

Neighborhood Speed Watch



Neighborhood Speed Watch Goals

- ◆ Help to resolve resident concerns regarding speeding on residential streets.
- ◆ Allow residents to play an active part in traffic speed assessment.
- ◆ Draw attention to the difference between actual speeds on residential streets, as measured by radar, and perceived speeds of vehicles.
- ◆ Encourage speeders to slow down on residential streets through both education and peer pressure.

How the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program Works

- ◆ Concerned residents interested in taking part in this program should contact the Department of Development Services Transportation and Engineering Division.
- ◆ Residents wanting to proceed with the program are briefed on the requirements expected of them. This may include the distribution of an educational pamphlet throughout the neighborhood and participation in the collection of speed data along the street.
- ◆ A member of the Department of Development Services Transportation and Engineering Division along with the resident will collect speed data, using

radar, on the street in question, at the time when speeding is considered a problem.

- ◆ The license plate number and the description of the vehicle, as well as the time and location of the observation, will be recorded for all vehicles traveling at excessive speeds.
- ◆ The Police Department will cross check the official vehicle description with the description provided by the NSW. A letter will be sent to the registered owners of all matched vehicles. The letter explains that a driver of the vehicle was observed to be traveling in excess of the speed limit on a specific street at a specific time. The notification letter would clearly state that it is not a citation for a moving violation and that the driver is not required to pay a fine or appear in court. Rather it is a method to raise the driver's awareness of the need to exercise due care when traveling on residential streets.

One of the most frequent requests made to the Village of Hoffman Estates Department of Development Services is concern about speeding along residential streets. The Neighborhood Watch Program (NSW) was developed to help address this issue.

The NSW is a public awareness program which allows residents to participate in recording speeds along residential streets. The program also helps to educate residents on identifying excessive speed. NSW Program notifies the registered owners of vehicles observed traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. It is a program in which concerned citizens can play an active role in helping solve the speeding problem in their neighborhood by informing drivers about the importance of complying with traffic regulations.

If you or your neighborhood wishes to participate in the Neighborhood Speed Watch Program or have any questions or comments, please call the Department of Development Services Transportation and Engineering Division:

847-252-5800

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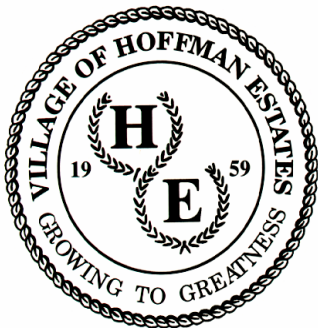
Everyone is concerned about speeding. It is every driver's duty to exercise due caution when driving through residential neighborhoods and in all areas.

A successful solution to the problem depends upon a cooperative effort among all drivers.

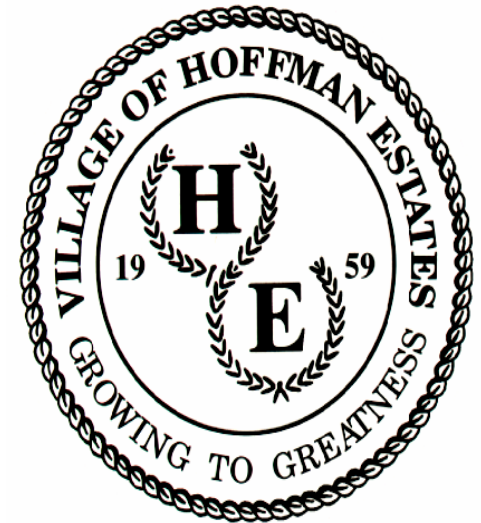
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