

## VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

### ZIP CODE CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006

The Village received final confirmation from the United States Postal Service (USPS) headquarters that the ZIP Code changes requested by the Village and approved by the Village Board at the April 18, 2005, Village Board meeting, 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.

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### POPLAR CREEK CROSSING UPDATE: TARGET OPENS EARLY MARCH 2006

Target (pictured at right) will be the first of many stores opening in Hoffman Estates' newest shopping center, Poplar Creek Crossing. The development, located at the corner of Rte. 59 and Rte. 72 will be home to several retailers including Target; T.J. Maxx; Office Max; Michael's Crafts; Linens n' Things; Cost Plus World Market; Fifth/Third Bank; and Pet Smart. Restaurants opening soon include Claim Jumpers, Buffalo Wild Wings and Jimmy Johns. Target will anchor the shopping center with other tenants opening in the Spring of 2006.



## SAVE THE DATE! SPECIAL EVENT & PROGRAM INFORMATION

### BUILD A BIRDHOUSE EVENT

Children ages 6-15 are invited to participate in a "Build a Birdhouse" class. The event, sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Environmental Commission, will feature Jerry Garden, past-president of the Chicago Audubon Society.

Mr. Garden will present bird-nesting information and will assist each child with birdhouse construction. Each child will also be able to take home the birdhouse he or she builds.

The event is free and is open to the public. Materials will be supplied by the Hoffman Estates Environmental Commission. However, a medium Philips Screwdriver will be required.

The class will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Hoffman Estates Village Hall, located at 1900 Hassell Road. Participation is limited to the first 35 children registered and advance reservations are required. To register a child, call Rose Dyer at (847) 490-6800. Reservations will be limited to children who are Hoffman Estates residents through March 24. After March 24, if space permits, reservations will be open to children from surrounding communities.

### VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT DAY

The 8th Village Improvement Day is sponsored by the Environmental Commission and is scheduled for late April. Look for more details in the April edition of the Citizen.

### ANTIQUe APPRAISALS AT THE SUNDERLAGE FARMHOUSE

On April 29, 2006, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., an antique generalist will be on hand to appraise your treasures. There is a fee of \$5 per item, limit 2 items per person. A reservation is necessary. Call (847) 781-2606 to reserve your place.

### RESERVE GARDEN PLOT - APRIL 3, 2006

The Village will "rent" plots in the community gardens again this spring. Residents can "rent" a plot for \$30 for one season (\$5 is refunded when the loaned water key is returned at season's end). To reserve a plot, call the Public Works Center at (847) 490-6800 beginning on April 3, 2006. Plots will be reserved on a "first come, first serve" basis. Please note once you reserve a plot it must be paid for within 10 business days or the plot reservation will be released.

### 13TH ANNUAL CHEFS FEST 2006

At Arlington Park Racetrack on Tuesday, April 18, 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.



### CREATIVE PHOTOGRAPHY SEMINAR - March 18, 2006

Award winning nature photographer and photo artist Jim Hojnacki will conduct the seminar concentrating on subjects such as equipment, composition, film and the thought involved in the photographic process as well as discussing digital photography and the processing of image files through software. Registration is required and a limited number of students will be accepted. To register email: [webmaster@hoffmanestatesarts.com](mailto:webmaster@hoffmanestatesarts.com) or call 847-781-2606. The seminar will be held on Saturday, March 18, 2006 at 1:00pm at the Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road).

## CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY BEGINS MARCH 28, 2006!

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
- Laws/Ordinances
- Drugs
- Interviews/Interrogations
- Evidence
- Traffic Safety
- Gangs
- K-9 Demonstration
- And Much More

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OLDER ADULTS

### FREE SCREENINGS OFFERED AT HEALTH CLINICS

Health and Human Services provides free testing for blood pressure, diabetes\*, and hemoglobin at the Adult Health Clinics! Total Cholesterol\* is provided for \$6. The following are clinic locations and schedules for March and April.

\*for best results, please fast for at least 4 hours before the diabetes and cholesterol test.

#### Hoffman Estates Park District

##### Community Center & Ice Arena

1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates

Dates: March 20, April 17

Time: 11am-12pm

#### Schaumburg Township Offices

1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates

Dates: March 16, April 20

Time: 12pm-1pm

#### Schaumburg Barn

231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg

Dates: March 1 & 15, April 5 & 19

Time: 9:15am-11:15am

#### Hoffman Estates Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates

Dates: March 8, April 12

Time: 1pm-2:30pm

### THE SCHAUMBURG BARN SERVES HOFFMAN ESTATES SENIORS!

That's right! Hoffman Estates seniors can take advantage of the programs available at the Schaumburg Barn. If you are not familiar with the barn, activities include the Nutritious Lunch Program, the sewing club, bingo, movies and entertainment, health clinics, book club, intergenerational programs, and much more! Please call 847-524-7496 for more information about programs. The Schaumburg Barn is located at 231 S. Civic Drive in Schaumburg.

### UPCOMING EVENT: AARP SAFE DRIVER CLASSES

Monday, April 10  
and Tuesday, April 11

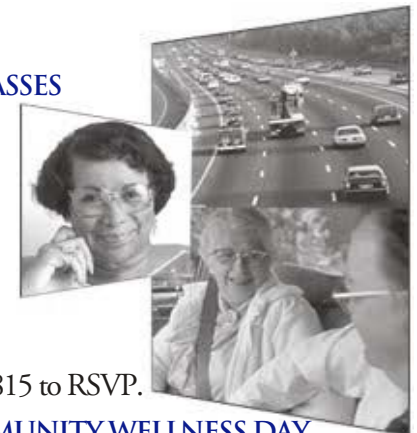
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Police Department

1200 Gannon Drive

Call Karen Cardoza of the  
Hoffman Estates Police

Department at 847-781-2815 to RSVP.



### SAVE THE DATE: COMMUNITY WELLNESS DAY

Friday, May 5, 2006 from Noon until 3:00 pm at the Village Hall. Community Wellness Day is a free Health Expo for adults in the Hoffman Estates Community.

## RESIDENT SERVICES

### THE NEW WAY TO PAY YOUR HOFFMAN ESTATES WATER BILL

AutoPayment allows you, as a Hoffman Estates resident or water utility customer, to arrange for the payment of your water bills through an automatic deduction from your bank account. Once you apply, your checking/savings account will be debited each month on the due date shown on your bill. It is a free service and your payment will never be late again. To obtain an application, go to our website at [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org) or call the Water Billing Department at 847-781-2626.

### CABLE TV COMPLAINTS

Resident who experience problems with their cable TV service should report them to Comcast's Customer Service Center at: 866-594-1234. Comcast's Customer Service representatives will be able to address problems that may include but are not limited to: sound/picture problems, loss of service, unburied cables, missed appointments or billing questions. If Comcast is not able to address an issue satisfactorily, the Village's cable TV coordinator, Bruce Anderson, may be able to help. Please call the Village at 847-781-2607, to report Cable TV issues.

### PET LICENSE RENEWAL

Pet licenses for dogs and cats must be renewed before Monday, May 1, 2006, and are on sale starting March 1, 2006. All pets that are six months old must be licensed. Pets younger than six months old must be licensed within 30 days of becoming six months old. Please provide a copy of your statement from a veterinarian that the dog or cat is currently inoculated against rabies. If you currently have pets licensed, you should be receiving a letter in the mail shortly with your renewal information.

Pet tags are available for \$5 each or \$2 for senior citizens' pet tags (limit 2). Tags are needed for Seeing Eye dogs, but the fee is waived. Pet tags may be purchased at the Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road) Mondays from 8:30 am – 8:00 pm, Tuesdays thru Fridays from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, or Saturdays from 9:00 am - Noon. The Village Clerk will also be selling pet tags from 9:00 am – noon at the Westbury Fire Station (1300 Westbury Dr) on April 1, 2006 and at the Prairie Stone Fire Station (2601 Pratum Ave) on April 15, 2006.



## SOLID WASTE, YARDWASTE AND RECYCLING INFORMATION

### APPLIANCE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Appliances are banned from Illinois landfills. When replacing appliances in your homes, try to arrange for removal and disposal through the retailer you are purchasing the new appliances from. If the retailer will not dispose of your old appliances, you will need to contact Groot Recycling and Waste Systems at 1-800-244-1977 to arrange for pick-up and disposal. There is no additional charge for appliance/white good collection. Remember doors on refrigerators and freezers must be removed prior to the item being set out at the curb for collection. Items requiring the special arrangements for collection include: stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, freezers, dishwashers, furnaces, hot water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, and trash compactors.

### TIRES, BATTERIES AND AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS

Automotive items such as tires, batteries, gasoline, motor oil and antifreeze cannot be disposed of through the curbside garbage collection program. Tires and batteries must be taken to an automotive supply store or dealership for disposal and the automotive fluids either used up or taken to a household hazardous waste collection site. Under no circumstances are automotive fluids of any type to be poured in the storm or sanitary sewers. For further information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

### GARBAGE TOTER STORAGE

Residents who use garbage toters for the storage and disposal of household garbage are reminded that regulations state that toters can only be placed in side yards behind the principle building line. Please remove the toters from the curbside no later than 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and please do not leave the toter on the driveway. For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

### GARBAGE SET OUT HOURS

Garbage toters, garbage bags and recycling bins are not to be set out at the curb until 6:00 pm the evening prior to your garbage and recycling collection day. The toters are to be removed from the curb no later than 10:00 PM the day of your collection. Your neighbors will be very appreciative if you adhere to these set out times.

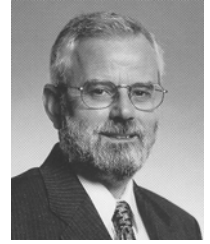
### YARDWASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 3, 2006

Residents are reminded that grass clippings, plant material and leaves must be placed in a kraft paper yardwaste bag. Bags cannot exceed 50 lbs. in weight. Yardwaste disposal stickers are required for each bag you opt to dispose of and are available at local retail outlets. An annual subscription for unlimited yardwaste pick-up is available through Groot by calling 1-800-244-1977.

### 2006 DOCUMENT DESTRUCTION EVENTS

The Village of Hoffman Estates and the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County will host two document destruction events for Village residents this spring. Residents will be able to bring personal documents to be shredded at the events which will be held in Arlington Heights and Wilmette. Look for more information in the April edition of the Citizen Newsletter or visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org)

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MCLEOD



On February 7, 2006, I had the pleasure of presenting on behalf of the Village of Hoffman Estates at the Greater Woodfield Visitor and Convention Bureau's Annual Mayor's Summit on Tourism. My presentation focused on the many exciting developments taking shape in Hoffman Estates this year. I encourage you to drive out to the western portion of the Village. It is truly remarkable to see the progress at the Poplar Creek Crossing Shopping Center and in the Prairie Stone Business Park. This is an exciting time to be a member of the Hoffman Estates Community.

I hope you will join me in welcoming all of the new businesses to Hoffman Estates and support the businesses already established in the community. My family and I truly enjoy the convenience of being able to shop, dine and play so close to home. Hoffman Estates is not only a community with excellent neighborhoods, schools, and municipal services, it is also home to a thriving business community.

On another note, if you are reading my column in this newsletter, you will have noticed a few changes to the *Citizen* newsletter. My fellow members of the Village Board and I are pleased to provide the expanded newsletter mailed directly to you on a monthly basis for the remainder of 2006. I hope that you find the items in the newsletter informative. Please do not hesitate to call the Village on any items in the newsletter at 847-882-9100. The Village staff will be happy to answer your questions.

Finally, please be sure to sign-up online at [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org) for the html version of VOHE-News. You will receive news and information from the Village, directly to your inbox.

There are many events, programs, people and developments to be excited about this year as Hoffman Estates continues "Growing to Greatness"!

Sincerely,

*Bill McLeod*

## 2005 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

One could argue that 2005 was an exceptional year for economic development in the Village of Hoffman Estates.

**Poplar Creek Crossing:** Ground breaking for **Poplar Creek Crossing**, a 400,000 square foot Target-anchored shopping center on the southwest corner of IL-72 and IL-59 commenced in the spring. The center is highlighted on Page 1 of the *Citizen* and will see several stores open beginning in March, 2006.

**Roselle Road TIF District:** The **Roselle Road TIF District** took a major step forward with a \$2.5 million redevelopment effort at Golf Center on the west side of Roselle Road between Higgins Road and Golf Road. The refurbished center has a freshened appearance with new facades and significant additional landscaping in the parking lot.

**Laufenberger Property:** The **Laufenberger Property** is a mixed use 198 acre project which will provide for single-family residential (maximum 301 lots), a future NIU campus, retail development shopping center site, carpenters union

facility, as well as a municipal fire station and water tower site. These were approved along with the annexation of this property into the Village in 2005. The developer is developing final plans for phase one of the development which includes up to 193 homes west of Essex Drive, the "east-west" road, fire station and water tower sites, with construction expected to commence in 2006. Road improvements to Beverly, Shoe Factory, and Rohrssen Roads are also incorporated into this proposal.

**Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital:** A building expansion to the **Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital** at 1650 Moon Lake Boulevard was approved in 2005 and will include a new two-story 12,780 square foot southwest addition to the existing building. This expansion will be in addition to recently completed 30,000 square foot addition.

The **St. Alexius Medical Center** remodeling/expansion, parking deck, and new Doctor's Office Building #3 consisting of 130,500 square feet was constructed in 2005.

**Infiniti dealership:** Another welcome

addition to the Village, an **Infiniti dealership**, marks the expansion of Motor Werks from their Mercedes-Benz dealership at 1000 W. Golf Road. Infiniti is currently under construction and expected to be open in the summer of 2006.

Village staff also worked with the Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies and the Economic Development Commission to gather developer and broker input on the development review and approval process. As a result of focus group meetings, changes have occurred to streamline the development process while maintaining quality standards.

### TRANSPORTATION PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

#### STAR Line

The alternative analysis phase of the STAR Line project advanced in 2005. Metra is proposing to provide commuter rail service from O'Hare International Airport west along Interstate 90 to Hoffman Estates, where the rail line would meet the

### TOURIST ATTRACTIONS ADDED TO PRAIRIE STONE

**Sears Centre:** The **Sears Centre**, an 11,000 seat entertainment arena, broke ground in June in Prairie Stone. The Ryan Companies and Sears Holding Company will build a state-of-the art sports and entertainment complex featuring hockey, lacrosse, arena football, the circus, concerts and family shows. It is scheduled to open in the fall of 2006.

**Cabela's:** In early December 2005, after over two years of recruitment efforts, **Cabela's** announced plans to construct a 180,000-200,000 square foot store in Prairie Stone. This will be the first Cabela's store in Illinois and this very popular outdoors/sports retailer will provide a regional attraction and bring additional development to the surrounding area.

**Water Park and Hotel:** The spring of 2005 marked the beginning of discussions with an indoor/outdoor **water park and hotel** development to be located just to the west of the Sears Centre arena. This is another major component in the establishment of a retail and entertainment district along IL Route 59 and the Prairie Stone Business Park.

The above developments alone will approach a quarter billion dollars of new investment along with millions of dollars of new revenues to the Village. Because of these exciting new developments, Hoffman Estates has been the front page story on local, regional, and national publications.



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### ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

#### NON-RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS APPROVED OR PROPOSED IN 2005:

Jersey's Pizza and Grill – Fountain Crossing  
 I-CAR - Prairie Stone (Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair)  
 Poplar Creek Village – 2150 West Golf Road  
 LaStrada Ristorante – Fountain Crossing  
 Mary Kay Cosmetics – Prairie Stone  
 Serta International – Prairie Stone  
 Greenspoint Office Park Buildings  
 Woodfield Nissan  
 Beacon Point  
 Fountain Crossing Shopping Center  
 Motor Werks Expansion - 1000 West Golf Road

#### RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS APPROVED OR PROPOSED IN 2005:

White Oak Unit 5 (Hunters Ridge) - Kimball Hill Homes  
 Airdrie Estates – Patrick Mazza  
 Yorkshire Woods – Dartmoor Homes  
 Twelve Oaks at Morningside

### STAR Line (continued)

existing EJ&E rail line in Prairie Stone Business Park. Service on the EJ&E rail line would continue south to Joliet. Station area sites near the Sears Center Arena in Prairie Stone are being evaluated as well as concept locations near Barrington Road. The STAR Line would enable residents to commute from suburb to suburb, as well as access any current rail lines with direct access to Chicago.

There are over 31 communities along the route of the proposed STAR Line that have joined together to assist Metra with implementation of the project. Mayor McLeod of Hoffman Estates serves as Chair of the Steering Committee to represent the interests of the involved communities. The new federal transportation legislation, SAFETEA-LU, lists the STAR Line as an eligible project to move ahead into the next analysis and design phase.

### Shoe Factory Road and Beverly Road

As part of the Laufenberger Development Annexation, the Village is leading the design effort for plans to widen Shoe Factory Road and Beverly Road. The project will provide needed capacity relief for current conditions, as well as accommodating future growth. Shoe Factory Road will be widened to four lanes plus a landscaped median from east of Beverly Road to west of Essex Drive. The corner at Rohrssen Road will be smoothed and the intersection signalized. Some interim improvements were underway at this intersection in 2005.

Beverly Road will be widened to four lanes plus landscaped median between Shoe Factory Road and the Tollway. A new public street to serve the development will be located opposite the eastbound I-90 entrance ramp. The plans were being reviewed by Cook County in 2005. Construction is expected to begin in 2007.

### Barrington Road

The main project, funded through the Road Improvement Impact Fee Program, was the completion of widening of Barrington Road from the Northwest Tollway to just south of Higgins Road in 2005. The intersection of Barrington and Higgins Roads and the

intersection of Barrington and Hassell Roads were also modified to help reduce delays, congestion, and vehicle crashes. The Village obtained over \$2 million in federal transportation funds, which were used, along with impact fees and funding provided through the State's Illinois First Program, to pay the \$9.0 million cost of the work.

### Barrington Road/I-90 Interchange

The Village continues to investigate opportunities for a full interchange at Barrington Road and I-90. The Village worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation to complete the feasibility study. Coordination will continue with business leaders, the State, and Illinois Tollway in 2006.

### Annual Street Project

The \$2 million Street Reconstruction Project encompassed 3.8 miles of Village streets, as well as improvements to other street infrastructures. This annual project is part of the Street Revitalization Program. The project finished under the original contract amount.

### HOT Line Shuttle Bus Service

This program operates peak hour shuttle bus service between the Barrington Metra station and participating companies within Hoffman Estates. The HOT Line, which began in August 2001, serves Siemens, AT&T, Claire's, ADP, and Allstate. Federal funding obtained by the Village expired in February 2004, and covered 80% of the cost of operating the bus service. The participating employers paid the remaining 20% through February 2004, and now pay 50% of the cost. By funding a share of the HOT Line service, company employees ride for free. HOT Line service will continue in 2006, with Pace and the businesses sharing the cost.

### ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Unique ZIP Codes

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official implementation of the new ZIP Codes will take effect July 1, 2006.

Additional information about the changes to the ZIP codes in the Village can be found on page 1.

## Adoption of the 2006 Budget

On December 5, 2005, the Village Board formally approved a balanced budget for fiscal year 2006 totaling \$115,667,705, which is 6% higher than the fiscal year 2005 budget. In the 2006 budget, the Village is experiencing a 13.9% increase in General Fund revenues and a 15.6% increase in expenditures. Due to increase in revenues, operating and capital expenditures, as well as seven new personnel were able to be added to several departments. Utilizing the Fund Balance Policy transfer from 2005 in the projected amount of \$1,621,410 FY 2006, budgeted revenues exceed expenditures by \$5,255. This is extremely positive, considering the fact that the General Fund is funding our \$2 million capital, well above the level of funding in 2003.

## Financial Reporting Award

The Village of Hoffman Estates comprehensive annual report for the year-end December 31, 2004, was awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the United States and Canada. The Certificate of Achievement

is the highest form of recognition for excellence in state and local government financial reporting. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report. This report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. This was the 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year the Village has achieved this award.

## Department of Development Services

The Department of Development Services, previously known as "Community Development" has been restructured. The department is under the general direction of the Assistant Village Manager – Development Services, Mark Koplin. This Department now has four Divisions: Code Enforcement, Economic Development, Planning and Transportation/Engineering.

## Commercial Sign and Property Maintenance Compliance and Shopping Center Site Improvement Program

In 2005, the Planning staff conducted property maintenance inspections designed to ensure that all commercial properties in the Village are in compliance with Village code and approved site plans. In total, staff conducted approximately 100 inspections and found 59 violations. By the end of the summer, all of these

issues had been resolved. A few additional properties have longer term maintenance issues and staff is working with the owners of these properties to achieve compliance.

The Planning staff also worked with the owners of eight shopping centers around the Village to develop plans that would bring the centers into compliance with the current Village development codes. One of these shopping centers, Golf Center, recently completed the redevelopment of its site, which included major site changes to the landscaping and facade of the buildings. Staff expects to see even more results in 2006, with several other shopping centers beginning construction on their improvements. Crossroads Commons and Poplar Commons have been approved and construction has begun on the improvements.

## Recruitment and Staffing

There were a total of 38 full- and part-time positions filled in 2005, as well as 23 seasonal and temporary employees hired. The Staffing Specialist was involved in 79 interviews (excluding sworn Fire and Police candidates). The Village's authorized full-time staff increased from 358 to 359 budgeted positions, while the total number of all authorized positions decreased from 447 to 443. One thousand seven hundred and twenty-two applications and resumes were received and processed in response to advertised

## Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Response

In September, Lieutenant J. C. Paez, Sergeant Mike Collins, and Officers Mike Barber and Greg Poulos responded to New Orleans, Louisiana to assist with the Hurricane Katrina disaster. As part of the Task Force Illinois Second Wave deployment, the officers were assigned to Search and Rescue missions throughout New Orleans, Slidell and Plaquemines Parish. The officers were deployed for a two week period.

Firefighters Steve Hehn, Tim Beyer, Matt Fijalkowski, Sean Joyce, Steve Kulovsek and Matt Long also traveled in groups of two, to aid in relief efforts with each team spending between five and 14 days in the storm-ravaged city.

*Pictured at Right: Disaster Relief Responders*



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vacancies or as unsolicited submissions.

### Expanded Diversity Program

An expanded Diversity Program was developed, presented and approved for implementation by the Village Board. The program focused on a position skill

based approach of recruiting candidates with appropriate foreign language skills as well as having a greater emphasis on promoting diversity within the Village organization. A diversity task force will be mobilized in 2006 to identify

opportunities to promote diversity more extensively within the organization.

For additional information on any of the highlights mentioned, please contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2605.

## HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS

### FEELING STRESSED?



#### Counseling is available through Health and Human Services

The long winter months are a time when people often become vulnerable to stress and depression. Counseling services are available to Hoffman Estates residents at significantly discounted rates through the Department of Health and Human Services. If you or a member of your immediate family is struggling to cope with stress, loss, anxiety or conflict, call the Department of Health and Human Services to set up a counseling appointment. Individual, family and couples therapy options are available.

All services are confidential. Questions? Call (847) 882-4445.

### Could Your Child Be Huffing?

"Huffing" is a serious form of inhalant abuse popular among teens. For more information about the dangers of inhalants tune in to HETV (Channel 6) during the month of March at 3:30pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays or 7:30pm on Sundays, Tuesdays and Fridays. This program is in recognition of National Inhalant Awareness Month in March.

### Special Health Clinic Held at Prairie Stone

On Wednesday, March 29, Health and Human Services will be providing Complete Lipid Profiles at Prairie Stone Sports & Wellness Center. A Complete Lipid Profile includes results for Total Cholesterol, HDL, LDL, Triglycerides, and Glucose screening and results are provided immediately. Cost is \$22! Appointments are needed. Please call Prairie Stone Sports and Wellness Center at 847-285-5400 for an appointment. This clinic will be held in conjunction with Prairie Stone Sports and Wellness Center's Spring Health & Wellness Fair. Call for more information.

### Child Immunization Clinics

Health and Human Services provide two child immunization clinics per month. Shots are \$5 per shot for Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg residents, \$7 for all other communities (cash or check only please!). Our Child Immunization Clinics are intended for children who are either underinsured (insurance does not cover immunizations) or do not have health insurance. Dates for March, and April are listed below:



#### Children's Clinic (ages 2 months to 18 years)

All communities welcome  
Hoffman Estates Village Hall Lunchroom  
1900 Hassell Road  
Dates: March 6 and April 3  
4pm-6pm



#### Hoffman Baby Clinic (ages 2 months to Kindergarten)

Hoffman Estates Residents Only  
Hoffman Estates Village Hall Council Chambers  
1900 Hassell Road  
Dates: March 14 and April 11

For more information on Health and Mental Health Services offered by the Village of Hoffman Estates, call 847-882-4445.



## NOTICE OF ENTRY-LEVEL TESTING FOR THE HOFFMAN ESTATES POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Hoffman Estates Police Department tests for new Police Patrol Officers approximately once every 2 years. After qualifications are met and the successful completion of a series of tests, an eligibility list is made. This list is then used to hire new Police Officers. New Police Officers must then successfully pass a three month Police Academy and spend approximately three months with a Field Training Officer.

Applications were made available on Monday February 20, 2006 at the Police station at 1200 Gannon Drive. The applications are due by 4:00 PM March 10, 2006.

The first phase of testing will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006. Doors will open at 7:00 AM and close at 8:00 AM. There will be a written test, followed by a physical ability test given that day. This testing will be held at the Hoffman Estates High School.

Applications will only be available from February 20, 2006 to March 10, 2006, at the Hoffman Estates Police Department. There will be a \$15.00 fee due at time of application pickup.



### LANGUAGE POINTS OFFERED ON 2006 ENTRY LEVEL EXAMS

Hoffman Estates is the first and only community in the State of Illinois to offer language preference points on its entry-level Fire and Police exams.

Candidates who wish to apply for positions as sworn Police Officers or Firefighters must take the entry-level exams offered by the Village of Hoffman Estates. Eligibility lists used by the Police and Fire Commission to hire new Police Officers and Firefighters are based on the results of entry-level testing.

Candidates may receive up to five preference points during the testing process to supplement their examination scores. Preference points can be awarded for military service, education and now language proficiency.

To be eligible for language points, candidates must demonstrate fluency in Spanish, Russian, Korean, Chinese and/or American Sign Language.

If you have questions regarding the testing process or preference points, please contact the Police Department non-emergency number at 847-882-1818.

### HOFFMAN ESTATES POLICE DEPARTMENT SCAM WARNING

Over the past several weeks, there has been a sharp increase in Hoffman Estates residents being victimized by what is commonly referred to as "Nigerian Scams." In each case, the victim is contacted by the offender who earns their trust by offering a monetary reward for their cooperation, providing a hard luck story or by posing as a potential date. In each case, the victim is convinced by the offender to deposit money orders or cashier's checks into their bank account and wire the funds to a foreign country, most often Nigeria, England or Canada. The victim is later contacted by their bank and advised that the cashier's check or money order they had deposited was counterfeit and they are liable for repaying the bank for the amount that was wired to the foreign country.

It has also become more prevalent for offenders to contact the victim after they have placed an expensive item for sale on the internet. The offender arranges to purchase the item at or near the sellers asking price with very little negotiating. The offender then advises the seller that a cashier's check or money order in an amount exceeding the agreed upon sale price will be sent to them. The seller is instructed to wire the excess amount to the buyer, at which time arrangements to pick up the item will be made. In these incidents, the seller wires the money to a location outside of the country and is later contacted by their bank and advised that they are liable for repaying the bank for the amount that was wired to the foreign country because the cashier's check or money order was counterfeit. Several victims reported being told by their financial institution that the money order or cashier's check was valid at the time it was deposited but was subsequently found to be counterfeit. The losses sustained by Hoffman Estates residents generally fall between \$2,000 and \$5,000, but have been as high as \$10,000. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Detective Ouimette at 847-781-2824. If you need immediate assistance, please call 911.

## GENERAL COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### Avoid being the victim of a home repair rip-off

Residents should be on the alert if a home repair contractor:

- Refuses to provide proof of insurance and references when requested.
- Offers to inspect your home for free without authentic identification.
- Demands cash payment and/or full payment before they complete a job.
- Refuses to secure the necessary permits under their company name.
- Solicits door to door with no local connections and offers to do home repair work for substantially less than market price.
- Lists only a telephone or post-office box number.
- Offers to drive the homeowner to the bank to withdraw funds to pay for proposed work.

For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

### Outdoor Decorative Lighting Regulations

Outdoor decorative lighting, such as icicle lights, light swags, and strands of colored bulbs are considered temporary lighting and is not designed or intended to remain outside and exposed to the elements for extended periods of time. The National Electrical Code states that temporary electrical power and decorative lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Code Enforcement inspectors will be checking for outdoor decorative lighting during the spring and summer months during the Residential Inspection Program and during routine inspections in residential neighborhoods. The Village is requesting residents take outdoor decorative lights off their residences as soon as warmer and dryer weather arrives and conditions permit their safe removal. For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

### Spring Hydrant Flushing Begins This Spring

Annual hydrant flushing is scheduled to begin in late March and continue through early April between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Watch for signs posted in your neighborhood advising of the exact days. Hydrants are flushed to circulate fresh water. Tap water may be discolored in your immediate area during flushing. Run water for a few minutes and make sure it is clear before using. Be sure to check water before washing clothes! Sediment in the water may stain clothing. Most municipal water systems perform annual hydrant flushing to ensure delivery of the best water quality.

### Vehicle Stickers

Every owner or operator of motor vehicles 8,001 pounds or more which are registered in the Village of Hoffman Estates or have a situs or base in the Village must have a vehicle sticker attached to the lower right hand corner of the

windshield. These stickers must be renewed by Monday, May 1, 2006.

Vehicle stickers are on sale starting March 1, 2006, and may be purchased at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road, during business hours.

### Radon Awareness Program

Radon is a radioactive gas that you can protect against. It is a natural gas caused by the breakdown of uranium in rocks and soil. It can be found practically everywhere. It is a colorless, odorless radioactive gas which you can't see, can't feel, but can cause lung cell damage. The surgeon general has warned that prolonged exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Radon enters homes through openings. You can test your home to find out radon levels. Kits can be obtained from most hardware stores or call the Cook County Department of Environmental Control at 708-865-6177 to obtain a coupon for a kit at a reduced price.

## HOFFMAN ESTATES FLEET SERVICES AWARDED THE A.S.E. BLUE SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

The Public Works Fleet Services staff has received the Blue Seal of Excellence Award by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence. This is the 7th consecutive year the Village's Fleet Services staff has qualified and attained this achievement award. To qualify for the award, staff is certified by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence in eighteen (18) separate automotive disciplines with a total of more than eighty (80) individual certifications in both Automotive and Medium & Heavy Trucks. All 4 technicians and the service supervisor each hold a Master Certification in both Automotive and Heavy truck. This level of expertise is rare in municipal operations as well as in automotive service centers in the private sector. If you are interested in obtaining additional information, you can visit The National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence's website at [www.aseblueseal.org](http://www.aseblueseal.org)



# CALENDAR

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2006

Police Explorers, 3:00pm at PD  
Economic Development Commission, 3:00-5:00 pm at VH  
Utility Commission, 6:30 pm at VH

## SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2006

Fire and Police Commission, 8:00 am at VH

## \*SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2006

Veteran's Flag 62: Edward R. Neubecker, ARMY, WWII

## MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2006

Children's Clinic 4:00pm - 6:00pm at VH  
Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

## TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2006

Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 pm at VH  
Historical Sites Commission, 7:00 pm at Sunderlage Farm  
Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30pm at VH  
ESDA Meeting, 7:30 pm at Fire Station 22

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2006

Community Health Clinic, 1:00pm - 2:30pm at VH  
Economic Development Commission, 3:00 - 5:00 pm at VH

## \*SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2006

Veteran's Flag 63: John T. O'Halloran, ARMY, WWII

## MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006

Utility Commission Meeting, 6:30 pm at PWC  
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

## TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2006

Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10:00 am - Noon at VH  
Disabled and Seniors Commission, 5:30 pm at VH

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2006

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

## THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2006

4th of July Commission, 7:30 pm at VH

## SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006

Creative Photography Seminar, 1:00 pm at VH

## \*SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2006

Veteran's Flag 64: Jerome Taitel, ARMY, WWII

## MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2006

Youth Commission, 6:00 pm at VH  
Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

## TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2006

Zoning Board of Appeals, 7:30 pm at VH

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22, 2006

Celebrations Commission, 5:30 pm at VH  
Environmental Commission, 7:00 pm at PWC

## THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006

Liquor Servers, 7:00 pm at PD

## \*SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2006

Veteran's Flag 65: Robert J. Panek Sr., USAF, Vietnam

## MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2006

Children's Memorial Commission, 6:00 pm at VH  
Arts Commission, 7:00 pm at VH  
Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 pm at VH

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2006

Sister Cities Commission, 7:00 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.

## CONTRACTOR INFORMATION

Code Enforcement receives many calls from residents looking for contractor references. The Village of Hoffman Estates does not make recommendations or referrals. The Code Enforcement staff is able to check the status of a contractor's license, bond and insurance requirements, but this information does not guarantee the quality of work or customer service of any contractor. The Better Business Bureau ([www.chicago.bbb.org](http://www.chicago.bbb.org)) compiles information on companies and contractors that have had previous consumer complaints. For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.

## TAKE A PICTURE, WIN AN IPOD!

### 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH PHOTO CONTEST!

Missed the deadline for the contest last year? Don't let it happen this year! The 2006 theme is Family Traditions... what traditions does your family have? Download contest details and a full list of prizes after March 20, 2006 on the Village's website at [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org)



Mayor McLeod welcomes the Boy Scouts from St. Hubert's Catholic School (pictured above) who were visiting the Village's Government offices. Please contact the Mayor's Office at 847-781-2676 to make arrangements for a visit for your group.



# THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

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## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main: 847-882-9100  
Police and Fire: 9-1-1  
Fire Admin: 847-882-2138  
Health & Human Services:  
847-882-4445  
Police Admin: 847-882-1818  
Public Works: 847-490-6800  
Event Hotline: 847-781-2855

## VILLAGE OFFICIALS

### Mayor

William D. McLeod

### Trustees

Karen V. Mills  
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Raymond M. Kincaid  
Fred Crespo

**Village Clerk** - Virginia M. Hayter

**Village Manager** - James H. Norris

## MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

### Bruce C. Lind Police Complex

1200 Gannon Drive

### Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

### Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Avenue

### 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

2601 Pratum Avenue



*The Hoffman Estates Village Board honored the HEAA Jr. Pee Wee Cheer Team (pictured above) - AYF National Champions at the Village Board Meeting held on February 6, 2006.*

## SIGN-UP ONLINE! RECEIVE EMAIL NEWSLETTERS

Stay connected with the Village of Hoffman Estates. Simply visit our website, [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org) and submit your email address in the space provided on the upper right-hand side of the homepage. You will be asked to submit additional information to complete your registration. Select from a variety of interest areas and receive up-to-date information directly from the Village to your inbox. Interest areas include: Special Event details, Board and Committee Meeting information, Employment Opportunities, the Citizen Newsletter and more. Additional interest areas are added frequently. You can update your subscriber information or unsubscribe at any time. For more information, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org)

## 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.

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