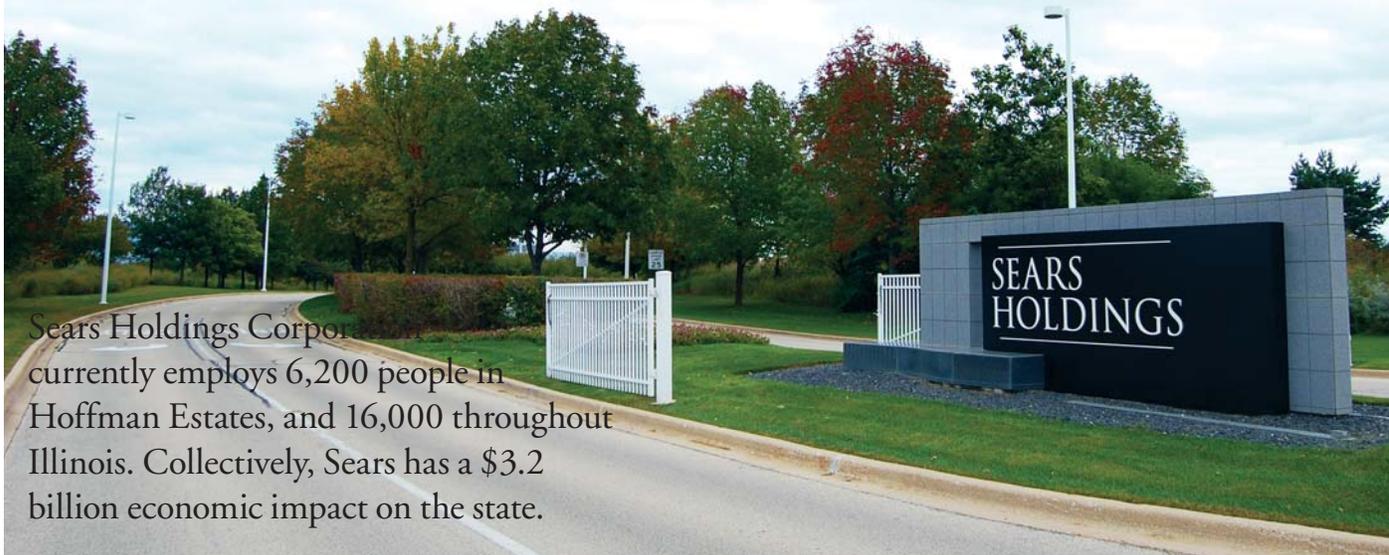


# Hoffman Estates Citizen

February 2012

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

## Sears Holdings Corporation to stay in Hoffman Estates



Sears Holdings Corporation currently employs 6,200 people in Hoffman Estates, and 16,000 throughout Illinois. Collectively, Sears has a \$3.2 billion economic impact on the state.

On Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, Governor Quinn signed SB397 into law as Public Act 97-0636. This law, among other things, extends the Economic Development Area (EDA), and provides tax credits to Sears Holdings Corporation, which will ensure that Sears remains in the Prairie Stone Business Park in Hoffman Estates for at least 15 years.

“Our number one goal when working with legislators on the EDA extension was to keep jobs in Illinois and our Village,” stated Mayor William D. McLeod. “Keeping over 6,000 jobs in Hoffman Estates is a huge step towards strengthening our economic base, and it is a big win for our state.”

State Representative Fred Crespo said, “Thanks to the leadership of Mayor McLeod and the Village, we were able to keep Sears in Hoffman Estates and preserve over 6,000 jobs.”

Sears employees who live in the northwest suburbs spend money in the Village and pay their taxes. If Sears left Illinois, the local economy would be devastated. Imagine 6,200 people leaving the state, not buying products at local stores and, worse, selling their homes. An already difficult economy would be further ravaged by the additional blow.

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# Growing to Greenness!



# Garbage billing information

## SWANCC information videos

Mary Allen, recycling and education director for the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC), answers questions that residents commonly ask in three short videos about recycling and SWANCC's special waste collections.



Think before you throw anything away, and recycle as much as possible. Each individual effort to reduce, reuse and recycle will collectively move all of us closer to a sustainable environment.

The three informational videos can be viewed at [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).

Residential dwelling units are responsible for paying their bimonthly Groot bill for refuse and recycling collection. Homeowners associations (HOAs) are typically **not** responsible for garbage payments. Check with your HOA to determine who is responsible for paying the invoice.

Yard waste disposal requires yard waste stickers to be placed on each yard waste bag or bundle. An annual subscription for unlimited yard waste pickup is available through Groot by calling 800-244-1977 (yard waste pickup is from April to November). Whenever any residence become 60 days delinquent for garbage services, a citation can be filed through the Village's administrative process for failure to pay for services.

As a reminder, garbage and recycling totes, garbage bags, and yard waste bags are not

to be set out at the curb until 6 p.m. the evening prior to your collection day. Totes are to be removed from the curb no later than 10 p.m. the day of your collection. They are to be stored inside a garage or structure, or in the side yard behind the front principal house/building line.

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 appliance from. If the retailer will not dispose of your old appliance, contact Groot at 800-244-1977 to arrange for pickup and disposal. Remember: doors on refrigerators and freezers must be removed prior to the item being set out at the curb for collection. Items requiring special arrangements for collection include stoves, refrigerators, washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces, hot

water heaters, air conditioners, humidifiers, dehumidifiers, large screen TVs and trash compactors, among others. Additional fees may be charged. Contact Groot with any questions about special pickups.

Collections normally falling on or after the following holidays – New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day – will be deferred to the following day during the holiday week. Should any of these holidays fall on a Sunday, they will be observed on the following Monday, with collection deferred to the following day during the holiday week.

If you have any questions about garbage, recycling and yard waste, contact Betty Melligan in the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2640.

## Police warning: recent scams

A resident of Hoffman Estates recently received a letter in the mail claiming that she had won \$50,000 as part of a "Consumer Reward Promotion Draw." The letter contained a realistic-looking check for \$3,150.25, and requested that she wire \$1,930 to a location in London to pay a statutory nonresident tax before she could receive the full reward.

The check, however, was fraudulent.

If the victim had taken the check to her bank and deposited it, the funds would have likely been made available to her before the check was determined to be fake. If she had wired the funds as requested, she would have been responsible for paying her bank back the amount that was removed from her account when the check was determined to be counterfeit (in the above case, \$1,930).

In every instance of this type of scam, the checks appear to be legitimate, and are accepted by banking institutions. The funds are made available because the checks are not identified as fraudulent until the owners of the accounts the checks are drawn on realize that there has been unauthorized checks paid from their accounts. All of the information on the checks belong to legitimate accounts.

Some of the contact methods used by criminals to initiate this kind of fraud include:

- Work-at-home job offers: payroll clerk, secret shopper and customer service evaluator
- Dating websites: some victims have had online relationships with criminals that lasted several months before they started sending money
- Online marketplaces: roommates, subleases, purchases of vehicles or other expensive items
- Online gaming websites
- Unsolicited mail or e-mail

Scams like these are constantly evolving as the criminals, who usually operate from outside the country, find new ways to victimize residents of the United States.

If you receive a suspicious check, contact the Police Department's Investigations Division at 847-781-2810 as soon as possible.



# Sears stays in Village

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Without Sears, the Village would have decreased services, such as fire protection, police and snow plowing in the winter, increased unemployment and higher taxes. The importance of Sears remaining cannot be overstated.

The extension of the EDA will continue to bring other businesses and growth to the area. Because of Sears' presence, 79 businesses have established themselves in the EDA itself, not including the surrounding area (e.g., Poplar Creek Crossing, the Arboretum, etc.). There are also ancillary businesses that are supported by Sears (hotels, restaurants, etc.), as well as those that provide services to Sears. An additional two million square feet of development resulting in 4,000 new jobs has taken place in the EDA because of Sears, with more coming. Without the EDA, the area would still be farmland. The EDA built the roads, water and sewer lines, fire station, and water tower that serve the area.



Sears Holdings Corporation headquarters in Hoffman Estates

Mayor McLeod went on to add, "It was also of vital importance to fund the basic services the Village provides to the EDA. The fire protection, public safety and public works services required to serve the area are the equivalent of those needed for a small town."

Sears Holdings Corporation stated: "We appreciate the efforts of the Village of Hoffman Estates and our local lawmakers in this endeavor, and look forward to continuing to be an important part of this community."

Sears Holding's location in Hoffman Estates is a major financial benefit to the Village not only from a jobs standpoint, but also from the number of room-nights that our hotels benefit from through corporate travel due to Sears. The Village and local businesses also benefit from the spending that Sears associates do in Hoffman Estates stores and restaurants. The northwest suburban region and the state of Illinois also gain from the presence of Sears Holdings, and keeping Sears in Hoffman Estates was of the highest priorities for the Village.

**On behalf of the Village of Hoffman Estates, Mayor McLeod applauds the efforts of Governor Quinn, Senate President John Cullerton, House Speaker Michael Madigan, Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno and House Minority Leader Tom Cross, as well as House Revenue Chairman John Bradley (D-Marion), Minority Spokesperson David Harris (R-Arlington Heights) and Senate Revenue Chairwoman Toi Hutchinson (D-Olympia Fields) on their effort to pass SB397. The Mayor would especially like to thank State Representative Fred Crespo for recognizing the importance of keeping Sears Holdings in Hoffman Estates and in Illinois, and for drafting the original legislation.**



## A message from Mayor McLeod

With the cold and snow, it can be easy to forget about all the fantastic things there are to do in Hoffman Estates in the middle of winter.

For starters, the Sears Centre Arena is now home to an ECHL hockey team, the Chicago Express. With affordable tickets, \$1 hotdogs and \$1 beers for Friday games, an entire area dedicated to children's games, and train rides throughout the concourse, the Express offer a truly excellent family experience. The Sears Centre Arena is also hosting the Cirque du Soleil production of Quidam, a story told through the beautiful and creative artistry of the legendary Cirque du Soleil performers. For more information about these and other upcoming events, visit [www.searscentre.com](http://www.searscentre.com).



Our nationally recognized Hoffman Estates Park District also offers a host of family-friendly activities, including ice skating, classes and winter sports for all ages and abilities. More information can be found at [www.heparks.org](http://www.heparks.org).

The Village is fortunate to have a variety of shopping, dining and entertaining – from national chains to unique, locally owned stores. For a list of restaurants, stores, entertainment venues and upcoming events, go to [www.visithoffman.com](http://www.visithoffman.com).

And if all of these great opportunities don't help you escape the winter blues, take heart – summer is just around the corner! Our Fourth of July Commission has been hard at work all winter long planning the 2012 Fourth of July Festival. I am pleased to let you all know that the Festival will be moved out to the Sears Centre Arena, where we will have plenty of room to expand the celebration, along with extensive parking and easy access via I-90. The Fourth of July parade, however, will still take place on Hassell Road.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns. My direct line is 847-781-2604, and my e-mail address is [bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:bill.mcleod@hoffmanestates.org).

*Bill McLeod*

# Community briefs

## Valentine's Day Luncheon for seniors

Love is in the air! The Commission for Senior Citizens is proud to present a Valentine's Day Luncheon on Friday, Feb. 10, at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. The event starts at noon, with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$8 per person, which includes food and entertainment. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, call 847-781-2606.



## Disposing of electronics

As of Jan. 1, 2012, it is illegal for individuals to dispose of unwanted electronics in their regular trash, and it is illegal for Illinois landfills to accept them. Discarded electronics, including computers, monitors, electronic keyboards, scanners and fax machines, among others, must now be taken to a registered recycler for proper management.

## Fire extinguisher recycling

Fire extinguishers contain chemicals that are under pressure, and have the potential to explode in combination with some materials. They cannot be discarded through your normal curbside garbage collection, and are not accepted at household hazardous waste collection events. To dispose of a fire extinguisher, contact the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) for the closest facility at 847-724-9205, or contact the fire extinguisher manufacturer to see if there is a recycling program in place.



## Outdoor decorative lighting regulations

Outdoor decorative lighting is 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 that residents take lights off their residences as soon as warmer and dryer weather arrives and conditions permit their safe removal. For more information, contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631.



## Help keep signs visible

If you notice a sign down or a street light not working, call Public Works at 847-490-6800 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. to report it.



## Prevent frozen water pipes

If you are planning a winter vacation during the colder 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 changed the motor oil in my car. How do I get rid of the old oil?

**A:** Motor oils, gasoline, car batteries, tires and similar items cannot be thrown out with the regular garbage. Many local automobile service centers will dispose of these materials for a charge. Be sure to call first to confirm that they will accept the material.

Send your code questions to Bill Chlebig by phone at 847-781-2646, or by e-mail at [william.chlebig@hoffmanestates.org](mailto:william.chlebig@hoffmanestates.org).

## Welcome new business!

### ADUSA, Inc.

5407 Trillium Blvd., Suite 290  
Software developer

### Copper and Brass Sales, Inc.

2800 W. Higgins Road  
Sales office

### Goertek USA, Inc.

3100 W. Higgins Road  
Electronics sales office

### Keclik Associates, Ltd.

2200 Higgins Road, #300  
Licensed architect



## Rules of the Road

Refresh your driving skills! The Commission for Senior Citizens will host Rules of the Road on Monday, Feb. 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Health and Human Services' conference room at Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Call 847-781-2606 to register.

## eNews from Hoffman Estates

Sign up for the Village's **confidential** eNews message system at [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org), and click on the "eNews Sign Up" tab on the left, right below the picture bar. You'll be the first to receive news from Hoffman Estates.

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

## Adult and older adult services

Health and Human Services provides an array of affordable health screenings, preventative tests and vaccinations. Blood pressure testing and pulse checks are available at no cost. Diabetes and hemoglobin testing are available for **\$3 per test**. For best results, do not eat at least four hours before the diabetes test. Complete lipid profile testing, Cholestech, is available by appointment only (not performed during the regular adult health clinics), and costs \$22. The test measures total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels, and 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 or to schedule an appointment, call 847-781-4850.

- **Schaumburg Barn**  
231 Civic Drive, Schaumburg  
Dates: Feb. 1 & 15 and March 7 & 21  
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **Village Hall (main entrance)**  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates  
Dates: Feb. 8 and March 14  
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Triphahn Center & Ice Arena**  
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates  
Date: Feb. 20 and March 19  
Time: 11 a.m. to noon
- **Schaumburg Township**  
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates  
Date: Feb. 16 and March 15  
Time: noon to 1 p.m.

## Child and youth services

Health and Human Services offers two monthly child immunization clinics. The cost is \$8 per shot for residents of the Village of Hoffman Estates and Village of Schaumburg, and \$10 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: Feb. 6 and March 5  
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: Feb. 14 and March 13  
Time: Appointments are required

Clinic schedules are available online by visiting [www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/clinics).

## "Go Red For Women"

Please join the American Heart Association in their fight against heart disease in women by wearing red on "National Wear Red Day," Friday, Feb. 3.

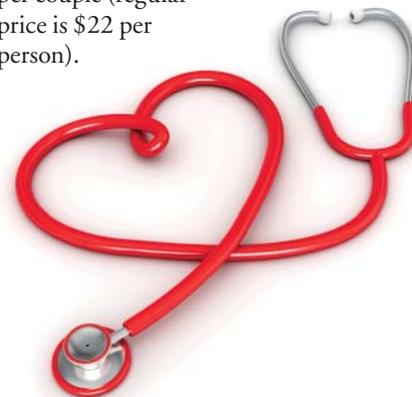
## Anxiety screenings

Are you always feeling stressed out about things in your life? Anxiety not only affects mental health, but it also has a profound effect on physical health. Uncontrolled stress and anxiety have been found to be significant risk factors for heart disease. Becoming aware of the levels of stress in your life can improve both your physical and mental health, and prevent problems from arising in the future. During February, Health and Human Services is providing free, confidential anxiety screenings for all residents 18 years and older. Anxiety screenings will be offered every Tuesday in February from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. No appointments are necessary.



## Heart Health Awareness Month

Heart disease is the number one silent killer in both men and women. It is important to know your risk factors, and to make healthy lifestyle choices to prevent heart disease. Prevention is the key to maintaining a healthy heart. During February, come in with a loved one for a complete lipid profile check (total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, triglycerides and glucose levels), blood pressure and pulse screening for \$40 per couple (regular price is \$22 per person).



By Bev Romanoff  
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

## Clerk's corner

Cook County recently completed a redistricting of congressional, legislative, senatorial and board of review districts resulting in a number of split precincts. To reduce this number and distribute registered voters evenly, precincts were reconfigured. To check if your precinct has changed, you can visit the Cook County Clerk's website, [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com), or call my office.

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

# Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

## Avoid shoveling snow into the street

This year, the Schaumburg Township District Library will celebrate its 50th anniversary. After a humble beginning, the main library is now housed in a 166,501-square-foot facility at 130 S. Roselle Road, with branches in Hoffman Estates and Hanover Park. It's the second largest library in Illinois.

In 1958, Edna Shore, culture chair for the Lakeview PTA, was encouraged to start a planning committee to establish a Hoffman Estates library. Diane Woodhouse served as the first chairman, along with committee members Rev. Albert Harkins, Leonard Peculunas, Bonnie Samuels and Bernice Suttle. The Hoffman Estates Women's Club went door to door collecting books and money for the proposed library. They set a goal of \$550. Residents donated 4,000 books, and Jack Hoffman donated space in the basement of the Hammerstein Farm Community Center. D.E. Allison & Assoc. Architects & Engineers in Roselle drew up plans for the new library, but a fire forced the library had to find

a new home. Mary Zimmerman, principal of Hoffman School, offered a classroom as a temporary home. It opened on April 6, 1961. Pure Oil Co. donated book stacks, John Steffen donated time to remodel the library area and F&S Construction contributed \$500 toward the project.

In 1959, the Village of Schaumburg started a library committee. Mrs. Frank Wiley and Mrs. Fred Groen were members. They, along with the Hoffman Estates library committee, brought the Fox River Valley Regional Library bookmobile to the area. But the bookmobile would soon run out of funds, while the Arthur Hammerstein Library would run out of space. Both committees realized that neither Hoffman Estates nor Schaumburg were large enough to support a library. It was decided to establish a township library, and a referendum was held on Sept. 8, 1962. It was successful, with a vote of 430 for and 69 against.

The Arthur Hammerstein Library committee donated its books and equipment to the

new Schaumburg Township Public Library. An additional 2,000 books would be loaned from the state library. A small house on the west side of Roselle Road, just north of Schaumburg Road, was rented from Mr. Mraz, and the new library opened on Jan. 3, 1963. On that first day, 76 books were checked out, and 19 applications for library cards were filled out.

In 2011, during the busiest month of July, the library checked out an average of 7,716 books each day, or 723 books per hour!

Looking back, we can thank the early residents of Hoffman Estates for their foresight to establish a library for their community. The Schaumburg Township District Library is more than anyone dreamed it would be back in 1958. Today, it is a premier library, and the heart of our community.

Congratulations to the Schaumburg Township District Library on its 50th Anniversary!

E-mail Pat Barch at [eagle2064@comcast.net](mailto:eagle2064@comcast.net).

Did you know that shoveling snow from your driveway into a street that has been previously cleared creates a safety hazard?

Snow blown or shoveled back onto a cleared roadway can refreeze and get compacted by vehicular traffic, which may result in ice buildup on the pavement.

Also, shoveling snow from your driveway onto a street that has not been plowed will result in the snow being pushed back into your or your neighbor's driveway.

The Village's Municipal Code states:

### HE-11-1309 Snow Removal

- A. It shall be unlawful to deposit on public sidewalks or public streets any snow which accumulated upon and is removed from an adjacent private property or from the area between adjacent road line and curb line of the street.
- B. It shall be unlawful to deposit snow on or against any fire hydrant which accumulated upon and was removed from any property.



An example of snow shoveled into the street



Another code violation

So, be a good neighbor and shovel snow away from the street!

## The Great Central U.S. ShakeOut

At 10:15 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7, the Village of Hoffman Estates will participate in the largest earthquake drill ever. The purpose of the ShakeOut is to practice how to protect ourselves during earthquakes, and to be prepared at work, school and home. Everyone can participate! Damaging earthquakes can happen anywhere in the central United States. The goal is to save lives, and prevent disasters from becoming catastrophes. In order to act quickly, you must practice what to do – ShakeOut is that opportunity. Register for free at [www.shakeout.org/centralus](http://www.shakeout.org/centralus), and learn more about what to do. Invite friends and family to practice for their safety, too!

# February calendar



Event and meeting dates subject to change.  
For up-to-date information, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar).

## Wednesday, Feb. 1

- Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 6:30 p.m. at PD

## Saturday, Feb. 4

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

## \*Sunday, Feb. 5

- Veteran's Flag 90: Joseph A. Montag, Army, WWII

## Monday, Feb. 6

- Rules of the Road Class, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at VH
- Children's Clinic, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Feb. 7

- 2012 Great Central U.S. ShakeOut, 10:15 a.m. throughout Illinois
- Celtic Fest Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

## Wednesday, Feb. 8

- Community Health Clinic, noon to 1 p.m. at VH
- Museum Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 7 p.m. at VH

## Thursday, Feb. 9

- Fourth of July Commission, 7:30 p.m. at VH

## Friday, Feb. 10

- Valentine's Luncheon for Senior Citizens, noon at VH

## Saturday, Feb. 11

- Heartsaver AED CPR Class, 8:30 a.m. to noon at Fire Station 22

## \*Sunday, Feb. 12

- Veteran's Flag 1: Chester M. Jason, USMC, WWII

## Tuesday, Feb. 14

- 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, Feb. 15

- Peer Jury, 7 p.m. at PD
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

## Thursday, Feb. 16

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

## \*Sunday, Feb. 19

- Veteran's Flag 2: Elmer L. Wenz, Army, WWII

## Monday, Feb. 20

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

## Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD
- Environmental Commission, 7 p.m. at PWC

## Thursday, Feb. 23

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

## \*Sunday, Feb. 26

- Veteran's Flag 3: John R. Geib Sr., Army, WWII

## Monday, Feb. 27

- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH

## Tuesday, Feb. 28

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

## Wednesday, Feb. 29

- Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

**Village Board Meetings** are held on the **first and third Monday** of each month at 7 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 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 p.m. in the VH Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.

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

**PD:** Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road

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



## Sears Centre Arena upcoming events

### Throughout February and March

- Chicago Express Hockey Games, various dates and times

### Thursday, Feb. 2

- Rock and Worship Roadshow, 7 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 3, and Saturday, Feb. 4

- Professional Championship Bullriders: World Tour Finale VI, 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8, through Sunday, Feb. 12

- Cirque du Soleil: Quidam, various times

### Sunday, Feb. 19

- *\*Home Opener!\**
- Chicago Slaughter vs. Bloomington Extreme, 2:05 p.m.

### Friday, Feb. 24

- Chicago Slaughter vs. Lehigh Valley Steelhawks, 7:35 p.m.

### Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10

- Monster Truck Nationals, 7:30 p.m.

### Saturday, March 31

- Chicago Slaughter vs. Bloomington Extreme, 7:05 p.m.

### Friday, May 11

- Eric Church: The Blood, Sweat, & Beers Tour, 7:30 p.m.

For more information on upcoming events, visit [www.searscentre.com](http://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 411 W. Higgins Road, 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 . . . . 847-781-2800  
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  
Raymond M. Kincaid  
Jacquelyn Green  
Anna Newell  
Gary J. Pilafas  
Gary G. Stanton

#### Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

#### Village Manager

James H. Norris

### Municipal facilities

#### Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

#### Hours:

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

#### Police Department

411 W. Higgins Road

#### 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

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

#### Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

#### Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Ave.

# Residents to **vote** on referendum for **electricity aggregation**

An electricity aggregation program allows municipalities to pool residential and small commercial retail customers together for the joint purchase of electricity. By creating these economies of scale, a community can leverage the buying power of thousands of residents and small businesses in an effort to obtain a lower price for the supply of electricity.

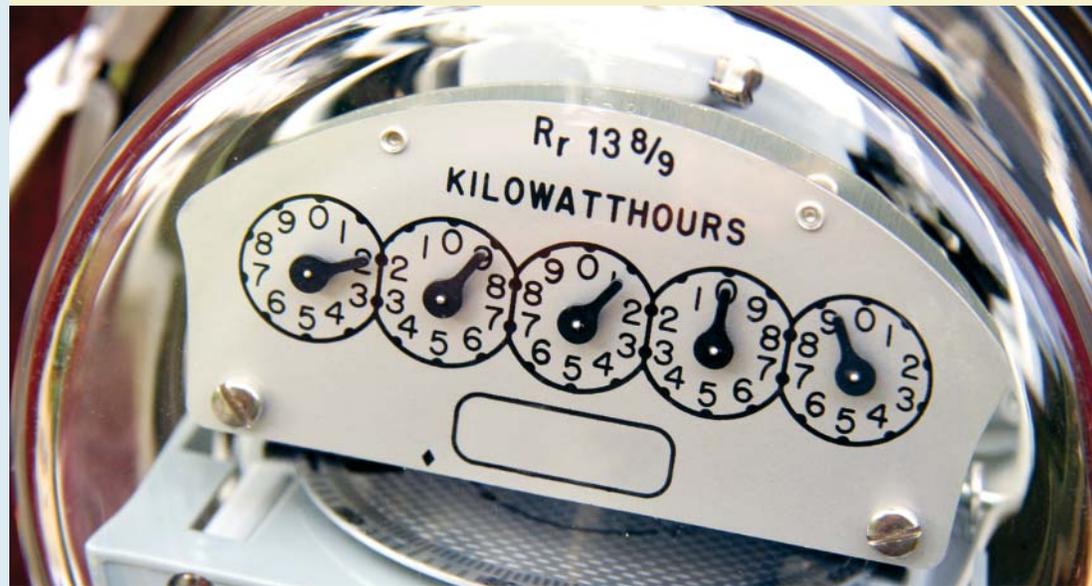
In order for the Village to create a municipal aggregation program, a referendum needs to be approved by a majority of voters. The Village Board authorized the referendum to appear on the upcoming **March 20** ballot. It asks:

Shall the Village of Hoffman Estates have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

Voter approval of the referendum is the first step in the process. If approved, residents and businesses will have the choice to “opt-out” and remain with their current electrical supply provider. Regardless of whichever option residents and businesses choose, ComEd remains the utility provider, and would continue to bill and be contacted for service needs.

A program would likely not become effective until late summer or fall of 2012 at the earliest.

**More information on this important referendum, as well as details of the process and program, are featured on the Village’s website, [www.hoffmanestates.org](http://www.hoffmanestates.org), as well as next month’s Citizen.**



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