

Hoffman Estates Citizen

November 2012

News from the Village of Hoffman Estates



Photo courtesy Lee Hogan

Help prevent **fires**

Careless storage of combustible materials, including gasoline and hoarded paper products, creates additional hazards for first responders. The above fire in the Village of Hoffman Estates caused over \$600,000 in damage

Gasoline

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department warns all residents against the improper storage of flammable liquids. Gasoline is an important part of our everyday lives, but it can be dangerous if not handled properly. Gasoline is highly volatile and extremely flammable. It is perhaps the most dangerous product commonly found around the home.

Sparks and flames can easily ignite gasoline vapors, and it is explosive under pressure. Gasoline should only be used for its intended purpose – as a motor fuel – and stored only when absolutely necessary.

Safe storage of gasoline

Store no more than 10 gallons of gasoline; the less you have around, the safer you'll be. Use only self-venting containers approved by a nationally recognized testing lab (such as, Underwriters Laboratories Inc. [UL]), and always leave an air space for expansion. These containers should be clearly labeled. Keep gasoline containers tightly closed, and handle them gently to avoid spills.

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Growing to Greenness!

Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Large Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program ends Nov. 12

With winter coming soon, the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's (SWANCC) Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program will end on Monday, Nov. 12.



You still have a few days to drop off old computers (PCs and laptops) and computer components (monitors, keyboards, mouse devices, drives, etc.), DVD players, fax machines, MP3 players, printers, scanners, TVs, VHS players, and video game consoles.

Visit www.swancc.org for a full list of acceptable items.

The holidays are fast approaching, which means we'll soon start shopping in earnest and begin thinking about how to decorate our homes. Before the weather gets too cold, many of us head outside to put lights on the house, trees and shrubs. Those who like to put up a fresh tree for Christmas will set out to find the "perfect little tree."

I recently heard a wonderful story about how the Village's first official Christmas tree – the "perfect little tree" – was saved from the chipper.

When our second Village Hall was built at Gannon Drive and Golf Road in 1972, a cute little Colorado spruce was planted on the south side of the new building. Over the years, it grew to become the "perfect little tree." When it got a little bigger, it was chosen to become our first holiday tree. Each November on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the community gathered around the tree for the special

tree-lighting ceremony. The nearby gazebo and surrounding trees were also beautifully decorated. The Public Works Department would spend hours draping lights on the trees – it was a beautiful sight for everyone who drove down Golf Road. It was also the official start of the holiday season for residents of Hoffman Estates.

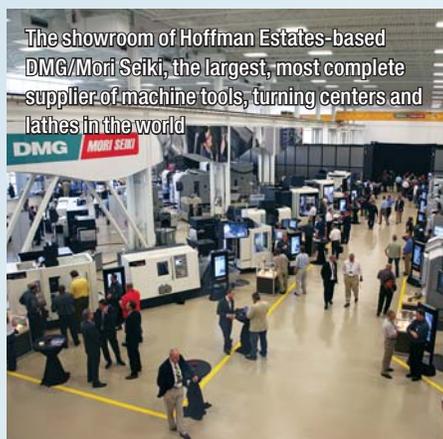
Jodie Mitchell remembered how beautiful the tree was each year. She was born in Hoffman Estates in 1958, a year before we incorporated. Jodie loved to see the Christmas lights on the "perfect little tree." She said that's what everyone called it. As the years went by, life changed in Hoffman Estates. The tree grew, as Jodie did, but when the Village Hall relocated to Hassell Road in 1991, the "perfect little tree" was no longer the Village's official holiday tree.

The old Village Hall (and later Police station) is gone now, and construction will soon begin on a new busi-

ness. When fencing went up around the site, Jodie learned that the now-majestic Colorado spruce was to be destroyed. After contacting the Village, she was referred to Hoffman Estates Park District Executive Director Dean Bostrom who helped her find a home for her special tree. At her own expense, Jodie made arrangements to have the tree moved to the south side of the lake at Evergreen Park, across from Lakeview School. Leopardo Construction was helpful in assisting her with the move. On Friday, Sept. 14, GRO Horticultural Enterprises arrived at Gannon Drive and Golf Road. Within two hours, the "perfect little tree," now 25 feet tall, was carefully and lovingly moved to the park where it will live on thanks to a young girl who grew up with it, and saved it for all of us who loved it too.

E-mail Pat Barch at eagle2064@comcast.net.

Planning assistance awarded to Village for manufacturing workforce development



The showroom of Hoffman Estates-based DMG/Mori Seiki, the largest, most complete supplier of machine tools, turning centers and lathes in the world

The Village of Hoffman Estates is one of 48 communities to be selected for planning support through the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning's (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance (LTA) program. The LTA program is intended to encourage collaboration between municipalities, businesses and local not-for-profit agencies in order to promote sustainable and livable communities.

The I-90/Golden Corridor Manufacturing Group has determined that the region would greatly benefit from a coordinated effort to jump-start interest in today's modern manufacturing environment. Through this technical assistance program, staff support and

guidance will be provided by CMAP to create a strategy for the local manufacturing cluster to improve workforce development and education opportunities. This project is anticipated to begin in 2013.

A top-rated, specialized workforce is an attractive asset in recruiting new manufacturers to the regional industry cluster. With CMAP's assistance, the organization will develop a plan to incorporate more workforce preparatory education in schools, and eliminate duplicative efforts. Funding for this LTA program is provided by the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Help prevent fires

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Preferably, you should store gasoline in a building separate from your house or place of occupancy, such as a well-ventilated shed or detached garage. If you have a portable shed and it's easily movable, consider moving it farther into your backyard away from other structures. If you have to store gasoline in an attached garage, make sure the area is free of clutter. Likewise, storing gas near regular household items is not recommended.

Gasoline should be stored at room temperature away from potential heat sources, such as the sun, a hot water heater, space heater or a furnace, and a least 50 feet away from ignition sources, such as pilot lights. Gasoline vapors are heavier than air, and can travel along the floor to ignition sources. Do not smoke where gasoline is stored, and always keep it out of reach of children.



A portable shed situated on a wood deck adjacent to this Hoffman Estates home created additional challenges and more damage

Hoarding

The Hoffman Estates Fire Department also warns that excessive amounts of stored clutter throughout your home have the potential to generate additional fire hazards. Even if your clothing, papers/records and holiday decorations are organized and stored neatly in bins or containers, they can still be dangerous.

People affected by hoarding behavior experience a wide range of well-being, health and safety issues. Of these, fire represents a significant risk, not only to people who live in these households, but also to their neighbors and responding firefighters.

Hoarding increases the chance of a fire occurring due to the accumulation of combustible materials. These items result in a much higher fuel load that feeds the fire. The weight of stored items in an attic, for example, can place additional strain on support beams, and may cause the structure to collapse. Additionally, narrow internal pathways and blocked exits not only reduce the opportunity for the occupant to self-evacuate, but also severely comprise access for firefighters to facilitate rescue and attack the fire.

All homes have "junk" in them. Do your part to avoid creating fire hazards by cleaning out your storage areas. Do not let clutter, such as old newspapers and magazines, accumulate. Areas used for storage should be kept clean and orderly. Accumulation of trash, rags or debris of any kind is unsafe. Clean out your attic, closets and basements on a regular basis. Don't give fire a place to start. A clean house is a safe house!

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



A message from Mayor McLeod

November marks the start of a season of celebrating and remembering those friends and family that make our lives so special.

In Hoffman Estates, we begin this season with a Veterans Day Ceremony on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 10:45 a.m. at the Police station, 411 W. Higgins. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to the veterans who have served in our nation's military. I hope you can join us as we thank those individuals who have valiantly defended our freedom.

On Wednesday, Nov. 14, our senior citizens are invited to one of our most popular events: the Harvest Luncheon at the Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre. The cost is \$18 per person, which includes food and entertainment, and the event always sells out. Please call 847-781-2606 for more information.

An annual tradition, the Friendship Tree-Lighting Ceremony, will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17, at 5 p.m. at the Village Hall. Complete with fireworks, a choir and a special visitor for the children, this free family-friendly event fills up quickly, so plan to arrive early for a good seat.

Last but not least, the holiday shopping season officially kicks off on the Friday after Thanksgiving. It is my hope that while you're scouring the papers for Black Friday deals, you will consider shopping in Hoffman Estates. Additionally, the Village is promoting our many excellent local retailers with a Small Business Saturday campaign taking place the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Remember: when you shop in Hoffman Estates, 20 percent of your sales tax dollars fund vital local services, including streets, sanitation, snow plowing and public health and safety. For a directory of businesses located in Hoffman Estates, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/businessdirectory.

From my family to yours, I wish you all the best this Thanksgiving!

Bill McLeod



Community briefs

Daylight-Saving Time ends

Reminder: on Sunday, Nov. 4, roll back your clocks one hour.

Veterans Day Ceremony

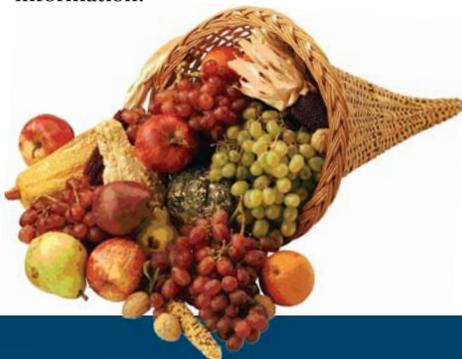
The Veterans' Memorial Commission invites the community to join them on Sunday, Nov. 11, for the Village's annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Veterans Day is set aside to thank and honor all those who served honorably in the military, both in wartime and peacetime. In fact, Veterans Day is intended to thank living veterans for their service, to acknowledge that their contributions to our national security are appreciated and to underscore the fact that all those who served – not only those who died – have sacrificed and done their duty. The ceremony is scheduled to begin at 10:45 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial site located at the Police Department, 411 W. Higgins Road. For more information, call Lt. Greg Poulos at 847-781-2804.

The Hoffman Estates High School marching band performs at last year's Veterans Day event



Harvest Luncheon

Please join the Commission for Senior Citizens for their largest annual event, the Harvest Luncheon. This event will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) at the Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road. The cost is \$18 per person. To register, write the name, address and phone number of all attendees on a sheet of paper. Mail this information to the Commission for Senior Citizens c/o Village Hall (1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169), along with a check payable to the "Village of Hoffman Estates." Call 847-781-2606 for more information.



Free photography workshop

The Arts Commission will be hosting a free photography seminar on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. James Hojnacki, an award-winning professional photographer from Hoffman Estates, will conduct the workshop. Reservations are required as seating is limited, and can be made by calling 847-781-2606. For more information, visit www.hoffmanestatesarts.com.



Free holiday light recycling

The Village will again be accepting holiday lights for recycling from Saturday, Nov. 17, through Monday, Feb. 4, 2013. Drop off your lights during normal business hours at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. For more information, call 847-781-2669.

Computer animation class for kids

The Youth Commission is offering two free "Project Alice" computer animation classes for children ages seven to 12 (beginner level). Both take place on Saturday, Nov. 3. The first session begins at 9 a.m., and the second session begins at 11 a.m. Classes are at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Registration is required as space is limited to 10 students per session. To reserve a spot, call 847-781-2606. A parent or guardian is required throughout the duration of the class.

"Project Alice" animation contest

The Youth Commission is having an animation contest open to all Hoffman Estates youth in grades K-12. Entrants must submit an original animated short (no longer than five minutes) written using either Storytelling Alice, Alice 2.0 or Alice 2.2. Submissions will be judged on creativity, originality and program mastery. Enter for your chance to win a \$100 gift card! For an official entry form as well as a full list of contest rules, e-mail suzanne.leszen@hoffmanestates.org. More information as well as a free copy of the Project Alice application can be found at www.alice.org.

Questions to Code

Q: Is there a specific date that I have to wait for to put up my holiday lights?

A: The International Fire Code (IFC) and National Electrical Code (NEC) only state that temporary wiring is allowed for 90 days. There is no specific starting date.

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

HETV available on Comcast and U-verse

HETV (Hoffman Estates TV) is available on both Comcast cable (channel 6), and AT&T's U-verse (channel 99; scroll through the list of city names, and select "Hoffman Estates"). HETV provides information about the Village, meetings, high school sports and concerts, as well as other educational programs. The schedule is available at www.hoffmanestates.org/hetv. If you are experiencing problems with your service that the provider has not been able to address, call Cable TV Coordinator Bruce Anderson at 847-781-2607 for assistance.

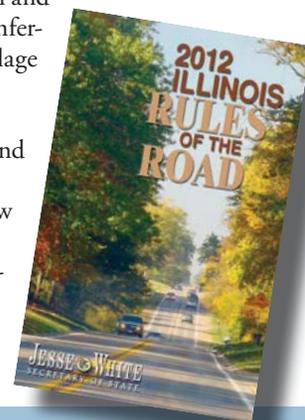


Yard waste collection ends

The last day of yard waste collection by Groot will be Monday, Nov. 26, for residents north of the Tollway, and Wednesday, Nov. 28, for residents south of the Tollway. Special pickup days will be scheduled for Christmas tree collection, and will be announced in the December issue of the Citizen.

Attention senior citizen drivers!

The Commission for Senior Citizens will host "Rules of the Road" on Monday, Nov. 5, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The course will be held in the Health and Human Services' conference room at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Review safe driving techniques and learn what to expect when you go to renew your license. Call 847-781-2606 to register for the course.



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: Nov. 7 & 21 and Dec. 5 & 19
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **Village Hall (main entrance)**
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates
Dates: Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Schaumburg Township**
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates
Date: Nov. 15 (no clinic in December)
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Triphahn Center & Ice Arena**
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates
Date: Nov. 19 (no clinic in December)
Time: 11 a.m. to noon

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: Nov. 5 and Dec. 3
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: Nov. 13 and Dec. 11
Time: Appointments are required

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

Counseling services

Health and Human Services offers professional and affordable counseling services to residents. Call 847-781-4850 for information.

Universal Children's Day

It takes a village to raise a child. Tuesday, Nov. 20, marks U.N. Universal Children's Day, which honors and recognizes children's rights and welfare. This November, help foster child development through encouragement and participation in community activities. Visit www.kidactivities.net for more helpful ways to involve your children in growth-promoting activities.



Diabetes Awareness Month

Did you know that 26 million people in the U.S. have diabetes, and 79 million have pre-diabetes? During November, Health and Human Services is offering glucose screenings for only \$1 at all of our adult clinics. For best results, do not eat at least four hours before the screening. No appointment is necessary. Don't be one of the seven million Americans who remain undiagnosed. Call 847-781-4850 for information.



Great American Smokeout

The American Cancer Society holds the "Great American Smokeout" every year on the third Thursday in November. This Thursday, Nov. 15, marks the 37th event, which encourages smokers to make a plan to quit. Smoking damages nearly every organ in the human body, is linked to at least 15 different cancers and accounts for about 30 percent of all cancer deaths. For more information, visit www.cancer.org.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Are you looking for a unique holiday gift for a longtime Hoffman Estates resident or history buff? The Village has for sale a limited number of books written about the early days of our community titled, "The Village of Hoffman Estates, An Atypical Suburb." Stop by the Village Clerk's office and purchase one today!

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

Welcome **new businesses**

Lacking money for home repairs?



Amy's Hallmark
1199 Barrington Road

A.P. Builder & General Contractor, LLC
2079 Stonington Ave., #A

Cantaritto's Taqueria and Bar
2312 Hassell Road

Chicago Education Project
2353 Hassell Road, #110

Core Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, LLC
2380 Lakewood Blvd.

Hoffman Estates Community Bank
2200 W. Higgins Road

Ophthalmic Consultants of Chicago, LLC
1220 W. Higgins Road, #102

Rent-A-Center (inside CompUSA)
675 W. Golf Road

Stone Eagle Tavern
4680 Hoffman Blvd.



Small Business Saturday

For many, the day after Thanksgiving kicks off the holiday shopping season with door-buster deals and long lines. Hoffman Estates is the proud home to a host of stores and restaurants, both national franchises and chains, along with small independent retailers. In order to support our independent retailers, the Village is hosting a Small Business Saturday event at Golf Center (Golf and Roselle roads) on Saturday, Nov. 24, and is promoting small businesses throughout our community. For details, visit www.visithoffman.com. Please come out on Small Business Saturday to support locally owned, independent retailers and restaurants. For a complete listing of all businesses in Hoffman Estates, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/businessdirectory.

The Village's Single-Family Rehabilitation Program may be able to help. Qualified homeowners may be eligible for a zero percent interest-deferred loan up to a maximum amount of \$25,000 with no monthly payments. These loans are part of Hoffman Estates' Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). To qualify for a loan you must:

- Reside in Hoffman Estates
- Own, live in and have equity in the home you wish to repair
- 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.

INCOME TABLE

Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Gross Income
1	\$42,500
2	\$48,550
3	\$54,600
4	\$60,650
5	\$65,550
6	\$70,400
7	\$75,250
8+	\$80,100

**Income limits adjusted by HUD periodically. New limits as of 2012*

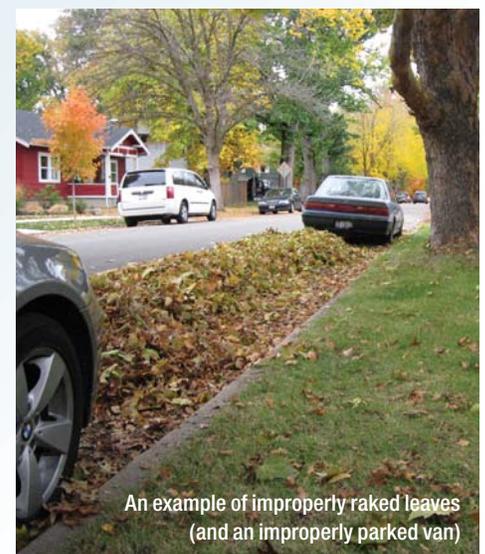
All loan applications will be considered, and homes will be inspected by a building inspector and North West Housing Partnership (NWHP) staff. If you qualify, you will be assisted with the entire rehabilitation process by the NWHP.

For more information or to apply, call the NWHP at 847-969-0561, or pick up a pre-application at the Village Hall. A downloadable pre-application can be found at www.hoffmanestates.org/cdbg by clicking on the green home repairs brochure.

Leaves cannot be raked into the street

As autumn sets in and leaves begin to pile up around the yard, the Public Works Department and the Code Enforcement Division would like to remind you that raking or blowing leaves into the street or curb is a violation of section 7-9-1 C 6 d 1 of the Village's Municipal Code. When leaves are deposited into the street, they can cover storm water grates, preventing water from flowing through the storm water system. Blocked storm inlets provide a greater chance for flooding.

Street sweeping is intended to remove leaves that fall onto the streets, NOT leaves that are raked into the streets by homeowners. Please do not rake, pile or blow debris, leaves or tree branches into the street or near a storm drain. This will prevent leaves and debris from clogging storm drains, which can lead to flooding. Leaves and yard trimmings must be placed in brown yard waste bags with a yard waste sticker attached to them.



An example of improperly raked leaves (and an improperly parked van)

If you have any questions, contact Code Enforcement Officer Betty Melligan by e-mail at betty.melligan@hoffmanestates.org, or by phone at 847-781-2640.

November calendar



Event and meeting dates subject to change.
For up-to-date information, visit www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

Thursday, Nov. 1

- Wings and Wines with Chef Patrick, 7 p.m. at L'Eiffel Bistrot

Saturday, Nov. 3

- Free Photography Workshop, 9 a.m. at VH
- Computer Animation Class for Kids, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at VH

*Sunday, Nov. 4

- Veteran's Flag 39: Omar A. Melamed, Army, WWII
- Children's Cooking Class and Cultural Immersion, 1 p.m. at VH
- Daylight-Saving Time Ends

Monday, Nov. 5

- Rules of the Road, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at VH
- Children's Clinic, 3:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at VH
- Multicourse French Dinner with Wine Pairings, 6 p.m. at Elgin Community College
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

Tuesday, Nov. 6

- *ELECTION DAY*
- Celtic Fest Commission, 5 p.m. at VH
- Cultural Awareness Commission, 7:15 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, Nov. 7

- Utility Commission, 6:30 p.m. at PD
- Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 6:30 p.m. at PD
- Arts Commission, 7 p.m. at VH
- Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m. at VH

Thursday, Nov. 8

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

Saturday, Nov. 10

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

*Sunday, Nov. 11

- Veteran's Flag 40: Thomas W. Christian, USAAF, WWII
- Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:45 a.m. at PD

Monday, Nov. 12

- Road Improvement Impact Fee Traffic Advisory Commission, 5 p.m. at VH
- Green Initiatives Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7 p.m. at VH
- Large Electronics Recycling Drop-off Program Ends

Tuesday, Nov. 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, Nov. 14

- Harvest Luncheon, noon at The Stonegate
- 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

Thursday, Nov. 15

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

Saturday, Nov. 17

- Friendship Tree-Lighting Ceremony, 5 p.m. at VH

*Sunday, Nov. 18

- Veteran's Flag 41: Henry W. Dietz, Army, WWII

Monday, Nov. 19

- Emerging Technologies Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, Nov. 21

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

Thursday, Nov. 22

- *THANKSGIVING, VH CLOSED*

Saturday, Nov. 24

- *VH CLOSED*

*Sunday, Nov. 25

- Veteran's Flag 42: Arthur Richoz, Army, WWII

Monday, Nov. 26

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

Tuesday, Nov. 27

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

Wednesday, Nov. 28

- Celebrations Commission, 5:30 p.m. at VH
- Police Explorers, 6:45 p.m. at PD
- Yard Waste Collection Ends

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.



Saturday, Nov. 3

- Cheeribean: 2012 Cheer and Poms Competition, 8 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 9

- Alan Jackson, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

- Mythbusters: Behind the Myths Tour, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 17

- XFO 46, 5:30 p.m.

*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.

Winter Weather Preparedness Week

Sunday, Nov. 11, through Saturday, Nov. 17 is Winter Weather Preparedness Week in Illinois.

During the winter, it doesn't take much precipitation of any kind to create treacherous and, in some cases, life-threatening conditions. Do you know how to protect yourself from dangerous situations that arise when hazardous weather strikes? If not, now is the perfect time to prepare yourself and your family before you're left out in the cold.

Make sure you have plenty of non-perishable food, drinking water, a battery powered National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio and a portable AM/FM radio, flashlights,

medication, and a first aid kit. Also, have a plan for warmth and safety in case you lose power and heat.

Create a kit for your vehicle with many of the same items. Also include extra clothing, blankets, a tow rope, jumper cables, sand or cat litter and basic tools. If you ever become stranded, pull as far to the side of the road as possible, turn on your hazard lights and make sure your vehicle's exhaust pipe is not blocked by snow. Run your engine and heater for 10 minutes every hour to keep warm.

For more information, contact the Village's Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Nichole Collins at 847-843-4839, or visit www.ready.illinois.gov.



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