nov. 7 featuring refreshments, raffles and giveaways. On Saturday Nov. 21, I hope to see you at our festive Friendship Tree Lighting and fireworks show with live entertainment from a cappella group Choral Aires, a visit from Santa, and hot cocoa and cookies. The fireworks show makes this event especially festive – you won't want to miss it.



On Wednesday, Nov. 11, we invite everyone to set aside time to honor all our military who have served honorably in both wartime and peacetime. Hosted by the Veterans Memorial Commission, the Veterans Day ceremony will take place at the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 411 W. Higgins Rd. starting at 10:45 a.m. See page 4 for details.

If you're looking for a way to give back, please consider the Hoffman Estates Health and Human Services Giving Tree or donations to the micro-pantry located inside the lobby of HHS. If you need services or support, please reach out to Dr. Monica Saavedra and her team at 847-781-4850.

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

Bill McLeod

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CLERK'S corner

Helping Neighbors in Need



VILLAGE CLERK
Patty Richter

As we step into another holiday season and embrace the spirit of giving, we invite you to help support neighbors in need. The Village maintains a dedicated drop-off spot in the Village Hall lobby for canned goods, boxed items, and toiletries to help restock our local food pantries. Your generosity makes a real difference – every item donated helps neighbors facing difficult times.

We are also pleased to offer a limited number of keepsake holiday ornaments that portray historic sites in town, along with two commemorative history books highlighting the Village's first 60 years. Visit the Clerk's office to purchase ornaments for just $5 each and history books for $10. All proceeds from these items go directly into our community support fund, which assists local residents throughout the year.



Thank you for your kindness, your generosity, and your continued commitment to helping others.

Veterans Memorial Commission hosting annual

Veterans Day Ceremony

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

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

For more information, please call Veterans Committee Liaison Commander Mark Wondolkowski 847-781-2819.

Slash Your Energy Bills This Season

As temperatures shift, utility bills don't have to skyrocket. Whether you own or rent, simple efficiency upgrades will keep your space comfortable and your wallet full using these tips:

- **Stop the Drafts:** Air leaks are the biggest culprit behind energy loss. Use weatherstripping on drafty doors and caulk around window frames to lock in treated air. For property owners, upgrading attic insulation offers the highest return on investment.
- **Heat Smarter:** Small routine changes yield noticeable savings. Lower your thermostat to 68°F while awake and drop it 7 to 10 degrees when sleeping or away to cut up to 10% off your annual bill. A programmable smart thermostat can automate this effortlessly. Also, open south-facing blinds during the day to let natural sunlight and warmth in.
- **Get Paid to Upgrade:** Don't leave money on the table. ComEd offers free home energy assessments and rebates on smart devices. For income-qualified residents, the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP) provides free air sealing and furnace repairs. More information is available at comed.com/assistance.





Preserving Your Old Photos in the Digital Age

Don't let your family's precious memories fade away in a shoe box! The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission invites the community to join award-winning photographer James Hojnacki for a hands-on seminar detailing how to bring vintage prints, negatives, and slides into the modern era.

Attend to learn expert tips on digitizing photos with cameras or scanners, choosing the right storage solutions, and future-proofing your family archive for generations to come.

- **Date: Saturday, Nov. 7**
- **Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- **Location: Hoffman Estates Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd.**

Register today at HoffmanEstatesArts.com.

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**.



November is Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month

More than seven million Americans are living with Alzheimer's dementia, which affects memory, thinking, and daily life.

Hoffman Estates is proud to be a Dementia Friendly Community, supporting residents, families, and caregivers through dementia friendly training with local businesses; educational programs like our monthly Memory Minders brain health class and free memory screenings. Early diagnosis and support can greatly improve quality of life.

To register for the Memory Minders class or schedule a memory screening, call Health and Human Services at 847-781- 4850. Businesses interested in becoming a Dementia Friendly Establishment can learn more about training opportunities by visiting our website at hoffmanestates.org/DementiaFriendly.

Still Thinking About the Flu Shot?

Flu season often lasts through May, so there's still plenty of time to get vaccinated. The flu shot remains your best protection against serious complications, like pneumonia. Getting a flu shot not only helps protect you against the most serious complications from the flu, and it can also decrease the spread of flu to others.

Visit portal.hoffmanestates.org/vaccine or call Health and Human Services at 847-781-4850 to schedule a flu shot 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.

Schedule your appointment by calling 847-781-4850.

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.

UPCOMING DATES
NOVEMBER 19
DECEMBER 17

Keep Your Bones Strong

As we age, bones naturally weaken, increasing the risk of fractures and osteoporosis, which affects about 54 million Americans. Staying proactive with nutrition, exercise, and fall prevention can help keep bones healthy.

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

November is Diabetes Awareness Month

Whether you're living with diabetes, supporting someone who is, or just want to learn more, this is a great time to take action. Diabetes affects how your body turns food into energy. When insulin isn't working properly, sugar builds up in the blood—leading to serious health risks over time. Hemoglobin A1C is a blood test to see how well your glucose has been managed over the past 2 to 3 months.

Get tested at Health and Human Services with a quick finger stick. This appointment includes:

- Results in 6 minutes
- Nurse consultation
- Only $20



Call 847-781-4850 to schedule your test today and take a step toward better health.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Disposal



Natural Christmas trees (including flocked ones) may be dropped off for disposal at no charge between Saturday, Dec. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 10, 2027, at the following locations:

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

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

Groot provides curbside Christmas tree and greenery pickup on regular service days during the first two weeks in January. Look for more information about curbside pickup in the January/February 2027 edition of the Citizen.



Free Holiday Light Recycling

Keep non-working holiday string lights and extension cords out of landfills by dropping them in the special drop boxes in the Village Hall lobby during normal business hours from Monday, Nov. 30 through Friday, Jan. 29, 2027.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Public Works Hosting Open House & Pumpkin Smash Nov. 7



Join Hoffman Estates Public Works for their annual 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 features snowplow rides, touch-a-truck displays, and hands-on exhibits showcasing Public Works vehicles and equipment—including loaders, excavators, and aerial lifts. Enjoy light refreshments, giveaways, and raffle prizes, while supplies last.

Attendees are also encouraged to bring their old pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns (decorations and candles removed) to participate in the Pumpkin Smash composting event, a fun way to support the Village's sustainability goals! Can't make the Pumpkin Smash event? Drop pumpkins off at Public Works anytime starting Nov. 2 through 1 p.m. on Nov. 7. Look for posted signs for directions on where to drop off pumpkins.

For more information, contact Public Works at 847-490-6800 or email publicworks@vohe.org.

Where Does the Water Go?



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

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

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

Here are some things you can do to help maintain the storm sewer system and keep our environment clean:

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

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

Public Works Prepares for Winter

Colder weather is on its way, and the Public Works team is preparing for the upcoming winter season. Equipment is being checked and maintained, salt and de-icing liquids are being delivered, and staff is being trained on new machinery and technology. Procedures are being reviewed and updated to improve our response and capabilities.

Snow removal procedures call for major streets to be plowed first, followed by side streets and cul-de-sacs. To ensure efficient snow removal, avoid shoveling or blowing snow into the streets or onto fire hydrants. Parking on Village streets is prohibited for eight hours after a snowfall of two inches or more, or until the street has been cleared. For safety, remind children to stay away from streets while playing in the snow.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep our Village safe and accessible all winter long.



Plow Routes

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

IDOT

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

Cook County Hwy. Department

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

Winter Road Problems?

Know who to call



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

Hoffman Estates Snow Command: 847-490-6800

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

IDOT: 800-452-4368

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

Cook County Highway Department: 312-603-1600

Call this number for conditions regarding county roads.

Illinois Tollway Information Line: 800-865-5394

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





Cram the Cruiser Food Drive: Nov. 13

The Hoffman Estates Police Department and the Hoffman Estates Police Charitable Foundation are once again coming together to help local families in need this Thanksgiving through the annual Cram the Cruiser Food Drive.

This drive-thru event will be held on Friday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Hoffman Estates Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Rd. Drive through to drop off non-perishable food items, and members of the HEPD and IKEA will be on hand to collect donations and assemble the meal bags.

All donations will help us put together Thanksgiving meal baskets for Hoffman Estates families in need this holiday season. We are grateful for the support of IKEA for their donation of the bags used to package the meal baskets. In 2025, we provided meals for 83 families! Please donate help us support even more families this year!

Items needed:

- Foil roasting pans
- Boxed/bagged mashed potatoes
- Jars/packets of gravy
- Boxed/bagged stuffing
- Canned sweet potatoes, and pumpkin
- French fried onions
- Boxed/bagged corn bread mix
- Marshmallows
- Pie crust
- Boxed dessert
- Turkey/Ham

Donations for the Cram the Cruiser food drive will also be collected in special drop boxes at the Police Department, all four Fire Stations, and at Village Hall through Nov. 16. Monetary donations will also be accepted. For additional information or to nominate a family to receive a Thanksgiving dinner this year, please email hepcf@vohe.org.

Annual Shop With a Cop program returns



For more than two decades, the Hoffman Estates Police Department has been creating special holiday memories for local children through its Shop With a Cop program. What began as an opportunity to brighten the holiday season has become a meaningful tradition that brings children and police officers together in a fun and positive setting.

Early in December, children participating in the program will be paired with members of the Hoffman Estates Police Department for a special shopping experience. Each child will receive a gift card to shop for items for themselves and their loved ones. Following the shopping experience, the children and officers will gather for breakfast, games, crafts, and other activities.

While the shopping is certainly a highlight, the program is about much more. Shop With a Cop gives children an opportunity to interact with police officers in a relaxed, positive environment while creating memories that can last well beyond the holiday season.

Nominate a child in need for the Shop With A Cop program by emailing hepcf@vohe.org. A member of the Hoffman Estates Police Charitable Foundation will follow up with more information.

Statewide E-bike, E-scooter laws take effect Jan. 1

If an E-bike, E-scooter, or other electric ride is on someone's holiday wish list, there are a few things to consider before making the purchase. New Illinois micromobility safety laws take effect Jan. 1, 2027, that govern electric devices such as E-bikes and E-scooters. These laws establish where they can be ridden, who can ride them, and outline equipment requirements. Beginning Jan.1:

- All E-scooter riders must be at least 16 years old.
- Class 1 and Class 2 E-bike riders must be at least 15 years old.
- Class 3 E-bike riders must be at least 16 years old.
- Higher speed E-bike and E-moto riders must be at least 16 and have a valid driver's license, title, registration, and insurance.
- E-bikes and E-scooters will not be permitted on sidewalks statewide.

Before giving an E-bike or E-scooter as a gift, please make sure you know what you're buying, which class it falls into, how fast it can travel, and the rules that apply. Make sure the rider meets the age requirement and knows where they can ride. It's also important to understand how the device operates, and a properly fitted helmet is always a good idea.

A little preparation can go a long way, and we can start the new year on the right foot — or the right set of wheels!

Specialty Team Spotlight:

Hoffman Estates Fire Department

FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT



The mission of the Hoffman Estates Fire Investigation Unit is determining the origin and cause of every fire in the Village. The HEFIU and its members occupy a unique role at the intersection of forensic science, law enforcement, public safety, and private insurance.

Members of the 12-person team are tasked with using the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 921 "Guide for Fire and Explosion Investigations" to conduct investigations and prepare reports. The reports cover the systematic process of evidence collection, data analysis, and hypothesis testing using the disciplined elimination of possible causes. Determination of the origin, cause, and classification of the fires is then presented, with serious legal, criminal, and insurance consequences.



Beyond individual cases, the unit carries a broader public safety purpose. Investigation data identifies hazardous products, reveals code deficiencies, and informs fire prevention strategies, ultimately reducing risk for the Hoffman Estates community.

The unit's commitment to that mission was evident in 2025, when the HEFIU investigated 26 fires. A hallmark of this work is meticulous documentation — investigators collected over 1,328 photographs and video files last year. This was a dramatic increase from the 388 files collected in 2024, underscoring a significant leap in evidentiary standards and investigative thoroughness.



HEFIU membership requires equal parts scientific rigor, investigative practice, and legal awareness, making fire investigation one of the most demanding specialties within the fire service.

Fire Department partners with Macyn's Jars



In 2025, the Hoffman Estates Fire Department partnered with Macyn's Jars, a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing comfort and joy to children during difficult hospital and emergency experiences.

Macyn's Jars are plastic containers filled with five different fidget toys, designed for children ages 3 and older, as well as adults with special needs. The jars provide a small distraction and silver lining during an otherwise stressful day.

Since beginning the partnership, the Hoffman Estates Fire Department has distributed enough toys to require two refills. This partnership allows firefighters to provide children with something positive, comforting, and engaging when they need it most.

Community BRIEFS

Holiday observances

Village Hall will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26, and Friday, Nov. 27, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no change in the garbage and recycling pickup schedule the week of Thanksgiving.

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



Daylight saving time ends

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 1. In addition to rolling clocks back one hour, the Fire Department reminds residents to also replace the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends placement of at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including basements), and within 15 feet of all sleeping areas. CO alarms are required on each level of the home and are recommended near sleeping areas.



Yard waste reminders

The yard waste collection programs through Groot will end Wednesday, Nov. 25, for those south of I-90 (including households west of Bartlett Road) and on Monday, Nov. 30 for residents north of I-90. Access information about yard waste collection programs on the Village's website at hoffmanestates.org/YardWaste.

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

Upcoming programs for seniors

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

- Wednesday, Nov. 18: Luncheon with entertainment, 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 Nov. 11.
- Wednesday, Dec. 16: Winter themed luncheon with entertainment from the Arlingtones, 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 Dec. 9.

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

First Friday events

The Commission for People with Disabilities is hosting a Country Dance First Friday event on Nov. 6 and a Winter Holiday Party on Dec. 4 for adolescents and adults with disabilities ages 14 and over. First Friday events run from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Village Hall. Admission is free! Pizza will be served for $2 a slice. For more information about First Friday events, please call 847-781-2606.



Holiday Giving Tree sponsors sought

Health and Human Services invites residents and local businesses to become sponsors for the annual Holiday Giving Tree program. This program provides assistance to families in need with children and adults age 60+ who are experiencing hardship with gifts for the holiday season. Those interested in purchasing gifts for the Giving Tree Program can stop by the Health and Human Services Department at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., to select gift request ornaments from the Giving Tree starting Nov. 16. The deadline to participate in this program is Dec. 1. Please call 847-781-4850 for additional information.



November & December calendar

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

NOVEMBER

***Sunday, 1**
- Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Veteran's Flag 49: Capt. Peter A. Wastie, USMC, Vietnam

Monday, 2
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 3
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, 4
- Utility Commission CANCELED
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

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

Saturday, 7
- Public Works Open House & Pumpkin Smash, 10 a.m., PW
- Photo Preservation Workshop, 10 a.m.

***Sunday, 8**
- Veteran's Flag 50: Sgt. Stephen J. Topolski, Army, WWII

Monday, 9
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 10
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, 11
- Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:45 a.m., PD

Thursday, 12
- Fourth of July Commission, 4 p.m.

Friday, 13
- Cram the Cruiser Food Drive, 5:30-8:30 p.m., PD

***Sunday, 15**
- Veteran's Flag 51: Cpl. James F. Farrell, Jr., USMC

Monday, 16
- Electronics Recycling, 10 a.m.
- Arts Commission, 5 p.m.
- Commission for People with Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 17
- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, 18
- Senior Lunch, noon at Moretti's
- Sister Cities Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 19
- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 21
- Friendship Tree Lighting, 5 p.m.

***Sunday, 22**
- Veteran's Flag 52: SN Ronald J. Palacz, Navy, WWII

Monday, 23
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, 25
- Last yard waste collection for Wednesday pickups

Thursday, 26
- Village Hall Closed

Friday, 27
- Village Hall Closed

Saturday, 28
- Small Business Saturday

***Sunday, 29**
- Veteran's Flag 53: Tech Sgt. Emilio Hernandez, USAF, Iraq

Monday, 30
- Last yard waste collection for Monday pickups
- Holiday Light Recycling Program starts

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 1
- Celtic Fest Commission, 4 p.m.
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m.
- Holiday Giving Tree sponsor deadline

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

Friday, 4
- First Friday, 6:30 p.m.

***Sunday, 6**
- Veteran's Flag 54: Sgt. Harold J. Christopher, Army

Monday, 7
- Village Board, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, 8
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 pm.

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

***Sunday, 13**
- Veteran's Flag 55: FM1 Erwin T. Turk, Navy, WWII

Monday, 14
- Standing Committees, 7 p.m.

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- Sustainability Commission, 6 p.m.

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- Plan Commission, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, 17
- Memory Minders, 10 a.m.
- Youth Commission, 5:30 p.m.

***Sunday, 20**
- Veteran's Flag 56: Sgt. Salvatore (Joe) Nigri, Army, WWII

Monday, 21
- Commission for People With Disabilities, 6 p.m.
- Standing Committees & Village Board, 7 p.m.

Thursday, 24
- Village Hall Closed

Friday, 25
- Village Hall Closed

Saturday, 26
- Christmas Tree and wreath disposal program begins

***Sunday, 27**
- Veteran's Flag 57: T/4 Herman J. Muehlbauer, Army, WWII

** 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.*



Seasonal Electronics Recycling Drop-off Ends Nov. 16

The last day for the seasonal electronics recycling drop-off program at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Rd., is Monday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m. to noon (weather permitting). This service, sponsored by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), will resume in the spring. Residents still have a few weeks to drop off old computers (PCs and laptops) and computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, TVs, VHS players, and video game consoles. Visit swancc.org for a full list of acceptable items.

After Nov. 16, take large electronics to the following location for recycling:

Glenview Transfer Station

3 Providence Way, Des Plaines (Across from Maryville Academy)
Saturdays year-round from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Holiday closings: Nov. 28, Dec. 26, Jan. 2, 2027

Small electronics are accepted for recycling through a special drop-box in the Village Hall lobby year-round. Groot also offers a curbside pick-up option for recycling electronics. Residents can recycle up to two electronic items per week free of charge. Call Groot at 847-734-6400 to arrange for a special electronics collection.

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Village officials

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Karen J. Arnet
Patrick Kinnane

Village Clerk
Patty Richter

Village Manager
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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



Friendship Tree Lighting kicks off the holiday season in Hoffman Estates

The Village's annual Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m. in front of the main entrance of Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road.

Mayor McLeod will be joined by Cub Scout Troop 297 to light the tree and kick off a festive fireworks display. Entertainment will follow the fireworks, as participants gather inside Village Hall for visits with Santa, a vocal performance by the Choral-Aires and light refreshments.

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

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



