

# Hoffman Estates Citizen

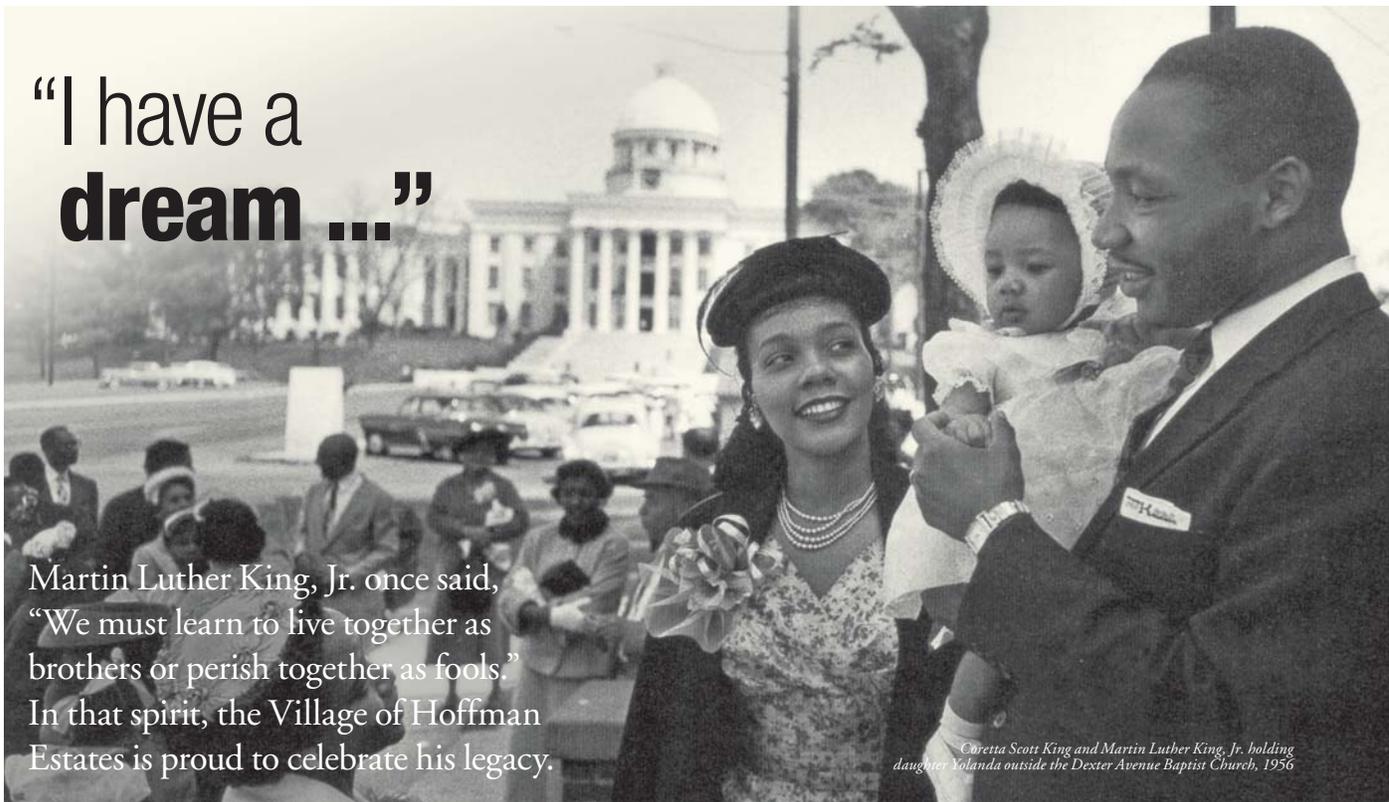


January 2009

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

“I have a dream ...”

Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, “We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.” In that spirit, the Village of Hoffman Estates is proud to celebrate his legacy.



*Coretta Scott King and Martin Luther King, Jr. holding daughter Yolanda outside the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, 1956*

The Cultural Awareness Commission is very excited to bring the seventh annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast celebration to the newly remodeled Village Hall on Monday, Jan. 19.

This free program starts at 8 a.m. with breakfast. The Village Hall is located at 1900 Hassell Road.

Jan. 19 would have marked Dr. King’s 80th birthday. The breakfast celebration will bring a diverse group of people together to honor his vision.

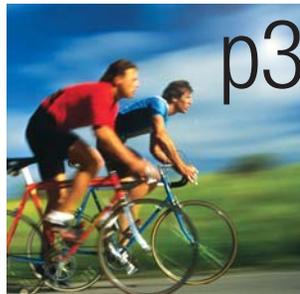
Pearl Henderson, chair of the Cultural Awareness Commission, believes this year’s event is especially exciting due to Dr. King’s birthday, the Village’s 50th anniversary and the recent election of President-elect Barack Obama.

“We anticipate an excellent turnout,” said Henderson. Mayor William D. McLeod added, “The remodeled Village Hall is an excellent venue for this event.”

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# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

## The nature of fire

As the cold weather settles into our bones, I'm reminded of the great guys and gals at the Public Works Department, and how we depend on them for so much, especially during the snowy winter months.

I'll never forget 1967 when, as a young wife and mother, I worried about how my husband would get home in that terrible snowstorm. He was the last one to get through on Higgins Road as the Police Department shut it down from Arlington Heights Road west to Route 53. I remember being able to get around on our local streets, but it took days before the highways were open again.

We've had so much snow over the years, and Public Works has always done such

a great job of keeping the roads passable. When our Village was young, the Plote's did the plowing for the 25 miles of streets that we had in 1959. Since then, we've grown to 158 miles of public streets, which certainly keeps Public Works busy.

There were only a handful of people working in the early days of the Village. The first Public Works garage was on the Hammerstein farm property on Illinois Boulevard. That farmhouse became our first Village Hall in 1959. Now, Public Works employs more than 74 fulltime and three part-time workers, and takes on 17 seasonal helpers in the summer.

This fall, I noticed the workers sweeping leaves away from the sewers in prepara-

tion for the snows to come. Keeping the sewers clear is a big job when you learn that we have 9,173 sewer inlets/catch basins in town.

Over the past 50 years, we've had 1,879.4 inches of snow fall on the streets of Hoffman Estates. It sure makes you appreciate that big yellow snowplow with its flashing lights, and the driver who is out all night clearing our streets. When you're out doing your own snow shoveling, give a wave of thanks as they go by.

Thanks to Public Works Superintendent Ken Gomoll who helped gather some very interesting facts for this article.

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Each year, more than 4,000 Americans die and approximately 20,000 are injured in fires, many of which could be prevented. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) believes that fire deaths can be reduced through basic education.

### Fire is FAST!

In less than 30 seconds, a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. Most fires occur when people are asleep. If you wake up to a fire, there is only time to escape.

### Fire is HOT!

A fire's heat alone can kill. The room temperature in a fire can be 600 F at eye level. Inhaling this super hot air will scorch your lungs. The heat can melt clothes to your skin.

### Fire is DARK!

Fire isn't bright, it's pitch black. Fire quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. You may be blinded, disoriented and unable to find your way around the home you've lived in for years.

### Fire is DEADLY!

Smoke kills more people than flames do. Fire uses up oxygen, and produces poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of smoke can make you drowsy, disoriented and short of breath.

### Fire safety tips

In the event of a fire, remember that every second counts! Escape first, then call for help. Develop a home fire escape plan, and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed. Never stand up in a fire – always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason. Finally, having a working smoke detector dramatically increases your chances of survival.

For more information, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 847-843-4825.



With Malcolm X, 1964



MLK Day Proclamation, 1989



With President Johnson, 1966

## MLK Breakfast

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The keynote address speaker, Minister Robbie Robinson, will remind us of Dr. King's great contributions to our way of life. Also, back by popular demand, the Sears Holding Associate Gospel Choir will supply high-energy music for all to enjoy.

Cultural Awareness Commission member and entertainment chair, Castella King, is happy to have Jeffrey Lomax and the Sears

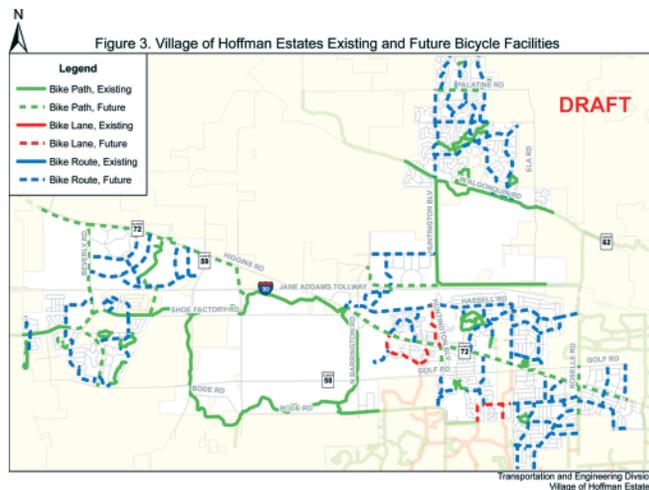
Holding Associate Gospel Choir back again this year: "The sounds of the choir are a joy to hear!"

Seating is very limited, and reservations are being accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are being accepted through Wednesday, Jan. 14, or until the event fills up. To reserve your spot today, call 847-781-2606.

We hope that you will be able to make this wonderful event!

# Hoffman Estates is **bike friendly**

The Village is developing a comprehensive bike plan. Much of the information completed to date is posted on the “Bicycles and Pedestrians” section of the Transportation and Engineering Division Web page, [www.hoffmanestates.org/transportation](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/transportation). There are maps, a PowerPoint presentation and descriptions of the draft plan available to view. The Village is still creating many of the components of the plan, and will be looking for input from you in the near future.



The plan will cover all topics associated with bikes, including an inventory of existing facilities, plans for new on- and off-street facilities, bike safety, education, enforcement, encouragement, funding, and phasing. The plan details the different types of facilities, off-street paths (10-foot-wide asphalt bike paths), bike routes (shared-use road with signage) and bike lanes (a dedicated space for bikes on a street with signage and striping). The plan will be looking to supplement the 26.5 miles of existing off-street facilities in the Village, and for opportunities to connect into existing bike routes and paths in surrounding Villages. There are currently plans for up to 15 miles of additional off-street bike paths, and 48 miles of on-street bike routes and lanes.

To evaluate on-street candidates, the Village has used the Bicycle Level of Service (BLOS) method. The method uses many characteristics about a street to determine a level of comfort for bicycles from “A” (most comfortable) to “F” (least comfortable). A map detailing the BLOS for all draft on-street candidates is provided on the Web site.

Once a draft of the plan is complete, we will be scheduling a series of public meetings throughout the Village. The meetings will be an open-house format with opportunities to ask questions about bicycling and provide comments on the bike plan. Please check future issues of the Citizen for the meeting dates once they are set. Information will also be posted online.

**If you would like to be notified about future public meetings, or would just like to comment on any aspect of the bike plan, e-mail [roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:roadconstruction@hoffmanestates.org), or call 847-252-5800.**



## A message from **Mayor McLeod**

The Village of Hoffman Estates is making a concerted effort to expand its electronic communication to residents. Last month, I discussed with you our new online “Citizen Support Center,” which gives you access to a dynamic knowledge center and online service request features. This tool is available on our Web site, [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org).

This month, I would like to tell you about our blast e-mail service. While this isn’t a new feature, there have been upgrades. Namely, we have expanded the database to include two new areas of interest: “Emergency Alerts” and “Immunization Clinics.” If you’ve previously subscribed to this service, you may want to consider updating your account.

If you’ve never received an e-mail from Hoffman Estates, now is the time to sign up. By providing the Village with your contact information, you’ll be the first to receive emergency notifications, as well as other informative bulletins by selecting from the list below. This is a **confidential** message system customized to suit your specific needs.

There are two ways to sign up. First, you can visit [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org), and click on the “eNews Sign Up” tab on the left, right below the picture bar. From there, you can customize your account profile. Or, you can fill out the form below, and return to the Village Hall. Our staff will add your information to the service.

In this fast-paced world of instant communication, we’re taking steps to keep you up-to-date with the latest news in Hoffman Estates. I hope you consider signing up to receive the Village’s e-mail communiqués.



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*Please return to:*

Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o General Government,  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

# Community briefs

## Children's concert

The Hoffman Estates Arts Commission and the Schaumburg Township District Library are cosponsoring an all-ages children's event on Monday, Jan. 19. Musicians Erin Lee & Marci will return to the Hoffman Estates Branch Library, 1550 Hassell Road, to perform a live concert at both 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. There is no fee for this event, but seating is limited. Call 847-885-3511 for more information.



Erin Lee & Marci promise to deliver an afternoon of music, laughter and movement

## Recycle your holiday tree

Holiday tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January. Please remember that all lights, ornaments and garland must be removed from the tree, plastic disposal bags are prohibited and one disposal sticker must be attached to the tree trunk or branch. Flocked trees are acceptable. Wreaths and garland will also be accepted, provided the wiring has been removed. These items should be placed in a Kraft yard waste bag with a disposal sticker attached. Call 847-781-2631 for more information.



From left to right: Trustee Gary Pilafas, Trustee Anna Newell, Trustee Jackie Green, Mayor Bill McLeod, Trustee Cary Collins, Trustee Karen Mills, Trustee Ray Kincaid, Village Clerk Bev Romanoff

## Coffee with the Board

The first Coffee with the Board of 2009 will be held Saturday, Jan. 17, at 10 a.m. at the Village Hall. Ask questions and give comments to the Board of Trustees.

## Welcome new businesses!

### AT&T Clearchoice Mobility

Wireless services  
4630 Hoffman Blvd.

### Barber Shop

Hair salon  
2312 Hassell Road

### Noble Systemware Inc.

Software consulting  
2200 W. Higgins Road, Suite 210

### Short Term Loans LLC

Financial services  
1039 N. Roselle Road

## Hoffman Estates heating requirements

The Village's Municipal Code requires that interior temperature of all habitable rooms, bathrooms and toilet rooms be maintained at 65 F. When the outdoor temperature (not including wind chill) drops below -4 F, the requirement of 65 F cannot be enforced as long as heating facilities run at full capacity.

## Prevent frozen water pipes

If you are planning an extended stay out of town during the winter months, keep in mind that the heat in your residence should never be turned off or the thermostat turned down too low. Insufficient heat can cause water lines to freeze and burst, causing significant damage to your home and valuables. For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.

## Questions to Code

**Q:** When can I set my garbage out?

**A:** Garbage totes, garbage bags, yard waste bags and recycling totes are not to be set out at the curb until 6 p.m. the evening prior to your garbage and recycling collection day. Totes are to be removed from the curb no later than 10 p.m. the day of your collection. Your neighbors will be appreciate it if you adhere to these set-out times. Totes are to be stored inside a garage, structure or in a side yard if located behind the principle building line.

Send your code queries inquiries to Bill Chlebek in the Code Enforcement Division by phone at 847-781-2646, or [william.chlebek@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:william.chlebek@hoffmanestates.org). If your question is published, you will receive a gift.

## 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 (NEC) 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 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 for their safe removal. For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.



## 2009 calendar now available!

You should have already received your complimentary 2009 50th anniversary Village calendar. If you haven't, call 847-781-2600, and one will be mailed to you.

# Healthy body, healthy mind ...

## news from Health and Human Services

### Adult health clinics

Health and Human Services provides free testing for blood pressure, diabetes and hemoglobin. Basic cholesterol testing is available for \$6. No appointments are necessary. For best results, do not eat at least four hours before the diabetes test. A complete lipid profile (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose screening) is available by appointment only. The test requires a small drop of blood that is obtained through a finger stick. Results are immediate, and include consultation with a registered nurse. The cost is \$22. For more information, call 847-781-4850.

- **Schaumburg Barn**  
231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg  
Dates: Jan. 7 & 21 and Feb. 4 & 18  
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.  
(Note: cholesterol testing is not available at this clinic)
- **Village Hall (main entrance)**  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Jan. 14 and Feb. 11  
Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Schaumburg Township**  
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates  
Date: Jan. 15 and Feb. 19  
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Hoffman Estates Park District  
Community Center & Ice Arena**  
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates  
Date: Jan. 19 and Feb. 16  
Time: 11 a.m. to noon

### Child immunization clinics

Health and Human Services offers two monthly child immunization clinics. The cost is \$5 per shot for residents of the Village of Hoffman Estates, Village of Schaumburg and Hanover Township; \$7 for all other communities (cash, check or AllKids only please!). The clinics are intended for children who are underinsured (health insurance does not cover immunizations) or do not have health insurance. **Shot records are required for children to receive an immunization.** To schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

- **Children's Clinic**  
(ages two months to 18 years)  
All communities welcome  
Village Hall (main entrance)  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Jan. 5 and Feb. 2  
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Hoffman Baby Clinic**  
(ages two months to kindergarten)  
Hoffman Estates residents only  
Village Hall (main entrance)  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Jan. 13 and Feb. 10  
Time: Appointments are required

**Clinic schedules are available online!  
Visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics)  
for more information.**

### Start the new year right

Motivating, revitalizing, refreshing ... the new year can mean many things to many people. In general, the new year symbolizes a fresh start. Here are a few tips to help sustain your revitalized motivation, and achieve those newfound aspirations:

- Write them down, and place them in a location that you encounter daily
- Repeat them to yourself 10 times when waking up in the morning, and again before going to sleep
- Place an object on your desk at work or a place at home that symbolizes your goal
- Start each day with a quote or a motivational reading to jumpstart your day

These techniques can be used simultaneously, or you can choose one that best suits you. Now, get out there and accomplish your goals!



### New smoking cessation program

Quitting smoking is not easy. Now you can quit with the support of a clinician in a group setting. This eight-week comprehensive program developed by the American Lung Association is designed to help smokers learn about their habit, and to understand the process of quitting. Some of the topics presented include, quit-smoking medication, relaxation techniques and alternative healthy behaviors. Health and Human Services partners with St. Alexius Medical Center to provide behavioral counseling through our smoking cessation classes. All classes meet at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. The next class begins on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Cost is \$50 per family (family members are encouraged to quit together). Materials are included in the price. To register, call 866-253-9426.



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

## Clerk's corner

It's time to start planning for spring break and summer vacations. Effective June 2009, U.S. citizens must present a valid U.S. passport when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Visit the Village's Web site to see the requirements, then stop in and we will be happy to assist you in applying for your passport.

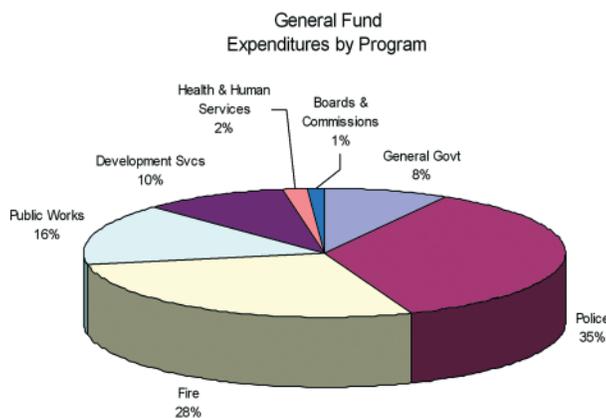
Contact the Clerk's office at 847-781-2625, or e-mail [bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org).

# Funding Village services – The 2009 budget is approved

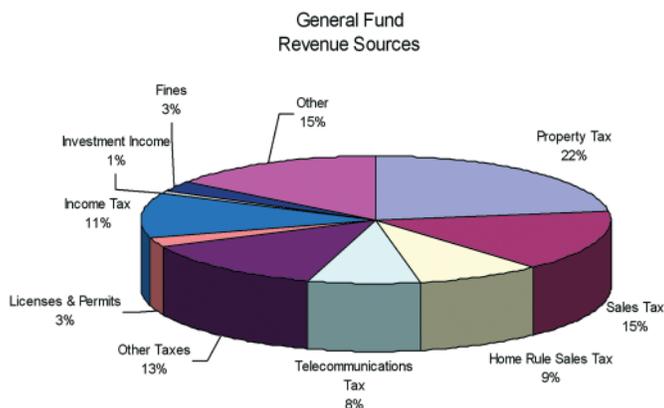
The preparation of the Village's annual budget starts in May of each year with departments compiling their requests based on Village Board initiatives, citizen input and specific needs. On Dec. 1, 2008, the fiscal year 2009 budgeting process concluded with the Village Board approving the 2009 budget, totaling \$129,974,393. This is an increase of 3.2 percent from the 2008 budget. The Village's budget is comprised of 34 separate funds that are independently balanced.

This article is focused primarily on how the General Fund is broken down. Another article, detailing the budget's other independently balanced funds, will appear in the February issue of the Citizen.

Of the total budget, \$45,796,423 is for the General Fund, which is the Village's main operating fund. This fund accounts for services to the public, such as public safety, street maintenance, economic development and administration. The majority of the expenditures in the General Fund are devoted to public safety, as can be seen in the chart below:



With few exceptions, General Fund revenues are typically available for any public purpose. The funding sources for the General Fund include most of the Village taxes, as well as license and permit fees, fines, and investment earnings. Only 22 percent of all General Fund revenues come from property tax:

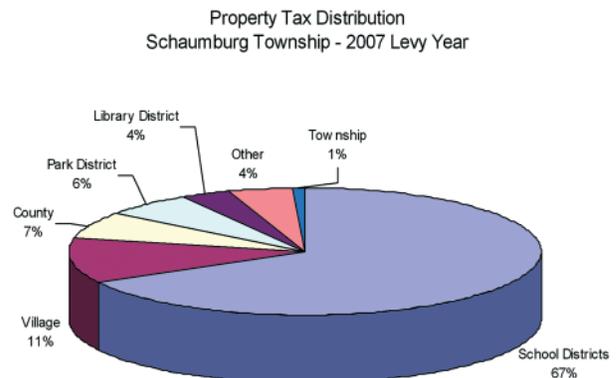


## Where do your property tax dollars go?

When property tax bills arrive, it can be somewhat confusing to determine where your property tax dollars go. A common misconception is that the Village collects and retains all or the majority of your property tax payment. In actuality, Cook or Kane County issues your property tax bill and collects all property tax payments. The counties then distribute the property taxes collected to each of the taxing districts listed on your property tax bill.

School districts, library districts, park districts, forest preserve districts, counties, municipalities, townships and other governmental units all have the authority to levy property taxes on your property. Each of these taxing bodies is an autonomous governmental body that is separate and distinct from the Village of Hoffman Estates. Each individual property tax bill may be different within the same Village because each tax bill is unique to the property, the property's value as well as which school district, township, library district, etc., the property is served by.

For example, a property located in Hoffman Estates in Schaumburg Township would pay property taxes distributed to the following taxing bodies:



The above graph shows how the largest portion of property taxes (approximately 67 percent) is received by the school districts that encompass a resident's property.

The Village's portion (approximately 11 percent) of property taxes in the Schaumburg Township example fund specific items within the Village of Hoffman Estates' annual budget. Approximately 69 percent of the Village's portion is used to fund the General Fund, as previously mentioned. Approximately 21 percent of the property tax revenue is used to fund police officer and firefighter pensions, and approximately 10 percent is used to fund bond and interest payments for the Village's outstanding debt.

**For more information about the Village's 2009 budget or about property tax revenue, contact the Finance Department at 847-843-4800.**

# January calendar



## Thursday, January 1

- NEW YEAR'S DAY, VH CLOSED

## Saturday, January 3

- VH CLOSED

## \*Sunday, January 4

- Veteran's Flag 25: Rudolph Britt, Navy, WWII

## Monday, January 5

- Children's Clinic, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 8 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, January 6

- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH
- Zoning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, January 7

- Police Explorers, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at PD
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Museum Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Plan Commission, 8 p.m. at VH

## Saturday, January 10

- Fire and Police Commission, 8 a.m. at PD

## \*Sunday, January 11

- Veteran's Flag 26: Frank J. Benham, Army, WWII

## Monday, January 12

- 50th Anniversary Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, January 13

- Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10 a.m. to noon at VH
- Commission for Senior Citizens, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Historical Sites Commission, 5:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm

## Wednesday, January 14

- Community Health Clinic, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at VH

## Thursday, January 15

- Commission for Disabled Citizens, 6 p.m. at VH
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Fourth of July Commission, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Saturday, January 17

- Coffee with the Board, 10 a.m. at VH

## \*Sunday, January 18

- Veteran's Flag 27: Walter Keller, Navy, WWII

## Monday, January 19

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, 8 a.m. at VH
- Erin Lee & Marci Children's Concert, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Hoffman Estates Branch Library
- Village Board Meeting, 8 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, January 20

- Zoning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, January 21

- Police Explorers, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at PD
- Peer Jury, 7 p.m. at PD
- Plan Commission, 8 p.m. at VH

## Thursday, January 22

- Liquor Servers Training, 7 p.m. at PD

## \*Sunday, January 25

- Veteran's Flag 28: Austin L. Utterback, Jr., Army, 1954-1956
- Veteran's Memorial Commission, 1 p.m. at PD

## Monday, January 26

- Children's Memorial Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, January 27

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, January 28

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH
- Environmental Commission, 7 p.m. at PWC

**Village Board Meetings** are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 8 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The **General Administration and Personnel; Planning, Building and Zoning; and Transportation and Road Improvement Committees** meetings are held on the **second Monday** of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

The **Finance; Public Health and Safety; and Public Works and Utilities Committees** meetings are held on the **fourth Monday** of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

**VH:** Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road

**PD:** Police Department, 1200 Gannon Drive

**PWC:** Public Works Center, 2305 Pembroke Ave.



## Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3

- Notre Dame Shillelagh Hockey Tournament, 5 p.m. and 4 p.m.

## Sunday, January 4

- Chicago Storm vs. New Jersey Ironmen, 1 p.m.

## Friday and Saturday, January 9 and 10

- AMA Indoor Moto Arena X & Hot Rod Mud Bog Championships, 7:30 p.m.

## Saturday, January 17

- 12th Annual High School Hoops Showdown, 4:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, January 21, through Sunday, February 1

- Cirque du Soleil – Saltimbanco, various times

*\* The flag rotation ceremony is held at the Veterans' Memorial every Sunday at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Those wishing to make a donation for the perpetual maintenance of the Memorial may do so at the Village Hall, or by mailing a check to the Veterans' Memorial c/o the Village of Hoffman Estates, 1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. The casket flags of deceased veterans listed on the calendar above will be flying at the Veterans' Memorial in the coming month. The Veterans' Memorial is located outside the Hoffman Estates Police Department at 1200 Gannon Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.*

## 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  
Police Administration . . . .847-882-1818  
Fire Administration . . . . .847-843-4825  
Public Works . . . . .847-490-6800  
Health and  
Human Services. . . . .847-781-4850  
Event Hotline . . . . .847-252-5443

### Village officials

#### Mayor

William D. McLeod

#### Trustees

Karen V. Mills  
Cary J. Collins  
Raymond M. Kincaid  
Jacquelyn Green  
Anna Newell  
Gary J. Pilafas

#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

#### Village Manager

James H. Norris

### Municipal facilities

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### Hours:

Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Saturday, 9 a.m. – noon

#### Bruce C. Lind Police Complex

1200 Gannon Drive

#### Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

#### Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

#### Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Blvd.

#### Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

#### Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

2601 Pratum Ave.

#### Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Ave.

# Keep sidewalks clear of snow

Every winter, children in our community spend time outside enjoying the snow. Likewise, children are able to enjoy the safety of sidewalks, which keep them out of the street and away from traffic. Sometimes, however, snow-packed sidewalks push children into the street, worrying parents, crossing guards and schools.

Residents are asked to consider creating a buddy system with their neighbors to keep the sidewalks clear. Sidewalks near bus stops, crosswalks and schools are areas that attract the most children, and need to be kept clear. Please do not shovel snow from sidewalks or driveways into public streets.

If children need to walk in the street, they are encouraged to take these precautionary steps:

- Walk against traffic and as close to the curb as possible
- Wear brightly colored or reflective gear so you are visible to vehicles
- Wear clothes that allow you to hear what is going on around you
- Travel with a light load to keep your balance
- Before crossing streets, make sure cars see you, and come to a complete stop

By keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice, everyone, especially schoolchildren, can travel safely without having to walk on the street. Please keep sidewalks clear of snow for the children.



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Hoffman Estates, IL

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