

VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

HOLIDAY GARBAGE SCHEDULE

As the Christmas holiday falls on Monday, December 25, 2006, garbage collection will be delayed one day. Those residents that normally have a garbage and recycling collection on Monday will be serviced on Tuesday, December 26. Those residents that normally have collection on Wednesday will also be delayed one day and serviced on Thursday, December 28.

New Years Day is observed on Monday, January 1, 2007 garbage and recycling pick-up will be delayed one day. Collections will be on Tuesday, January 2, 2007 for those residents that normally have a Monday pick-up and on Thursday, January 4 for those residents that normally have a pick-up on Wednesday's. The following week, collection will be on your normal collection date, Monday, January 8 and Wednesday, January 10, 2007, respectively.

TWO METHODS FOR RECYCLING HOLIDAY TREES

Once the holidays are over, there are two options available for recycling your "live" Holiday trees and wreaths. All greenery is considered yard waste and must be recycled in one of two ways.

Curbside Pick-up: Trees must be free of all tinsel, ornaments, lights, stands and artificial decorations. **One disposal 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 disposal sticker** affixed. Christmas tree collection, by Groot Solid Waste and Recycling Services, Inc., is scheduled for the second and third weeks of January, 2007. Curbside tree collection is scheduled for Monday January 8 and 15 for those residents that have a Monday garbage collection and on Wednesday January 10 and 17 for those residents that have a Wednesday garbage collection. Yardwaste stickers are available for purchase at the Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road), through Groot (800-244-1977) or online at www.hoffmanestates.org and www.groot.com For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-882-9100.



Drop-off Sites: Holiday trees and greenery may be dropped off (at no charge) from Tuesday, December 26, 2006, through Friday, January 5, 2007, at any time at one of the locations 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? Contact the Department of Public Works at 847-490-6800.

DRIVERS BEWARE OF HAZARDOUS 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 starting 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.



VILLAGE EMPLOYEES DONATE TO PROGRAM

Employees of the Village of Hoffman Estates donated tennis racquets to the Community Resources Center in Hoffman Estates. These racquets are used in an after-school program to teach youth at the CRC to play tennis. If you would like to make a donation to the community resources center, please contact 847-490-9398.

WINTER DRIVING SAFETY

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 (IDOT):
312-368-4636

Call this number for conditions regarding IDOT 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

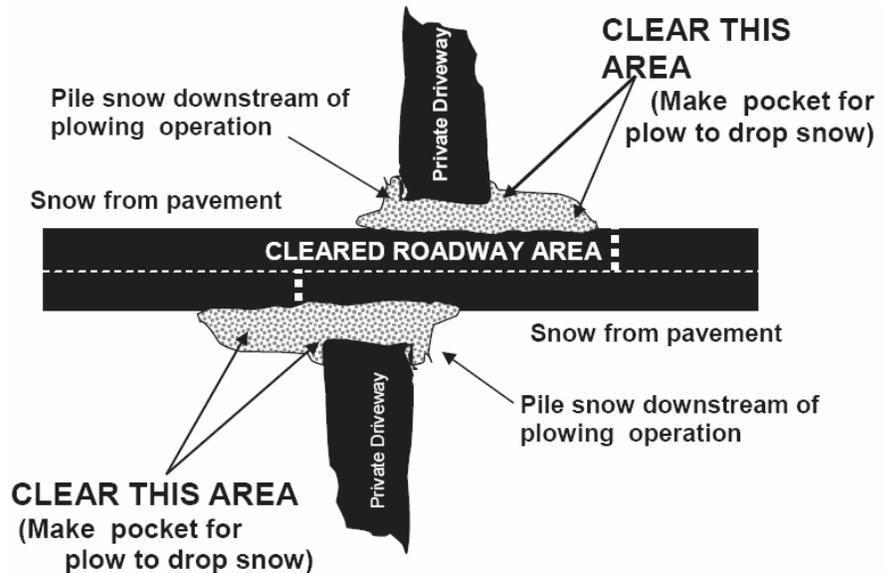
For tollway information, including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours, or more often, if weather conditions warrant.

The Village does NOT plow IDOT and County roads. These include:

Illinois Department of Transportation
Higgins Rd. (Rt. 72)
Golf Rd. (Rt. 58)
Algonquin Rd. (Rt.62)
Sutton Rd. (Rt. 59)
Barrington Rd.
Palatine Rd.

Cook County Highway Department
Central Rd.
Roselle Rd.
Bartlett Rd.
Ela Rd.
Schaumburg Rd.
Plum Grove Rd.
Bradwell Rd.
Bode Rd.
(West of Braintree Dr. to Barrington Rd.)
Shoe Factory Road

TIPS ON KEEPING YOUR DRIVEWAY CLEAR



When clearing snow from your driveway, here's the best way to help prevent snow shoveled from the driveway from being re-deposited back into your driveway 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. By doing so, snow that has accumulated on the plow will be dumped into that pocket and not back on your driveway.

The Village does not plow all streets. Several main roads are plowed by IDOT or Cook County. See the information at the left of the page for a list of roads not plowed by the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS HAS BEEN GEARING UP FOR WINTER!

As soon as the weather starts turning colder, staff of the Hoffman Estates Public Works Department start gearing up for whatever Mother Nature may hurl their way. Everyone in the Department participates in some way during actual operations. From answering phones to operating 16 large salting/plowing trucks along with 18 other smaller vehicles on over 153 miles of streets and 358 cul-de-sacs, every job is important in making the operation successful. Each driver is assigned a specific route for plowing and salting. Up to 48 Department drivers may participate during a snowfall event. Major streets are plowed first and then side streets.

The Department has its own weather station with live radar. Supervisors monitor conditions and patterns that help predict when a weather event will arrive in the Village. As soon as it is determined that a weather event is heading towards the Village, key Department personnel are notified for response.

Please Remember:

- *There is No Parking allowed on Village streets for 8 hours after a 2-inch snowfall, until the street has been cleared.
- *Do not shovel snow into the street or onto a fire hydrant.
- *Remind children building snow forts to stay away from the street.

KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS VISIBLE

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

HOLIDAY FRIENDSHIP TREE LIGHTING



TREE LIGHTING BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Hoffman Estates Celebrations Commission hosted another very successful holiday tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, November 18. The event was attended by over 350 people who enjoyed a surprise fireworks show, entertainment by the Hoffman Estates High School Madrigal Singers, refreshments and a special appearance by Santa and Mrs. Clause! The event was also an opportunity for the public to donate non-perishable food items and paper products to local food pantries. This annual event held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving is not to be missed!



SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!***11th Annual Teddy Bear Holiday Party***

The Village of Hoffman Estates Historical Sites Commission is proud to present the 11th Annual Teddy Bear Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9, 2006 from 1pm - 3:00 pm at the Sunderlage Farmhouse, located at the corner of Volid Drive and Vista Lane between Golf Road and Higgins Road. The Party will feature stories, prizes and treats for children 3 to 7 years old. Remember to bring your Teddy Bears!!! Seating is very limited. Reservations are required. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Call 847-781-2855 for reservations before December 7th.

The Historian's Notebook by Pat Barch

After a long struggle to save the Charles Lindbergh School, it finally will be saved and preserved as a reminder of our rural history.

The Lindbergh School was built in the fall of 1929 following a fire in the existing Helberg School. It served as a schoolhouse for the farm children living in the area until the 1940's. Elgin closed the school when it consolidated into Elgin Area Unit District 46. Here is a quote from the January 29, 1929 Cook County Herald describing the upcoming opening of the school. "One of the most attractive and up to date rural schools in the country is being completed in District 41, a stone building of the latest constructing being erected to take the place of the other building which was razed by fire last spring. Nothing has been spared which would add to the comfort or convenience of the structure. It is almost completely fireproof, the only wood used being in the window frames and floor, the latter being laid over cement. Even the joists are of steel. It is a very roomy and sunny building, one that any district could well be proud of." I found a copy of this newspaper article in John Russell Ghrist's book

titled [Rural](#)

[Schoolhouse faces possible destruction a special report.](#) Mr.

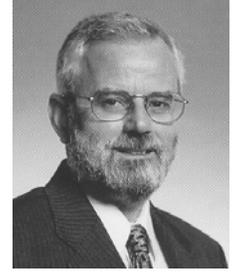
Ghrist has spent 10 years trying to save this special school. We believe that it may be one of only two school buildings built in this style with slab rock and cement. The other building is out in Batavia and was restored and is now a



residence. We went to visit it this summer at the invitation of the present owner who inspired us to work more diligently on our school.

Ryland Homes has generously contributed \$100,000 toward the restoration of the schoolhouse. Much needs to be done to put the schoolhouse back together. Vandals have done so much damage to the inside and trash litters the grounds.

The future holds so much promise for the Lindbergh School. We'll try to keep you up to date on what is happening and how you may want to help rally around this special history project. Mr. Ghrist continues to write about his research on the school. He may finally be able to finish the book with a happy ending.

**A MESSAGE FROM
MAYOR MCLEOD**

Let me start off by wishing you and your family a safe and happy holiday season!

Looking forward to the new year, there is so much to be excited about in Hoffman Estates! We are truly "Growing to Greatness".

2006 saw the opening of several new stores and businesses in the community. It is important that we keep up the excitement about the new stores and businesses in town by continuing to shop at them in Hoffman Estates. Not only is it more convenient to visit the places of business in the community, it helps our local economy. There are more jobs in Hoffman Estates and more sales tax dollars to take the burden off of property taxes in providing services to our community.

People used to say that you couldn't buy a pair of socks in Hoffman Estates, and that used to be true. Now, we can buy socks and so much more! From car dealerships to specialty aquarium equipment, to office supplies and just about anything else you may need is probably at the Target, you can certainly buy your socks in Hoffman Estates.

In 2007 we hope to see many more stores, restaurants and businesses coming into the community. But we will need a community-wide effort to ensure their success. I encourage each and everyone of you to patronize our businesses. When you can, make a point to shop locally!

Sincerely,

Bill McLeod

HEALTH CLINIC INFORMATION

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Free Screenings offered at Health Clinics

The Department of 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 December and January.

*For best results, please fast for at least 4 hours before the diabetes.

Hoffman Estates Park District

Community Center & Ice Arena

1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates

Dates: (No December Clinic), January 15

Time: 11am-12pm

Schaumburg Township Offices

1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates

Dates: (No December Clinic), January 18

Time: 12pm-1pm

Schaumburg Barn

231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg

Dates: December 6 and 20 & January 3 and 17

Time: 9:15am-11:15am

Hoffman Estates Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates

Dates: December 13 & January 10

Time: 1pm-2:30pm



Child Immunization Clinics

Health and Human Services provide two child immunization clinics per month. Shots are \$5 per shot for Village of Hoffman Estates, Village of Schaumburg, and Hanover Township 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 December and January are listed below. For a complete schedule of child immunization clinics in 2006 visit www.hoffmanestates.org/government/PhysicalHealthServices.shtml

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

All communities welcome.

Hoffman Estates Village Hall Lunchroom

1900 Hassell Road

Dates: December 4 (NO JANUARY CLINIC)

4pm-6pm

Hoffman Baby Clinic (ages 2 months to Kindergarten)

Hoffman Estates Residents Only.

Hoffman Estates Village Hall Council Chambers

1900 Hassell Road

Dates: December 12 & January 9

Appointments needed

Hometown Heroes Project

The Village of Hoffman Estates will be honoring those active duty military personnel from the Village of Hoffman Estates who are currently deployed in the Iraq/Afghanistan region. A display featuring photos of our Hometown Heroes will be posted in the Village Hall with some information related to their deployment and unit. We are asking that the family and friends of active duty personnel contact the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2605 to include their information in the display. A photo of the individual will be needed for the display. Questions should be directed to Sharon Turlek in the Village Manager's Office at 847-781-2605.

Counseling Services

Hoffman Estates offers professional counseling to individuals, couples, and families who want to improve their life and

relationships. For more information on counseling services, please call 847-882-4445. The first appointment is free. Health and Human Services' counseling is affordable to everyone. Fees are based on income.

Youth Commission

The Youth Commission is currently looking for adult commission members! If you are interested in looking for new ways to serve youth in Hoffman Estates, please consider applying to the Youth Commission. Call 847-781-2606 for more information on how to participate in the commission.

Flu Clinics

Health & Human Services may be offering additional Flu Clinics during December based on Flu Vaccine availability. Please call the **Flu Hotline at 847-843-4848 for up-to-date information on Vaccine availability and clinics.**

2007 Election Information

The Village will hold a consolidated primary election on February 27, 2007. The consolidated election will be held April 17, 2007. Three Trustee positions of four year terms will be under consideration on the ballot. Petitions may be circulated beginning on September 19, 2006. Filing dates are December 11, 2006 - December 18, 2006. The last day to file objections to nominating petitions is December 26, 2006. Hoffman Estates is a non-partisan Council-Manager form of government. Candidates may access their information at www.elections.state.il.us It is strongly advised that any questions be directed to the state election authority at the above website address or an attorney of your choice.

CHALLENGING FAMILY CONFLICT

It's almost that time of year again. You know what I'm talking about. The family gathered together for the holidays, sitting around a warm fireplace, sipping peppermint hot chocolate with soft music playing in the background as loved ones reflect on the past year...

Wait a minute. Whose family is that?! Let's be realistic. The holidays can be an extremely stressful time of the year, especially when it comes to dealing with family. With the unrealistic expectations of gifts, children and dogs wildly running circles around the dinner table, Aunt May's well-intentioned comment that you've gained weight-- it's no big surprise that conflicts happen. Contrary to what the media may lead us to believe, there really is no such thing as the perfect family. So what can we do to make this year just a bit less stressful?



Find ways to take care of yourself when you begin to lose your patience. In all the chaos, have you taken the time to eat something with more than the nutritious value of a fruit cake? Remember that eating healthily can reduce crabbiness and may help you better deal with those tense moments during the gathering. Take a minute to think about conflicts with family members that have occurred time and time again. It's no mystery it will probably pop up again this year. Unfortunately, we don't have the power to change others. But don't fret!

What's more important is that our own reaction to others *can* be changed. This is easier to do than you may think, although it does take conscious effort on our part.

To start, try not to make negative or cutting remarks if it's only purpose is to make someone feel bad or as a tool for retaliation. Others making you feel bad? Try searching for their underlying message before responding back. Are they trying to express their frustration with something? Could they be feeling lonely, overwhelmed, or simply exhausted? If you're up for a challenge, pick that one relative you dread seeing and try responding differently this year, such as making warm and understanding comments to them (i.e. Try saying, "You sure have a lot going on for you right now" in response to hearing, "I don't have time for this!"). Lastly, whether your family consists of one-hundred relatives or just two, the gathering of a group of people will have its ups and downs. Embrace the ups and challenge yourself to tackle the downs in a way that will bring you just a bit closer to the warm and fuzzy families of the movies.



Written by Eriko Lapoint, therapist with the Village of Hoffman Estates Health and Human Services. Some family conflicts are easy to deal with when they happen just once a year. Unfortunately, it's the everyday arguments and challenges with family members that really weigh on us. Let the Department of Health and Human Services support you in your new year's resolution to improve your family relationships. It's easy. Just call (847) 882-4445 to make an appointment.

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 to 847-490-6868, or mail to the Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave. Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. Please circle either Satisfied or Dissatisfied or indicate number of outages. 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 _____

DECEMBER CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2006

Fire and Police Commission, 8:00 am at PD

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2006

Veteran's Flag 6: Walter J. Wiener, US ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2006

Children's Clinic, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm at VH

Truth in Taxation Hearing, 6:55 pm at VH

Village Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at VH (rescheduled from December 11)

Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2006

Cultural Awareness Commission Meeting, 7:15 pm at VH

Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting, 7:30 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2006

Police Explorers, 3:00 pm at PD

Plan Commission, 8:00 pm at VH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2006

Teddy Bear Holiday Party, 3:00 pm at Sunderlage Farmhouse

Call 847-781-2855 for reservations before December 7

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006

Veteran's Flag 7: Leonard J. Battaglia, US ARMY, WWII

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

Utility Commission, 6:30 pm at PWC

Village Committee Meetings 7:00 pm at VH (rescheduled from December 25)

Village Board Meeting, 8:00 pm at VH (rescheduled from December 18)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006

Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10:00 am-12:00 pm at VH

Disabled and Seniors Commission, 5:30 pm at VH

Historical Sites Commission, 7:00 pm at Sunderlage Farm ESDA, 7:30 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2006

Community Health Clinic, 1:00 pm at VH

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2006

Veteran's Flag 8: Kenneth R. Hubbard, USMC, WWII

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2006

Youth Commission, 6:00 pm at VH

Village Board Meeting rescheduled to December 11

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2006

TB Mobile Clinic, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm at VH

Zoning Board Meeting, 7:30 pm at VH

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2006

Police Explorers, 3:00 pm at PD

Peer Jury, 7:00 pm at PD

Plan Commission, 8:00 pm at VH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2006

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2006

TB Mobile Clinic, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm at VH

*SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2006

Veteran's Flag 9: Mark A. Mueller, USCGC, 1995-2004

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2006

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2006

Children's Memorial Commission, 6:00 pm at VH

Arts Commission, 7:00 pm at VH

Sister Cities Commission, 7:00 pm at VH

Village Committee Meetings rescheduled to December 11

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2006

Celebrations Commission, 6:00 pm at VH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2006

Liquor Servers Training, 7:00 pm at PD

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2007

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS DAY HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

- **Village Board Meetings** are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 8 pm in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.
- The **Transportation and Road Improvements; Planning, Building and Zoning; and General Administration and Personnel Committees** meetings are held on the **second Monday** at 7:30 pm at the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.
- The **Finance, Public Works and Utilities, and Public Health and Safety Committees** meetings are held on the **fourth Monday** each month at 7:30 pm in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

VH: Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

PD: Police Department, 1200 Gannon Road

PWC: Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.

* The Flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veterans' Memorial at 1:00 pm 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 60169. The Casket Flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans Memorial in the coming month. The Veterans Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 1200 Gannon Drive, Hoffman Estates IL 60169

GARBAGE COLLECTION WILL BE AFFECTED DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS HOLIDAYS. SEE PAGE 1 FOR DETAILS.

THE VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES

1900 Hassell Road
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
www.hoffmanestates.org

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

Lloyd H. Boester

Rodney R. Rusakiewicz

Cary J. Collins

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

NEWS BRIEFS

HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY

With the holiday shopping season upon us, we need to take extra precautions to make sure that our holiday is not ruined, by becoming a victim of a theft.

When shopping, women should keep their purse close to them at all times. It's not a good idea to place a purse in your shopping cart. It only takes a second for someone to take your purse or wallet when you turn your back. Men should be aware of their wallet at all times. Be discreet when writing checks or using credit cards. Don't let someone else in line see your personal information. If you're asked for your phone number when checking out, refuse or give your work number.

When parking your vehicle, try to find a space near a light pole. It may be dark by the time you're finished shopping. Remember where you parked your vehicle. When walking to your vehicle, be aware of your surroundings. Walk with your head up with your keys in hand. If for any reason you're concerned about walking back to your vehicle by yourself, don't hesitate to ask security or the store manager for an escort.

Keep your purchases out of view in your vehicle. Put them in the trunk or conceal them with a cover.

Don't hesitate calling the police if you witness any suspicious activity. The police department will be more cognizant of shopping centers this holiday season, but as always, crime prevention begins with you.

BUCKLE UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS

With the holiday season quickly approaching, many of us are thinking about our holiday travel plans. The Hoffman Estates Police Department reminds everyone about the importance of wearing a seat belt when riding in a car. It's a proven fact that seat belts reduce injury and save lives. So whether you're driving across country to grandma's house or just a few blocks for a holiday party, remember to **buckle-up**. Happy holidays to all!



Village Ornaments On Sale Now!

The Village of Hoffman Estates annual ornaments are now on sale at the Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road). Ornaments are \$5.00 each. The 2006 ornament is the fourth in the series by local world renowned miniature artist Ed Cook. Previous series ornaments are also on sale. Supplies are limited.

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