

Hoffman Estates Citizen



December 2009

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Public Works gears up for winter



As soon as it starts getting colder, the Public Works Department of the Village of Hoffman Estates prepares for whatever Mother Nature may hurl its way.

The Department has its own weather station with live radar. Supervisors monitor conditions and patterns that help predict when a weather event may arrive in the Village.

As soon as it's determined that a storm is headed our way, key personnel are notified for response.

Everyone in the Department is involved in snow removal and abatement. From answering phones to operating 16 large salting/plowing trucks with 18 other smaller vehicles on over 158 miles of streets and 367 culs-de-sac, each job is important in making the operation successful.

Drivers are assigned specific routes for plowing and salting. Up to 47 drivers may participate during a snowfall event. Major streets are plowed first, then side streets.

Please remember:

- There is no parking allowed on Village streets for eight hours after a two-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

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

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Lacking money for home repairs? Help is available!

Qualified homeowners may be eligible for a zero percent interest-deferred loan up to a maximum amount of \$25,000 with no monthly payments, as long as the homeowner lives in and retains the title to the home.

These loans are part of the Village's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

INCOME TABLE

Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$42,200
2	\$48,250
3	\$54,250
4	\$60,300
5	\$65,100
6	\$69,950
7	\$74,750
8+	\$79,600

**Income limits adjusted by HUD periodically. New limits as of 3/19/09*

Qualifications

- Reside in Hoffman Estates
- Own, live in and have equity in the home you wish to repair
- Do not have money to pay for the needed repairs
- Be current on property taxes and mortgage
- Have a total family income (before deductions) that is not higher than the amounts listed in the following income table

Eligible home improvements

The money can be used to correct code violations as well as unsafe or deteriorated conditions. Loans cannot be used for remodeling or decorating. The following kinds of repairs can be covered: basic structural repairs, roofing, doors and windows, electrical, plumbing, heating, and weatherization.

All loan applications will be considered, and homes will be inspected by a building inspector and North West Housing Partnership (NWHP) staff. If you qualify, you will be assisted with the entire rehabilitation process by the NWHP. To apply, call the NWHP at 847-969-0561, or pick up a pre-application at the Village Hall.

Christmas tree safety tips

Each year, fire departments respond to an average of 210 structure fires caused by Christmas trees. Carefully decorating trees can help make your holidays safer.

Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is identified as fire retardant
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut one to two inches from the base of the trunk
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit
- Add water to the tree stand daily

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory, like Underwriters Laboratories Inc. (UL). Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini-string sets
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. See page 6 for information about recycling your tree.

Recycling scavengers cost you money

A number of Village residents have filed complaints about noise, littering and suspicious persons stealing bottles, cans and larger items from their recycling totes.

Residents report that recycling thieves wake families in the middle of the night, throw newspaper and other materials on the ground, and trespass onto private property.

Since the Village, through the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), has a recycling incentive program, anything taken from the recycling totes takes dollars away from the Village, which are used to keep the overall residential solid waste rates low. Further, scavenging violates the Village's Municipal Code.

The Police Department is working towards reducing the types of complaints related to this problem, and assistance from the public will be very helpful. In the spirit of community policing,

citizens should report persons removing recyclable goods from containers on the street.

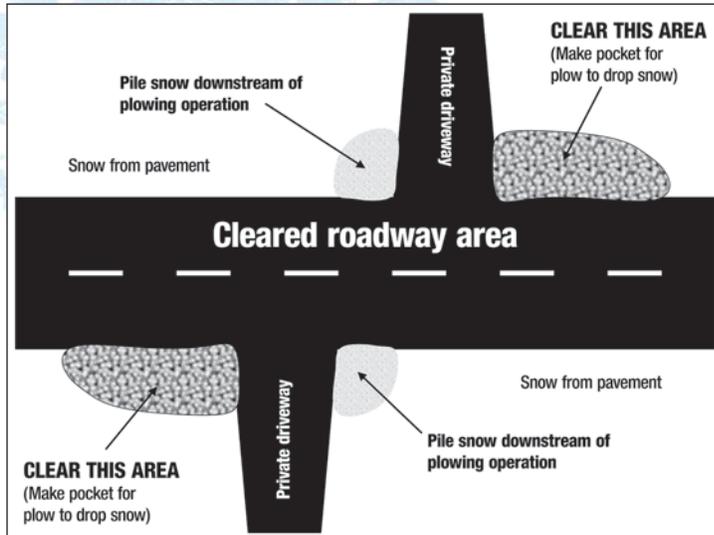
It is important to recycle, and to maintain clean and safe streets. Reducing the incidents of the theft of recyclable goods will result in fewer noise complaints, cleaner and safer streets, and potentially lower service charges.



Winter information

Tips on keeping your driveway clear

When clearing snow from your driveway, 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 is plowed by our trucks will be dumped into that pocket and not back on your driveway.



The Village does not plow Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and county roads. These include:

IDOT:

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

Cook County Highway Department:

- Central Road
- Bartlett Road
- Schaumburg Road
- Bradwell Road
- Bode Road (west of Braintree Drive to Barrington Road)
- Roselle Road
- Ela Road
- Plum Grove Road
- Shoe Factory Road

Winter phone numbers

Hoffman Estates Snow Command: 847-490-6800

Call this number to report a problem. Unfortunately, it is not possible to tell you exactly when your street will be plowed.

IDOT: 312-368-4636

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

Call this number for Tollway information, including problems with fog, snow, ice, high winds and trailer bans. The information is updated every four hours or less, if weather conditions warrant.



A message from Mayor McLeod

As many residents and businesses already know, Hoffman Estates is a great place to call home. We are so proud of the growth that the Village has seen in the past decade.

We are pleased to welcome Mori Seiki U.S.A., Inc., and BIG Kaiser Precision Tooling, Inc., to the roster of businesses in our community. In November, Mori Seiki hosted a grand opening event for their American headquarters and Chicago Technical Center that both showcased their new facility and their innovative product lines. Later in November, BIG Kaiser moved their operations into the Village, and is expected to have a grand opening next spring.



Despite the difficult economic times, it is encouraging to see businesses recognize what so many already know: Hoffman Estates is a great place to both live and work.

If you are a Hoffman Estates business, I am interested in meeting with you to understand the challenges facing your organization. Please contact Emily Kerous at 847-781-2610 to setup a time to meet.

In addition to welcoming new businesses to the Hoffman Estates family, I would also like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season. Please stop by the Sunderlage Farm for the 14th annual Teddy Bear Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. (please RSVP to 847-781-2606 before Monday, Dec. 7).

Also, please note that the Village Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Saturday, Dec. 26, and New Year's Day.

I look forward to working with each of you as we continue "Growing to Greatness" in 2010!

Bill McLeod

Community briefs

In memoriam: John Harmon

Former Village Trustee John Austin Harmon, 91, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Lexington Health Care Center in Schaumburg. He moved his family to Hoffman Estates in 1958, and later became part of the group that led the incorporation of the Village. He served as Village Trustee in the early 1960s, and later, as chairman of the Planning Commission. In 1995, the Village of Hoffman Estates dedicated Harmon Boulevard in recognition of his service to the Village. John was preceded in death by his daughter, Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow, also a Hoffman Estates Trustee. We offer our deepest sympathy to John's family for their loss.

Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

The Cultural Awareness Commission is proud to present the 8th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. The event will be held at the Village Hall.



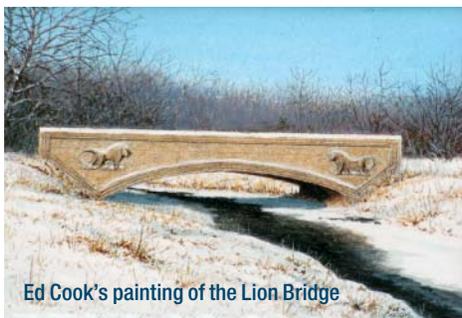
Annual Teddy Bear Holiday Party

The Historical Sites Commission is proud to present its 14th annual Teddy Bear Holiday Party on Saturday, Dec. 12, at 1 p.m. at the Sunderlage Farmhouse located at 1775 Vista Lane. The event will feature stories, prizes and treats for children three to six years old. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Remember to bring your teddy bears! Seating is very limited, and reservations are required. Call 847-781-2606 before Monday, Dec. 7, for reservations. There is no charge for this event.



Ed Cook paintings on display this month

Edward Cook, a famous painter of miniatures, will be the Village's special "Artist in Residence" in December. His paintings will be on display in the Community Art Gallery located in the Village Hall lobby. Cook, a former Hoffman Estates resident, is a member of two prestigious miniature societies – Miniature Artists of America (MAA) and The Whiskey Painters of America (WPA). Cook's paintings of local monuments, including Sunderlage Farm and the Lion Bridge, have also been featured on previous Hoffman Estates collectable holiday ornaments, which are currently available for sale. Stop by the Village Hall this month to see Ed Cook's work for yourself.



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. For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.

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: *I just finished painting my house, and need to get rid of all the paint cans. Where can I bring them?*

A: Good news. It is not necessary to treat latex paint like household hazardous waste anymore. Just let the leftover paint harden (air dry or add sand or kitty litter to speed up the process), and dispose of it with the rest of your household trash.

Send your code questions to Bill Chlebik by phone at 847-781-2646, or by e-mail at william.chlebik@hoffmanestates.org.

Sports coverage on HETV

You may have already noticed that Hoffman Estates TV (HETV) Cable Channel 6 is covering high school sports events. We began in October, covering football games from Conant, Hoffman Estates and Fremd, following Fremd into the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) playoffs. We will continue our sports coverage with other sports throughout the year. We will look for games between schools with Hoffman Estates students (Barrington, Conant, Fremd, Hoffman Estates or Schaumburg), or, if none are available, what we hope will be the best game that week. The games air Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m., and again on Saturday afternoons between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. For more information, call Bruce Anderson at 847-781-2607.



Keep fire hydrants visible

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

Healthy body, healthy mind ... news from Health and Human Services

Child and youth services

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, and \$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: Dec. 7 and Jan. 4
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: Dec. 8 and Jan. 12
Time: Appointments are required

Clinic schedules are available online by visiting www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics.

Smoking cessation classes

Now is a great time to quit smoking. As you probably know, quitting smoking has substantial and immediate health benefits. Smokers who use effective cessation aids can increase their likelihood of quitting permanently. Health and Human Services has partnered with St. Alexius Medical Center to provide affordable smoking cessation classes. Classes run for six weeks, and meet at the Village Hall in the Health and Human Services conference room. Classes begin on Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2010. The cost is \$50 per family (family members are encouraged to quit together). All materials are included in the price. Call St. Alexius at 866-253-9426 to register.



Attention seniors!

The Schaumburg Barn welcomes all Hoffman Estates seniors. Activities include a nutritious lunch program, bingo, sewing club, book club, health clinics, trips and entertainment. The Schaumburg Barn is located at 231 S. Civic Drive in Schaumburg. For more information, call 847-524-7496.

Adult and older adult services

Health and Human Services provides free testing for blood pressure, diabetes and hemoglobin. 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, and costs \$22. 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. For more information, call 847-781-4850.

**Beginning in December, Health and Human Services will no longer offer a basic cholesterol test. We will continue to offer the complete lipid profile test. This is a more accurate measurement of your cholesterol, and gives very comprehensive results.*

- **Schaumburg Barn**
231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg
Dates: Dec. 2 & 16 and Jan. 6 & 20
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.**
(Note: no cholesterol testing at this clinic)
- **Village Hall (main entrance)**
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates
Dates: Dec. 9 and Jan. 13
Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Hoffman Estates Park District Community Center & Ice Arena**
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates
Date: Jan. 18 (no clinic in December)
Time: 11 a.m. to noon
- **Schaumburg Township**
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates
Date: Jan. 21 (no clinic in December)
Time: noon to 1 p.m.

***Clinic time will change to 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning January 2010*

The seasonal flu shot can still help you!

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the best way to avoid getting the flu is by getting a vaccination. Health and Human Services still has seasonal flu shots available for infants, children and adults. Call 847-781-4850 to get your seasonal flu shot today.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

It's that time of year to start planning your spring break vacations. Just a reminder that any travel outside the United States requires a passport. Visit the Village's Web site, www.hoffmanestates.org/passports, to view the requirements and our hours of acceptance.

Contact the Village Clerk's office at 847-781-2625, or e-mail the Clerk at bev.romanoff@hoffmanestates.org.

Growing to Greenness!



Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch,
Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Christmas tree disposal, holiday garbage collection schedule

Tree collection is scheduled for the first two weeks of January 2010. There is no change for Monday or Wednesday garbage collections.

Please remember that all lights, ornaments and artificial decorations must be removed from the tree, plastic disposal bags are prohibited and one disposal sticker must be attached to the tree trunk or branch. Natural 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. Leftover yard waste will also be accepted, provided the required disposal sticker is attached.

Trees can also be dropped off at no charge anytime between Saturday, Dec. 26, 2009, and Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, at the facility maintenance building, 2405 Pembroke Ave., or the field next to fire station 23, 1300 Westbury Drive. Residents may also obtain free wood chips from these trees on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring your own container.

For more information, contact Code Enforcement at 847-781-2631.



Although we find ourselves living in the fast lane in 2009, we can always look back on the Village 50 years ago when life seemed a little bit slower. I recall being home with my children with no means of transportation – we only had one car. When washing, cleaning and other chores were finished, we had to wait for our husbands to get home from work so we could take off for an evening of shopping. Of course, the gas tank was on “E,” but that was never a problem. We had gas stations everywhere.

We didn't call them gas stations – they were service stations, and you never got out of your car. A nice man would come out in the snow and rain and ask if we wanted regular or ethyl. Ethyl was the high-octane gas. Regular was only about 35 cents a gallon. He'd open the hood, check the oil, make sure there was water in the battery (they don't need

to do this now), wash the windows and check the air in the tires if you asked. All for 35 cents a gallon! Now that was service.

We didn't have to drive far to get to our favorite service station. Roselle and Higgins roads had service stations on two corners – Shell on the northeast corner and one on the northwest corner (I can't remember the name). The intersection of Golf and Higgins roads also had two service stations – Standard and Sinclair. Texaco was on the northwest corner of Bode and Roselle roads. Others I recall were Gulf Oil and Sunoco. They were up and down Higgins and Golf roads, and seemed to be at every intersection.

As more Hoffman Estates homes were built, more service stations opened to keep our cars running and filled with gas. We could have brakes, transmissions

and starters fixed. You could find a good mechanic, and trust him to come when you called. A flat tire, a dead battery – he'd be there with his tow truck, and get you on your way in no time. Our mechanic was almost as important as our doctor.

Now, many of the service stations are closed. When we fill up, we have to do it ourselves. We do everything, including freeze in the winter when we stand with the nozzle in the tank.

Oh, for the good old days of service stations, 35 cent gas and a guy who knew everything about your car and could fix it!

E-mail Pat Barch at eagle2064@sbcglobal.net

P.S., we are always looking for pictures from families that moved to Hoffman Estates in the early years. Photos of when your home was being built or when you moved in would be great!

Over the Limit. Under Arrest.

In 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died on our nation's highways in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes. The Hoffman Estates Police Department is joining the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and Mothers against Drunk Driving (MADD) by recognizing December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention month.

Special attention will be made to drunk and drugged driving by increasing Police presence on Village roadways. This increased enforcement effort will continue throughout December to recognize the Department's commitment to provide a safe passage for residents and guests of Hoffman Estates. A reminder is being made to everyone this holiday season to always designate a sober driver before each party or event involving alcohol.

The holiday season is a time for family, friends and festive celebrations. Designating a sober driver or using a taxi are just a couple of simple steps to help avoid a tragic crash or an arrest for impaired driving. The Police Department continues to take a strong stance on traffic safety through enforcement, education and engineering.



December calendar



Tuesday, December 1

- Sister Cities Commission, 7 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, December 2

- Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Museum Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD
- Plan Commission, 8 p.m. at VH

Saturday, December 5

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

*Sunday, December 6

- Veteran's Flag 73: Henry W. Marthinsen, Navy, WWII

Monday, December 7

- Children's Clinic, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VH
- Truth in Taxation Hearing, 7:55 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 8 p.m. at VH

Tuesday, December 8

- Hoffman Baby Clinic, 10 a.m. to noon at VH
- Historical Sites Commission, 5:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Zoning Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, December 11

- Community Health Clinic, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at VH
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD

Saturday, December 12

- Teddy Bear Holiday Party, 1 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Commission for Disabled Residents Luncheon, noon at VH

*Sunday, December 13

- Veteran's Flag 74: William P. Kollias, Army, WWII

Monday, December 14

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, immediately following Standing Committee Meetings at VH

Wednesday, December 16

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH
- Peer Jury, 7 p.m. at PD
- Plan Commission, 8 p.m. at VH

Thursday, December 17

- Commission for Disabled Citizens, 6 p.m. at VH
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m. at VH

*Sunday, December 20

- Veteran's Flag 75: Robert Sutherland, USMC, WWII

Tuesday, December 22

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

Thursday, December 24

- CHRISTMAS EVE, VH CLOSED

Friday, December 25

- CHRISTMAS DAY, VH CLOSED

Saturday, December 26

- VH CLOSED

*Sunday, December 27

- Veteran's Flag 76: Bruce C. Lind, Navy, 1952-1960

Friday, January 1, 2010

- NEW YEAR'S DAY, VH CLOSED

Upcoming event!

Monday, January 18

- Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, 8 a.m. at VH

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.



Sears Centre Arena events

Friday, December 18

- Chicago Bliss Lingerie Football League Game, 9 p.m.

Saturday, December 19

- Gaither Homecoming Christmas Tour 2009, 6 p.m.

Saturday, January 2, and Sunday, January 3

- Notre Dame Shillelagh Hockey Tournament, 3:05 p.m.

Friday, January 15, and Saturday, January 16

- Bad Boys Arenacross, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 28, to Sunday, January 31

- Curious George Live!, various times

For tickets and more information on upcoming events, visit www.searscentre.com.

* 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

Main847-882-9100
Police and Fire9-1-1
Police Administration847-882-1818
Fire Administration847-843-4825
Public Works847-490-6800
Health and
Human Services.847-781-4850
Event Hotline847-252-5443

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*

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive (*new location!)

Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Ave.

Michelle Pilafas wins Studs Terkel Award

The Illinois Humanities Council (IHC) and Mayor McLeod are proud to announce that Michelle Pilafas is the recipient of the 2009 Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award. Ms. Pilafas was nominated for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the humanities in the Village.

“We are so grateful to Michelle for the countless hours of volunteer work that she has dedicated to making the arts and humanities available and accessible to our residents,” Mayor McLeod said. “The programs greatly contribute to our dynamic and vibrant community.”

Ms. Pilafas’ tenure as chairperson of the Arts Commission continues to bring tremendous benefit to Hoffman Estates. In addition to programs executed solely by the Arts Commission, Ms. Pilafas continues to incorporate other commissions and depart-

ments, thereby expanding the reach of the arts throughout the Village. Programs from the past year include the Summer Sounds on the Green concert series, Platzkonzert Germanfest and the new Community Art Gallery in the lobby of the Village Hall.

Named after the prize-winning oral historian and author, Studs Terkel, the award reflects the spirit of this prominent son of Illinois. Recipients were selected for their service in the humanities, which include significant and sustained efforts to further public understanding of, and appreciation for, the humanities at the community level.

For more information about the Studs Terkel Humanities Service Award, please visit www.prairie.org/studsterkelaward, or contact the IHC offices at 312-422-5580.

Michelle Pilafas and her husband Gary



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