

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

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POLICE ADMIN: 847-882-1818
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2006 SPECIAL EVENTS

**MEDICARE PART D:
PRESCRIPTION DRUG
PROGRAM
PRESENTATION**

Thursday, January 19, 1:00 pm
January 19 is not too late to learn about the Medicare Part D changes! (The penalty for signing up late does not start until May 2006.) This presentation is designed for seniors and their loved ones who will be affected by the Medicare Part D changes in 2006. Kris Sadur, Outreach Program Specialist, from the Suburban Area on Aging has designed this presentation to explain the new program and answer any questions you may have. She will also have information about a variety of other programs that could help you with medicine expenses. Please call 847-882-4445 to reserve your spot! Held at the Village Hall in the Council Chambers.

**COME ENJOY THE
FLAVORS OF FRANCE
AND FRENCH WINES!**

The 9th Annual French Evening is scheduled for Friday, February 3, 2006, from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Village Hall. Two guest chefs from a culinary school near Angouleme, France, will spend several days at Harper College



teaching culinary students, and the food for this special evening will be prepared by those students under the tutelage of the French chefs. The evening will also include French Delicacies, French Pastries, Cheeses/Breads and French Wines. Other highlights of the evening include a spectacular Chocolate Fountain, the "Mystery French Pottery Raffle" and the wonderful "Silent Auction" items. The cost for the evening is \$25 per person and reservations are required by Monday, January 30, 2006, by calling: 847-781-2606.

**VILLAGE TO CELEBRATE
THE LIFE OF DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING JR.**

Monday, January 16, 2006
The Hoffman Estates Cultural Awareness Commission will host "Celebrating our Past, Present and Reaching for Our Future" a special event to honor the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, January 16, 2006 from 8:00 am until 10:00 am. Reservations are required by calling 847-781-2855. The event will feature a buffet-style breakfast and a keynote by Tony T. Graham, Vice President and Regional General Manager, ADP Dealer Services Division, Automatic Data Processing. Breakfast will be served promptly at 8:00 am. This event is free and open to the public. Please call for reservation before January 9, 2006.

**MAKE YOUR OWN
VALENTINES
February 4, 2006**

From 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm at the Sunderlage Farmhouse (located at the corner of Vista and Volid Drives). All supplies will be furnished, including writing materials, stickers, lace and more! Valentines are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Open to all ages. Sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Historical Sites Commission.

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
CHEFS FEST 2006**

At Arlington Park Racetrack on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$30, early bird rate of \$25 applies. Call for details: Patricia Lutz, Vice President Community Relations Greater Woodfield Convention and Visitors Bureau 847-490-1010.

Coffee with the Board

Join us for Coffee with the Board on Saturday, January 14, 2006, 10:00 am in the Village Hall Council Chambers, 1900 Hassell Road.

**ZIP CODE CHANGES
SET FOR JULY 2006**

The ZIP Code changes requested by the Village will be put into effect. The official implementation of the new ZIP Codes will take effect July 1, 2006. The USPS will release the new ZIP Code, referred to as 601##, in the spring of 2006. The following points summarize the planned changes:

- Hoffman Estates addresses that currently have a 60192 ZIP Code will keep the 60192 ZIP Code.
- Hoffman Estates addresses east of Bartlett Road and south of I-90, in the 60173, 60194 and 60195 ZIP Codes, will be given a new ZIP Code 601##. The new ZIP Code will be released by the USPS in the spring of 2006.
- Schaumburg residents and businesses that currently have the 60194 and 60195 ZIP Codes will keep those ZIP Codes.
- Hoffman Estates addresses in the 60195 ZIP Code north of I-90 will switch to the 60192 ZIP Code.
- Hoffman Estates addresses in the 60067 and 60010 ZIP Codes will keep their current ZIP Codes of 60067 and 60010.
- Hoffman Estates businesses that currently have the 60120 ZIP Code will switch to the 60192 Zip Code.

All addresses that are changing ZIP Codes will receive official notification from the USPS before changes are implemented in the early summer of 2006. The Village of Hoffman Estates encourages you to plan ahead for these changes to the ZIP Codes, especially if you will need to order stationery or business cards in the coming year. If you have any questions related to the upcoming changes, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2605.

DRIVERS BEWARE OF WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS

Roads can become slick and icy in a matter of minutes with rapid temperature and weather changes. When driving in rain or snow, increase the distance between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. On slippery roads, use caution when negotiating curves and approaching stop signs and traffic lights. If you feel your vehicle start to skid or slide sideways, turn your front wheels in the direction the vehicle is sliding. This will help you regain control of your vehicle. When starting to accelerate on slippery pavement, "feather" the accelerator pedal and move forward slowly. This will help your drive wheels keep traction with the pavement and prevent them from spinning.

If you are involved in a crash, be aware of other traffic. Try to stay out of the path of other vehicles, especially when the roads are slick. This will help avoid a secondary crash involving vehicles and pedestrians. When heavy snow or severe weather causes numerous vehicle crashes in a short period of time, the Hoffman Estates Police Department will institute an "Emergency Traffic Plan." When this plan is in effect, drivers will be asked to drive to the police department to file a traffic crash report. An officer will be assigned to the station to handle all crash reports. Drivers will be asked to comply with this only when there are no injuries as a result of the crash and the involved vehicles can be driven safely. It is also possible to file the crash report at a later date, but it should be known that the law requires all involved drivers to exchange information at the scene. Name, address, and telephone number as well as drivers license number, license plate number, vehicle description, passenger information, insurance information, and any witness information is necessary in completing the crash report.

2006 GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The following is a list of holidays observed by the Village's refuse hauler that may result in collection being delayed one day.

- New Year's Day**-Collection will be on Tuesday, January 3 and Thursday, January 5, 2006.
- Memorial Day**-Collection will be on Tuesday, May 30 and Thursday, June 1, 2006.
- Fourth of July**-No change for Monday collection, Wednesday will be delayed one day. Collection will be on Thursday, July 6, 2006.
- Labor Day**-Collection will be on Tuesday, September 5 and Thursday, September 7, 2006.
- Thanksgiving Day**-No change in collection.
- Christmas Day**-Tuesday, December 26 and Thursday, December 28, 2006.

TIPS FOR THE WINTER SEASON

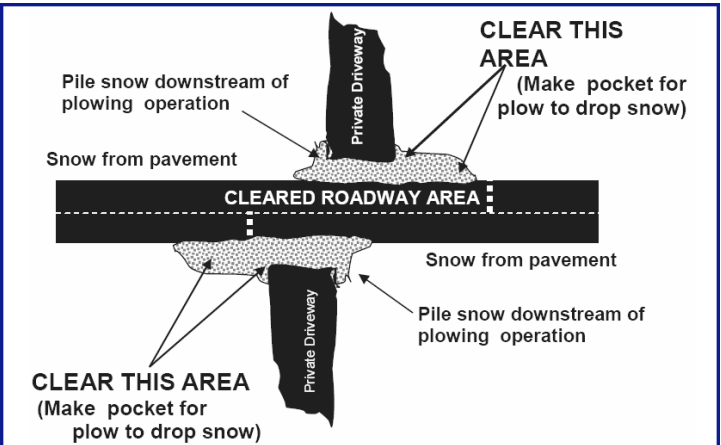
The Village is offering the following tips to help keep Village streets - and residential driveways - clear of snow.

- Shovel snow in the direction of traffic and also make a pocket on the opposite side of the driveway.
- Do not shovel snow into the street or onto a fire hydrant.
- Remind children who are building snow forts to stay away from the street.
- Remember that parking is not permitted on Village streets for at least 8 hours after a 2-inch snowfall or until snow removal operations are complete. Additionally the State of Illinois is responsible for plowing Higgins Road, Golf Road, Palatine Road and Barrington Road. Cook County is responsible for plowing Roselle Road and Shoe Factory Road.

To phone in a trouble report, during plowing operations, call 847-490-6800.

Still Need a Flu Shot?

Flu shots will be available on Wednesday, January 11th for ages 3 and above. A doctor's note is needed for ages 3-18 or if you are pregnant. Appointments are needed. All communities are welcome. Please call the Department of Health and Human Services at 847-882-4445 for an appointment. Cost: free with Medicare B card, \$5 for children 3-18 years, \$18 for adults. Appointments are limited, call today!



TIPS ON KEEPING YOUR DRIVEWAY CLEAR

When you are clearing your driveway of snow, here's the best way to help prevent snow shoveled from driveways from being redeposited back into driveways from plow trucks.

Shovel snow in the direction of traffic and try to make a pocket on the opposite side of the driveway, as shown. That way, snow that has accumulated on the plow will dump into that pocket and not on your driveway. By following these guidelines, you will reduce the possibility of street snow plows inadvertently making your driveway snow-bound again.

WINTER PHONE NUMBERS

- Hoffman Estates Snow Command: 847-490-6800**
Call this number to report a problem. We regret that it is not possible to tell you exactly when your street will be plowed.
- Hoffman Estates Police Department: 9-1-1**
Call this Police Department number when you need the Police to respond.
- Illinois Department of Transportation: 312-368-4636**
Call this number for conditions regarding State roads. (To report an incident on IDOT Roads: 847-705-4612)
- Cook County Highway Department: 847-397-4145**
Call this number for conditions regarding County roads.
- Illinois Tollway Information Line: 800-865-5394**
For tollway information, including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours or more often if weather conditions warrant.

THE VILLAGE DOES NOT PLOW THE FOLLOWING STATE AND COUNTY ROADS:

Illinois Department of Transportation	Cook County Highway Department
Higgins Road (Rt. 72)	Central Road
Golf Road (Rt. 58)	Roselle Road
Algonquin Road (Rt. 62)	Bartlett Road
Sutton Road (Rt. 59)	Ela Road
Barrington Road	Schaumburg Road
Palatine Road	Plum Grove Road
	Bradwell Road

Next Child Immunization Clinic

The Hoffman Baby Clinic (ages 2 months to Kindergarten) will be January 10, 2006 from 10:00 am-Noon (appointments are needed). There will not be a Children's Clinic (ages 2 months to 18 years) in January. The next Children's Clinic will be February 6, 2006 4:00pm-6:00pm at the Village Hall.

Two Methods to Recycle Holiday Trees

Holiday tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January 2006. As New Year's Day is observed on Monday, January 2, garbage, recycling and tree pick-up will be delayed one day. Collections will be on Tuesday, January 3 for those residents that normally have a Monday pick-up and for Thursday, January 5 for those residents that normally have a pick-up on Wednesdays. The following week, collection will be on your normal collection date, Monday, January 9 and Wednesday, January 11, 2006.

Curbside Pick-up: Trees must be free of all tinsel, ornaments, lights, stands and artificial decorations. **One yardwaste sticker** must be visibly wrapped around a branch of the tree. Trees cannot be left in plastic bags at the curb. Flocked trees are acceptable. Wreaths and garlands made of pine boughs or other organic materials must have any metal or plastic portions removed, and the natural material deposited in a brown Kraft paper yard waste bag. The bag must have **one yardwaste sticker** affixed. Pick-up dates for trees and bags are on regular service days during the first two weeks of January. Yardwaste stickers are available at local retailers, Village Hall and online at the Village's website.

Questions? Call 847-882-9100.

Drop-off Sites: Holiday trees and greenery may be dropped off (at no charge) from Monday, December 26, 2005 through Friday, January 6, 2006, at any time at the location listed below. Residents may obtain free wood chips from these trees on a first-come first-serve basis. Please bring your own container. Drop-off for trees and other greenery is at 2405 Pembroke Avenue (the Village's Vehicle Maintenance Building) or at 1300 Westbury Drive (the field next to the Fire Station).

Questions? Call Public Works at 847-490-6800.

Village Historian Needs Your Help

Do you remember Robert Hall Clothing? Or W.T. Grants Department Store? Can you recall the Thunderbird Theater? Do you remember going to Snyder Drugs where everyone in Hoffman Estates would get their prescriptions filled. Do you remember where it was? These are questions the Village Historian needs help with. This spring the Hoffman Estates Museum will be preparing a program featuring the history of the community's first businesses. Photos are always a treasure. Consider sharing them with the Museum. Please e-mail Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian, at eagle2064@sbcglobal.net or call (847) 755-9630 if you would like to assist with the early history or have information about those early businesses.

Keep Fire Hydrants Visible

Some 250 fire hydrants in the Village, primarily those in cul-de-sacs, will be outfitted with a flag for extra visibility during the winter months. If you see a hydrant leaking or damaged, please call 847-490-6800.

2nd Annual Youth Photo Contest

Missed the deadline for the contest last year? Don't let it happen this year! Get ready: the 2006 theme is Family Traditions... what traditions does your family have? Contest details and prizes you're sure to want will be announced in March.

Join the Youth Commission

Are you passionate about the well-being of Hoffman Estates Youth? If so, consider joining the Village's Youth Commission! The commission meets once a month on Monday nights to discuss, develop and implement programs for youth. Programs are focused on leadership development, community involvement and service, cultural awareness, and developing an appreciation for diversity. The commission is seeking adults who value youth leadership development, who are dedicated to attending monthly meetings and interested in collaborating with youth service providers outside the Village Hall. Time outside of monthly meetings are sometimes needed to run successful youth programs. Call 847-882-4445 for more information about the Commission.

2006 Community Clinic Schedules are now available!

2006 clinic schedules are available for Adult Health Clinics, Complete Lipid Profiles, Children's Immunizations and TB tests. Visit our website at www.hoffmanestates.org/government/departments-hhs.shtml or call 847-882-4445 for all 2006 schedules.

Student/Absentee Ballots Available at Village Hall

Registered voters who will be utilizing absentee ballots in the coming elections may pick-up information and their absentee ballots at the Village Hall from the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.

2006 Village Hall Hours

The Village Hall Business Hours for 2006 will be:

Monday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
 Tuesday: Friday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
 Saturday: 9:00 am - Noon

Limited services are offered during extended hours on Monday evenings and Saturday mornings. Please call 847-882-9100 to verify that the service you need is offered.

Citizen Police Academy

Applicants must be 18 years of age and reside, attend school or work in Hoffman Estates. Class will begin on Tuesday March 28, 2006 and run from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Classes will continue for eleven more successive Tuesday evenings thereafter and the last session will be June 19, 2006 at a Monday evening Village Board meeting. Classes will be held in the training room at the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

Class Topics:

Vehicle Stops
 Shoot Don't Shoot
 Interviews/Interrogations
 Evidence
 Laws/Ordinances
 Traffic Safety
 Gangs
 Drugs
 K-9 Demonstration
 And Much More

For additional information and application packets, contact Sgt. Jim Campbell at 847-781-2866.

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MCLEOD



I am happy to announce that the Village will begin another fiscal year with a balanced budget. 2006 will also see additional funding in several departments, mostly due to the growth of the western area of the Village.

The western area of the Village is experiencing rapid growth, both in new housing and in the commercial developments. The 2006 budget will allow our Fire, Police and Public Works Departments to add personnel to their rosters. These additional personnel will assist in efficiently delivering services to all areas of the Village.

The Village Board has also laid plans to continue adding personnel to these departments over the course of several years. As our tenured employees retire from their faithful public service, we will add new employees as well. Ultimately, we will see fully staffed departments.

In future years, the development in the western area will greatly contribute to the Village's coffers through sales taxes, use taxes and property taxes. The Village has already seen the health of its revenues increase, however it will be several years before the benefit of these developments are fully realized.

In the meantime, the Village Board has approved slight increases to the hotel tax and food and beverage tax to help balance the budget for the coming year.

I encourage all of our community members to shop in Hoffman Estates and frequent our existing business as well as the new businesses that come into our western area. Supporting local businesses will greatly help our local economy and help Hoffman Estates continue growing to greatness!

Sincerely, *Bill McLeod*

JANUARY 2006

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2006**
 Veteran's Flag 53: Richard W. Smith, ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 2006
 Village Hall Closed for New Years' Day Holiday

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006
 Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH
 Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2006
 Police Explorers, 3:00 pm at PD
 Plan Commission, 8:00pm at VH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006
 Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 pm at VH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 2006
 Fire and Police Commission, 8:00 am at VH

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2006**
 Veteran's Flag 54: Duane E. Wardlow, ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2006
 Utility Commission Meeting, 6:30 pm at PWC
 Sister Cities Commission, 7:00pm at VH
 Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2006
 Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10:00 am - Noon at VH
 Disabled and Seniors Commission, 5:30 pm at VH
 Historical Sites Commission, 7:00 pm at Sunderlage Farmhouse
 ESDA, 7:30 pm at Station 22

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2006
 Adult Health Clinic, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm at VH

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006
 Coffee with the Board, 10:00 am at VH

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006**
 Veteran's Flag 55: Erwin T. Turk, NAVY, WWII

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2006
 Youth Commission, 6:00 pm at VH
 Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006
 TB Van, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at VH

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2006
 Police Explorers, 3:00pm at PD
 Peer Jury, 7:00pm at PD
 Plan Commission, 8:00pm at VH

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2006
 "Medicare Part D Presentation" 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm at VH
 4th of July Commission, 7:30 pm at VH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2006
 TB Van, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm at VH

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2006**
 Veteran's Flag 56: Salvatore "Joe" Nigri, ARMY, WWII
 Veteran's Memorial Commission, 1:00pm at PD

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2006
 Arts Commission, 7:00 pm at VH
 Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2006
 Sister Cities Commission, 7:00 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2006
 Environmental Commission, 7:00 pm at PWC

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2006
 Liquor Servers, 7:00 pm at PD

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2006**
 Veteran's Flag 57: Michael A. Geanto, ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 2006
 Children's Memorial Commission, 6:00 pm at VH

- **Village Board Meetings** are held on the **1st and 3rd Monday** of each month at 8:00 pm in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.
- The **Transportation and Road Improvement; Planning, Building and Zoning; General Administration and Personnel** Committees meet on the **second Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.
- The **Public Health and Safety; Finance; Public Works and Utilities** Committees meet on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 pm.
 VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road
 PD: Police Department, 1200 Gannon Drive
 PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Avenue
 HHS: Health & Human Services, 1900 Hassell Road

*The flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veteran's Memorial at 1 p.m. every Sunday afternoon. 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 60195. The Casket Flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans Memorial the coming month. The Veteran's Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 1200 Gannon Drive.

UTILITY COMMISSION ELECTRIC SERVICE RELIABILITY SURVEY

The Utility Commission is conducting it's annual research on the reliability of your electric service. You may drop off the survey at the Village Hall, FAX it to 847-490-6868, or mail it to the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave. Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. Please circle your responses. Thank you.

1. In general how satisfied are you the reliability of electric power? Satisfied or Dissatisfied
2. Timeliness of restoring electric service? Satisfied or Dissatisfied
3. In the past 12 months have you experienced brief power interruptions? (1 minute or less).
 Please indicate number of times 0-1-2-3-4 or don't know: _____
4. In the past 12 months have you experienced lengthy interruptions? (more than 1 minute).
 Please indicate number of times 0-1-2-3-4 or don't know: _____
5. Based on your experience, how would you rate the overall satisfaction with Customer Service?
 Satisfied or Dissatisfied.

Are you a business or residential customer? _____.

Comments _____

Name: _____ Address: _____ Phone: _____