

Hoffman Estates Citizen

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News from the Village of Hoffman Estates

Village to provide energy audit service

The Village of Hoffman Estates has developed a Residential Energy Audit Program for Hoffman Estates residents

A home energy audit is a comprehensive review of your home's energy systems to ensure that they are working efficiently and in harmony with one another.

An energy audit measures air leakage, locates deficiencies of insulation and identifies indoor air quality safety issues to help create a safe and healthy home environment.

The Hoffman Estates Residential Energy Audit Program is for residents who own and occupy a home built prior to 1990.

Over 12,000 homes in Hoffman Estates were built before 1990 – prior to the establishment of modern energy codes. Due to exposure to the elements, deterioration of building materials and the development of modern energy-efficient materials and energy codes, older homes are less energy efficient than newer homes. Therefore, if your home is more than 20 years old, it would be a prime candidate for a home energy audit. Further, you could save an average of up to 35 percent on your current energy bills.

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Historian's notebook

By Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Village Historian

Backflow preventer testing

Everyone has heard that old saying, "Here today, gone tomorrow." It seems that as time speeds by, we think more of the past.

I was recently asked to find old photographs for a couple who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary to share as part of a surprise album. I realized how few there were, and how special it was when I found them in various places, such as my closet and desk drawers. I began to think of how much has gone from our lives, and how precious pictures are.

The same is true of our Hoffman Estates history. It is still alive because of the wonderful pictures that have been saved and shared with the Village and myself.

Several of the older settlers who have long since moved away have shared pictures of the days when they farmed in Hoffman Estates. The Meyer family provided wonderful pictures of their farm on Higgins Road, located on the south side of the street just

west of Gannon Drive. We have a picture of great-grandmother Greve at her spinning wheel, which was later donated to the Hoffman Estates Museum. When you look at the spinning wheel and the photo together you can imagine how difficult life was for the women on the farms. The picture of the entire family standing in a formal pose in front of their barn gives you some idea of how proud they were of their farm.

Another farmer who still lives in his 100-year-old house gave me permission to scan and save pictures of a barn-raising back at the turn of the century. On the back of the picture, it states, "We had a barn dance in the new barn that night." The photo shows a large number of men and women gathered in front of the barn halfway through its construction. The barn is gone now. It was demolished in 1971 when the land was obtained by the Forest Preserve District of Cook County. We also have the pictures of the barn being demolished.

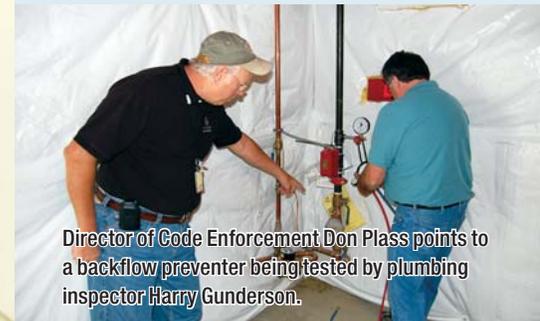
We received wonderful pictures of the first families moving into their homes in parcels A, B and C in the mid-1950s. Several families were so excited about their new homes that they drove out each evening after work or on weekends to photograph the progress of the home. One particular set of pictures tells the story of a home from foundation to the day furniture was moved in.

These wonderful pictures are invaluable. That our residents and builders shared them with us is the reason why we, in turn, can share them with you. Please consider sharing your history with us. Search those drawers and closets and join the others who have been kind enough to pass along their special photos. With our new technology, they can be scanned and returned promptly.

And don't forget your stories – there's usually one for every picture!

E-mail Pat Barch at eagle2064@sbcglobal.net

A residential backflow preventer is a mechanical device that stops water, which is in either a fire suppression or lawn irrigation line, from entering the home's drinkable water supply. Without a backflow preventer, a drop in the Village's water pressure could cause water in a fire suppression or lawn irrigation systems to be sucked back into the drinking water. A backflow situation like that could cause health problems.



Director of Code Enforcement Don Plass points to a backflow preventer being tested by plumbing inspector Harry Gunderson.



The annual testing of backflow devices is required by the Village, state and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A certified tester is required to conduct the annual test because properly calibrated gauge equipment is the only way of making sure there is no contamination and that the device is working properly.

The Village of Hoffman Estates has recently certified the Village's plumbing inspector as a backflow preventer tester. The Village Board has approved a program that allows residents to have their backflow preventers tested through the Village for the cost of \$45 for one, and \$60 for both fire and lawn irrigation devices. Contact the Code Enforcement Division at 847-781-2631 for more information.

Taxi Discount Program

The Village has a free Taxi Discount Program open to all eligible residents who meet the registration criteria. If you are 60 years or older, have a disability or meet income criteria, you can register. Participants receive 10 coupons each month, and each coupon is valued at \$5.



The response to this Taxi Discount Program has been positive. Residents can use their coupons to go to doctor appointments, the grocery store and the airport. Your taxi ride must either begin or end in Hoffman Estates to use a coupon, which can be used for rides through three taxi companies.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment for your ID, call 847-252-5800. Registrations are also accepted at the Health and Human Services Department at the Village Hall. Program details can be found on the Village Web site under "Public Transit," here: www.hoffmanestates.org/transportation.

Community briefs

Tartan Day parade follow-up

On Saturday, April 10, the Village held its second annual Tartan Day parade down Prairie Stone Parkway near the Sears Centre Arena. We are pleased to announce that the following parade entrants won special awards:

- Special Recognition: Warriors' Watch Riders
- Mayor's Cup: St. Alexius Medical Center
- Drummers: Crystal Lake Strikers Drumline
- Patriotic: Tunes of Glory Pipes and Drums
- Youth Entry: Music Performing Arts (MPA) Drumline
- Jr. Marchers/Dance Troupe: Grupo Folklórico Quetzal
- Unusual Entry: The Maastrichtse Verkennersband
- Unique Entry: Tebala Dresser Shrine Club
- Sr. Color Guard: Ellsworth Meineke American Legion Post 1983
- People's Choice: Michigan City Soul Steppers
- Hometown Favorite: Latin Zest – Boliviamanta Dance Ensemble
- Dance/Specialty Group: Rebecca McCarthy School of Dance
- Bagpipe Band: Chicago Stock Yard Kilty Band

Thanks to all parade participants for their contribution!



BIG Kaiser's new headquarters, 2600 Huntington Blvd.

BIG Kaiser grand opening

Hoffman Estates is very excited to welcome another Japanese precision tool maker to the community. BIG Kaiser Precision Tooling, Inc., recently opened their 33,000-square-foot headquarters in the Village. BIG Kaiser is a subsidiary of Heinz Kaiser AG, which is a worldwide leader in the development and manufacture of precision boring tools and modular boring systems of unmatched quality. BIG Kaiser professionals compliment the world's finest tools with world class service and sales support. The building is located in the Huntington Woods Corporate Center, just north of I-90 near the AT&T headquarters. It joins its neighbors DMG Mori Seiki (which opened in 2009) and Fanuc. The area is fast becoming a "Who's Who" of international tool makers and robotics companies. We wish BIG Kaiser many years of continued success!

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A message from Mayor McLeod

Summertime in the Village is always full of fun, family-friendly activities that everyone can enjoy, and this June is no exception. Be sure to mark your calendars because you won't want to miss any of these fantastic summer events:

- **Sears Centre Arena Open-Air Market**: Starting on Sunday, June 13, the Sears Centre Arena will host its first ever open-air market, which will be open every Sunday through Oct. 31, 2010. The market will feature some of the best elements of farmers markets, antique shows and flea markets.
- **Summer Sounds on the Green**: Our very popular "Summer Sounds on the Green" concert series kicks off on Thursday, June 17, at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Mary Hayter Village Green Amphitheater with the Chicago Outskirts. The concert series is a free event and open to the public, so bring your lawn chairs and a blanket and enjoy the show!
- **Arts & Crafts Fair**: Back by popular demand, the Village is proud to host its annual Arts & Crafts Fair at the Police Station on Golf Road and Gannon Drive. Stop by on Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, to enjoy some of the area's best artists and crafters. For more information, call 847-781-2606.

For a listing of additional upcoming events, please visit www.hoffmanestates.org/calendar.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all of the volunteers and corporate sponsors that made our Tartan Day Parade in April a great success. Sponsors of the parade included: Alfred G. Ronan, LTD; Arnstein & Lehr LLP; Charter National Bank and Trust; Chicago Marriott Northwest; Groot Industries, Inc.; Mercedes Benz of Hoffman Estates; Motor Werks Infiniti; Sears Holdings Corporation; State Representative Fred Crespo; The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre; and Woodfield Nissan.

Last, but not least, as a proud stepfather of eight children and a grandfather of six (with one on the way), I'd like to wish all of the fathers in the Village a very happy Father's Day on Sunday, June 20!

Bill McLeod

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Community Fishing Derby

The Hoffman Estates Chamber of Commerce and the Sears Holdings Corporation present the annual Community Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 12, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is the biggest fishing derby in Illinois, and it will be held at South Ridge Lake, located at 1450 Freeman Road. There are three age groups: ages two through six, seven through 16 and adult. The cost to fish is \$3 for preregistration before June 9, and \$5 for onsite registration. For more information, call 847-781-9100.



Anglers fish South Ridge Lake

Sunday afternoon at the Sunderlage Farmhouse

Learn about Hoffman Estates history! This Historical Sites Commission-sponsored free event will be held at the Sunderlage Farmhouse on the corner of Volid Drive and Vista Lane on Sunday, June 27, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a free petting zoo, tours of the house and refreshments. The Schaumburg Township Historical Society will be on hand to provide historic information.



Historic Sunderlage Farmhouse

Save the date!

AARP driver safety classes will be held:

Monday, June 14, and
Wednesday, June 16
(must attend both days)
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Police Department Training Room

\$12 for AARP members; \$14 for nonmembers

For more information, contact
Karen Cardoza at 847-781-2815.

Computer animation class for kids

The Youth Commission is pleased to offer two free "Project Alice" computer animation classes for children of Hoffman Estates residents ages seven to 14. Both sessions will take place on Saturday, June 5. The first session will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the second session will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Classes are held at the Village Hall, 1900 Hassell Road. Registration is required as space is limited to 10 students per session. To reserve a spot, call 847-781-4866, or e-mail monica.saavedra@hoffmanestates.org. A parent or guardian is required throughout the duration of the class. Light refreshments will be served. Project Alice is an innovative 3-D programming environment created specifically to teach fundamental programming concepts to young children through animation. More information of Project Alice can be found at www.alice.org.



Junior Police Academy Camp

From Tuesday, June 22, through Friday, June 25, the Hoffman Estates Police Department will be offering a scaled-down version of its popular Citizen Police Academy to local 6th, 7th and 8th graders called the Junior Police Academy Camp. Organized and presented by Officer Lisa Notarnicola and Police Explorer Post members, the Junior Police Academy Camp will provide younger students with a hands-on understanding of police work through supervised instruction and interaction with the Explorers. Topics include juvenile law, Internet safety, bullying, cell phone safety, bicycle safety, juvenile-related ordinances and K9 patrol. Daily sessions from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. during this weeklong program will be conducted at the Police Department Training Room and surrounding grounds, 1200 Gannon Drive. There will be no cost to attend the Junior Police Academy Camp. Those interested in attending should contact Officer Notarnicola by phone at 847-781-2873, or by e-mail at lisa.notarnicola@hoffmanestates.org.

Questions to Code

Q: Hello. My name is Zachary, and I am nine years old. At the corner of Whispering Trails Drive and Bolleana Court, there is a problem. My brother and I wait for the bus each day, and we noticed a very large homets' nest in a tree by the corner. It is about the size of a watermelon, and it moves a lot. It is gray with a big hole on the bottom. I told my dad and he told me to write this e-mail to the Village to see if they could get rid of it. We don't want to get stung. It is about 10 feet up in the tree on the north side of the street. Could you send someone to get rid of it?

A: Thank you for letting us know about the nest. Because this is a parkway tree (on the Village easement), we contacted our exterminator to remove it. A gift compliments of the Hoffman Estates Fire Department is coming your way.

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

Household hazardous waste disposal

Cleaning out your garage or shed? Household hazardous waste is not permitted to be dumped in landfills or down the drain. Chemicals and hazardous materials must be disposed of properly at an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) collection site. Contact the IEPA at 217-785-8604 to verify materials being accepted. The closest collection facility is located at: Naperville Fire Station 4, 1971 Brookdale Road in Naperville. They are open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 630-420-4190.



Fourth of July garbage collection

July 4 is a Sunday this year, which means garbage, recycling and yard waste collection will be on your normal collection day. Garbage bags, garbage and recycling totes, and yard waste bags are all prohibited from being set out prior to 6 p.m. the evening prior to your collection day. Residents could receive a citation for violating this Village ordinance.

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: June 2 & 16 and July 7 & 21
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- **Village Hall (main entrance)**
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates
Dates: June 9 and July 14
Time: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Schaumburg Township**
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates
Date: June 17 and July 15
Time: noon to 1 p.m.
- **Hoffman Estates Park District
Community Center & Ice Arena**
1685 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates
Date: June 21 and July 19
Time: 11 a.m. to noon

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: June 7 (no clinic in July)
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: June 8 (no clinic in July)
Time: Appointments are required

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

Meningitis clinics

Beginning in July, Health and Human Services will offer Meningitis shots for college-bound students. The vaccine is recommended for all teenagers, especially first-year college students who will be living in a dorm. The vaccinations are available by appointment only. Call 847-781-4850 for more information. Shot records are required.



Steps to enhancing your relationship

And they lived happily ever after ... with a mortgage, kids and job stress?! Get the true story on how to enhance your relationship. Health and Human Services is offering a 10-week Couples Connection Workshop that is designed to help couples strengthen their relationship. Learn research-based skills and methods, and develop insights that will enhance your friendship, intimacy and help you resolve conflict in a healthy and productive way. The Couples Connection Workshop will be held on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. from June 14 through August 16. Registration is required, and space is limited. There is a \$10 fee per session. To register, call 847-781-4850.

Counseling services

Health and Human Services offers professional counseling services to residents. Fees are affordable for all households, and are provided on a sliding scale based on household income. For more information, call 847-781-4850.



By Bev Romanoff
Hoffman Estates Village Clerk

Clerk's corner

Warm weather and recent spring storms have brought numerous solicitors to our Village. Please be aware that all solicitors need to be licensed through the Village, and must wear a Village-issued ID badge at all times. They may not approach a home that has a "No Solicitors Invited" sticker displayed. If you do not already have a sticker and would like one, they are available at the Village Hall.

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

Residential Energy Audit Program

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Beyond the financial savings, other reasons for having a home energy audit include increasing the comfort and health of your home environment. Imagine your home without draftiness or the upstairs being as cool as the main floor in the summer. Increasing your energy efficiency and improving ventilation will give you greater enjoyment from your home.

Village energy analysts are Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified. The first thing the energy analyst will do is sit down with you and review past utility bills, and talk about any concerns you may have with comfort, safety and allergies. They will ask basic questions about your house, and then perform the assessment using state-of-the-art equipment. Once completed, you will receive a printed report that includes suggestions on how you can make your home healthier, safer, more energy efficient, comfortable and durable. You can do the improvements yourself, or hire a contractor to perform the work. After improvements are complete, the energy analyst will return to conduct a brief test to determine how the improvements have helped.

Through the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), the Village was awarded funding to conduct these energy audits. The grant paid for the equipment and training necessary to conduct energy audits for Hoffman Estates residents and energy inspections required by the state's new Energy Code. A typical home energy audit may cost over \$600. The grant has allowed the Village to provide this service at a much lower rate of \$100, with \$50 refunded to the resident



Inspector John Cumpek scans a window for air leaks using an infrared camera



Infrared display

if one of the recommended improvements is implemented. The other \$50 returns to the Residential Energy Audit Program to help continue the program beyond the grant-funded period.

Improvements such as improving roofs, insulation and windows could be eligible for a 30 percent tax credit, or up to \$1,500 if the projects were completed in 2009 or 2010. An energy audit alone does not ensure eligibility for the Federal Tax Credit; however, energy efficiency improvements made as a result of the energy audit could be eligible. Please check with www.energytaxincentives.org or www.irs.gov to see if your project would be eligible.

Call the Village at 847-781-2631, or visit www.hoffmanestates.org/green, to find out more about the Residential Energy Audit Program.

Japanese beetle information

Japanese beetles continue to be a problem for residents of northern Illinois, including Hoffman Estates. The beetles are approximately 3/4-inch long, and can be easily recognized by their blue/green/copper/silver metallic color. In their larval stage, the grubs develop in the soil, feeding on the roots of various plants and grasses, often damaging turf in lawns, parks, golf courses and pastures.

Adult beetles feed on the foliage and fruits of several hundred species of fruit trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, vines, and crops. Leaves of affected trees will appear to be eaten with only the veins of the leaves remaining (skeletonized) which make the leaves appear similar to lace.



Japanese beetles feed on more than 300 different plant varieties, making them difficult to control.

As the impact of Japanese beetles is currently more of an aesthetic issue – and typically not detrimental to the health of trees – Hoffman Estates does not treat Village-owned trees for this issue. If you notice Japanese beetles have impacted your trees or lawn, the following treatments are available:

Trees can be treated professionally with a foliar application or an injected systemic insecticide. Residents can also apply a soapy water mixture to affected plants. To eliminate Japanese beetles at their larval stage, a granular turf grub control treatment early in the growing year will reduce and control the adult populations.

Please share this information with your neighbors, as the Japanese beetle may migrate to your yard even if you have performed preventative treatment. For more information, visit www.aphis.usda.gov/lpa/pubs/pub_phjbeetle04.pdf.

Cancer Survivors' Awareness Month

In support of Cancer Survivors' Awareness Month, Health and Human Services encourages everyone to participate in the Relay for Life of Hoffman Estates from 6 p.m. on Friday, June 4, to 6 a.m. on Saturday, June 5, at the Prairie Stone Sports & Wellness Center, 5050 Sedge Blvd. Cancer survivors will begin creating a Chain of Hope – a piece of art designed by those impacted by cancer – and will carry this chain during a "Survivors Lap" around the track. The chain will continue at Village Hall. We encourage you to add to the chain by visiting Village Hall and adding a link. The Chain of Hope will be on display during June.



For more information, contact Alissa Simon at 847-781-4858.



Village of Hoffman Estates Fourth of July Festival 2010



July 1 to July 5



Village Hall grounds, 1900 Hassell Road
Free parking at ADP building and Muir School

Entertainment, carnival, parade, fireworks, food and more!

The Buckingham
July 3, 9:30 p.m.



Fourth of July **HOTLINE:**
847-252-5446

Sponsored by



Arts & Crafts Fair June 26 and June 27

The Arts & Crafts Fair is on Saturday, June 26, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the weekend **BEFORE** the Fourth of July Festival. It will be held on the Police Department grounds, 1200 Gannon Drive, at the corner of Gannon Drive and Golf Road. Free parking will be available onsite and at Hoffman Estates High School.



Village of Hoffman Estates Fourth of July Festival, July 1 to July 5, 2010

THURSDAY, JULY 1

Carnival Only

6 p.m. to 10 p.m., wristband hours till 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

Carnival

6 p.m. to 11 p.m., wristband hours till 8 p.m.

Pony rides

6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bingo with cash prizes

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

🎵 One More Song

The best rock and pop covers past and present

7:15 p.m.

🎵 Kashmir

"The Led Zeppelin Show"

9:15 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Children's bike parade assembly

8:45 a.m.

Fourth of July Parade on Hassell Road

"Home Town U.S.A."

9 a.m.

Carnival

11 a.m. to 11 p.m., wristband hours 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Billy the Balloon Guy

Twisted balloon creations as Billy roams the festival

Noon to 6 p.m.

▲ DJ "Jimmy Mac"

Calling all kids – request your favorite songs

Noon to 4 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JULY 3 [continued]

■ Drop off cooking contest entries

Chili, salsa, brownies

1 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

■ Judging of cooking contest

1:30 p.m., winners announced at 2 p.m.

Pony rides

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Bike auction

Viewing at 2 p.m., live auction at 2:30 p.m.

▲ Face painting

2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

■ TNZ Magic Show

3 p.m.

Bingo with cash prizes

1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

■ Comedy Hypnosis by Cheryl

5 p.m.

🎵 The Volcanoes

A fresh approach to classic rock and roll

7:30 p.m.

🎵 The Buckingham

Popular recording artists

9:30 p.m.



🎵 Main stage

■ Food tent

▲ Activity tent



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SUNDAY, JULY 4

Carnival

1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Diaper derby

*Open to children under 12 months old
Must be crawling only – no walkers*
1 p.m.

▲ DJ “Jimmy Mac”

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Pony rides

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Bingo with cash prizes

1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Pie-eating contest

*How fast can you eat a pie?
Categories include 11-17 years old, and 18 years and older*
2 p.m.

▲ Face painting

2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Water balloon toss contest

3 p.m.

■ Bags tournament

Sponsored by Rookie’s All-American Pub & Grill

Signup required prior to the event

Two (2) per team, \$10 entry per team

- 1st place: \$150 and two bags board sets
- 2nd place: \$100
- 3rd place: gift certificate

3 p.m.

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SUNDAY, JULY 4 [continued]

■ TNZ Magic Show

3 p.m.

■ Comedy Hypnosis by Cheryl

4:30 p.m.

♪ Jonathan Devin & New Country

Music from America’s heartland

6:30 p.m.

♪ CoverGürl

High-powered party rock!

8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Fireworks Display

9:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 5

Village Bicycle Ride

Join the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a family bike ride, starting at the John Muir Literacy Academy
9 a.m.

Carnival

1 p.m. to 8 p.m., wristband hours till 5 p.m.

*No beverage cans,
glass bottles, pets, bicycling,
roller skating, inline skating
or skateboarding allowed on
festival grounds. Thank you!*



Food vendors

Game On Dawg
Grampy’s Kettle Korn
Home Bakery & Festivals
Jerseys Pizza & Grill
Jockey Wok ‘n’ Rolls
Katie’s Concessions
The Malt Shoppe

Maria’s Kitchen
Miss Cindy’s Concessions
Rosati’s Pizza
Suzie’s Fun Foods
Uncle Zorba’s
Windsor Fudge





Village of Hoffman Estates Fourth of July Festival, July 1 to July 5, 2010

FREE CONCERTS

Friday, July 2

One More Song - 7:15 p.m.

Kashmir - 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, July 3

The Volcanoes - 7:30 p.m.

The Buckingham - 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 4

Jonathan Devin & New Country - 6:30 p.m.

CoverGürl - 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.

FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY AREA

Saturday, July 3

Vehicle extrication - 3 p.m.

Sunday, July 4

High-angle rescue - 4 p.m.

PARADE INFORMATION

"Home Town U.S.A."

Saturday, July 3 - 9 a.m., Hassell Road

Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, June 26

9 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1200 Gannon Drive

Sunday, June 27

10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 1200 Gannon Drive

Food pantry donations at the parade



Bring your nonperishable canned or boxed goods and paper products to donate during the parade to the Celebrations Commission's float for the Township Food Pantries. Monetary donations are also accepted.

FESTIVAL HOURS

Thursday, July 1*

6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

**carnival only*

Friday, July 2

6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Saturday, July 3

11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sunday, July 4

1 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday, July 5*

1 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**carnival only*



Carnival Wristband days!

July 1 and July 2

6 p.m. to 8 p.m., all rides just \$12

July 3 and July 5

1 p.m. to 5 p.m., all rides just \$25

(\$20 with carnival \$5-off coupon located in June Citizen!)

"MegaPass" – good for entire five-day festival!

All rides just \$50! Available at the carnival ticket office.

SEE THE FIREWORKS!

Sunday, July 4 - 9:30 p.m.





**HOFFMAN ESTATES
4TH OF JULY FESTIVAL**

Family Fun

on the Midway!

**VILLAGE OF HOFFMAN ESTATES
1900 Hassell Rd.**

THURS JULY 1 - MON JULY 5
★ \$5⁰⁰ OFF UNLIMITED RIDES ★
GOOD SAT. OR MON. 1PM-5PM ONLY.

Present this coupon and \$20.00 per person at Midway Coupon Box and receive a wristband good for unlimited rides on any of the days listed above. No refunds. Not valid with any other offers. One coupon per person required.

MODERN MIDWAYS
FREE ADMISSION SPECTACULAR MIDWAY RIDES

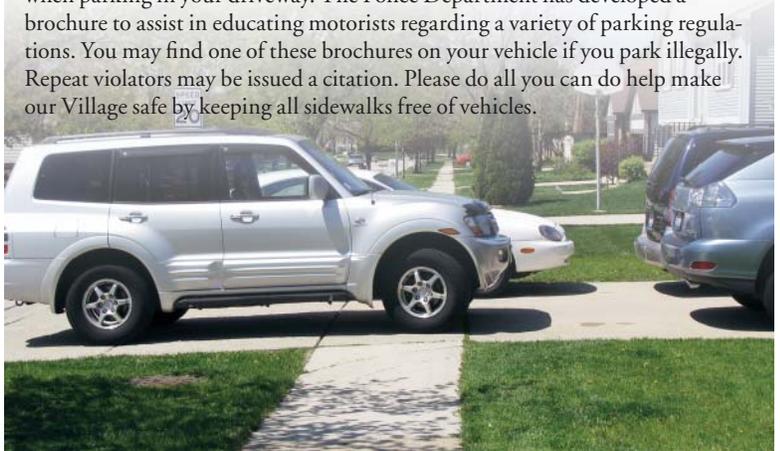
Do not block sidewalks with your car

The Village’s Municipal Code and state law prohibits anyone from parking their vehicle on or blocking a sidewalk. While this may not seem like a very big issue for some people, the ordinance is in place for a very good reason.

In residential areas, people are expected to park their vehicles either on the street, in an area legal for parking or in their garage (if they have one), or in their driveway. When a car is parked in a driveway and it blocks the sidewalk – even partially – this creates a dangerous situation for others.

A handicapped person in a wheelchair cannot use the sidewalk, and is forced to attempt to go around the vehicle. This requires the person to either attempt to negotiate the grass or enter the street. A young parent pushing a stroller down the sidewalk that is blocked is also forced to enter the roadway with the stroller. Young children playing or walking to a friend or neighbor’s house are forced off the sidewalk.

None of these situations are safe for our residents. The Police Department is asking for voluntary compliance from all residents to not block the sidewalks when parking in your driveway. The Police Department has developed a brochure to assist in educating motorists regarding a variety of parking regulations. You may find one of these brochures on your vehicle if you park illegally. Repeat violators may be issued a citation. Please do all you can do help make our Village safe by keeping all sidewalks free of vehicles.



Great-looking homes and neighborhoods awards

The nomination deadline for the 12th annual Community Pride Recognition Award is **Monday, July 5**. This program, sponsored by the Environmental Commission, recognizes and honors three “best” landscaping categories:

- Single-family detached home
- Other than single-family detached home
- Neighborhood or homeowners association

Photographs will be taken of areas viewable from the street between July 14 and July 21. Recognition will be made at a Village Board meeting in August.



Community Pride Recognition Award nomination form

I nominate the residence at: _____
 Owner(s) name (if known): _____
 Neighborhood/homeowners association: _____
 Contact person: _____
 Your name and address: _____

Please complete and return to:
*Hoffman Estates Village Hall c/o Environmental Commission
 1900 Hassell Road
 Hoffman Estates, IL 60169*



Summer Sounds on the Green 2010

Sponsored by the Village of Hoffman Estates, the Hoffman Estates Park District and the Hoffman Estates Arts Commission.



June 17: Chicago Outskirts

A 17-piece all-female big band, Chicago Outskirts balance home, husbands, children and jobs with being accomplished musicians who play favorite songs from the big-band era.



July 22 & 23: Theater: Guys and Dolls

GreenRoom Productions presents this 1955 musical about a gambler who is challenged to take a female missionary to Havana, but they fall for each other, and the bet has a hidden motive.



June 24: White Saddle Band

Country and county rock and a whole lot of fun. The White Saddle Band pays homage to country and western music roots by paying tribute to the "greats."



July 29: Banda Rika

One of the Chicagoland area's top tropical Latin bands, Banda Rika's repertoire consists of salsa, meringue, cumbia and bachata.



July 8: Ac Rock

An a cappella rock group. Ac Rock perform everyone's favorites from the 1950s to the present, and engage in tightly crafted harmonies and free-wheeling humor.



August 5: Rick Saucedo as Elvis Presley

Celebrate the 75th birthday of the "King of Rock and Roll" this year with one of the top tribute artists. Enjoy Elvis Presley's many favorite and popular songs.



July 15: Johnny Russler and the Beach Bum Band

Playing the sweet sound of Caribbean rock, reggae and calypso, the Beach Bum Band will transport you to the islands, and you'll become a "Parrot Head."



August 12: R-Gang

20th century music for 21st century people. R-Gang is a high-energy band that specializes in Motown, R&B and contemporary music.

Directions

From the **EAST**, take Route 72 (Higgins) west of Route 59. Turn left on Prairie Stone Parkway to Pratum Avenue (stop sign and old fire station). Turn right, then left into the parking lot across from the old fire station.

From the **WEST**, take Route 72 (Higgins) east. Turn right on Beverly Road to Prairie Stone Parkway. Turn left on Prairie Stone Parkway to Pratum Avenue (stop sign and old fire station). Turn left, then left again into the parking lot across from the old fire station.

Parking

Parking for concerts is east of the venue. The parking lot is across the street from the old fire station. Park at the west end of the lot, and follow the path from the northwest corner of the parking lot to the amphitheater.

Handicapped/ADA parking

Handicap parking is west of the venue. The parking lot is shared with businesses. Only those cars with handicap placards may park there. Follow the sidewalks east to the venue. The Village of Hoffman Estates complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). For accessibility assistance, call the ADA coordinator at 847-882-9100.

Handicapped/ADA shuttle

The Village will provide a shuttle for handicapped patrons to and from the handicapped parking lot. The shuttle will start 20 minutes before the concerts begin, and will resume once the concerts finish.

Weather

If there is threatening weather, call 847-252-5448 after 4 p.m. or visit www.hoffmanestatesarts.com to find out if the concert will be canceled. If there is lightning, the concert will be canceled for everyone's safety.

Picnics

If you are bringing a picnic, do not bring glass bottles, glasses or glass containers. This is for the safety of all barefoot patrons.

Parents

Do not allow your children to climb the amphitheater walls or on the rocks by the stage and lake.

Food

Garibaldi's will provide food and soft drinks for purchase at the concession stand.

Free children's summer concerts

All summer long at the Vogelei Park pavilion starting at noon on Fridays.

June 11 – Magician Dennis DeBondt: magic, comedy and a child floating in the air!

June 25 – ScribbleMonster: children's music, improvisational comedy and power-pop

July 9 – Jeanie B! Music: rockin' music for the whole family

July 23 – Magician Steve Belliveau: magic, audience participation and amazement!

August 6 – Catch This! Jugglers: dynamic comedic juggling duo

August 20 – Circus Boy Comedy Juggler: stand-up comedy with circus skills



Growing to Greenness!

New lead-based paint regulations

Lead-based paint is highly toxic, and can cause harm to the human body. Lead-contaminated dust, particularly from old paint, is the most significant source of lead exposure for children. Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint. Lead-based paint was used in more than 38 million U.S. homes until it was banned for residential use in 1978.



A new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) law titled, "Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule" (RRP), went into effect on April 22, 2010. This rule requires contractors who perform renovations, repairs, window replacements or painting in single-family residences built before 1978 to be certified as an approved "Certified Renovation Firm." The certified renovator is responsible for testing and documenting that lead-safe practices are used throughout the project.

Contractors are responsible for providing property owners with the EPA pamphlet, "Renovate Right: Important Lead Hazard Information for Families, Child Care Providers and Schools," prior to the start of any project subject to RRP Rules. Additional information on lead hazards, as well as complete information on the RRP Rule, can be found at: www.epa.gov/lead.

Fire Dept. receives grant for life-saving equipment

On April 16, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded this year's Assistance to Firefighters Grants. The Village of Hoffman Estates was awarded \$312,000. This award will enable the Hoffman Estates Fire Department to purchase 13 heart monitor/defibrillators for use by firefighter paramedics.

The equipment will be located in six ambulances, four fire engines and two rescue squads, as well as one at the Sears Centre Arena. This grant has allowed the Village to continue to provide the superior emergency medical services (EMS) that our residents have come to expect over the years.

The heart monitor/defibrillators will replace 10-year-old equipment. Purchasing all 13 at once will eliminate problems associated with phasing-in different models over an extended period of time. These state-of-the-art heart monitor/defibrillators will be the same as those found in the best hospital cardiac units. In the upcoming weeks, Village staff will be researching product manufacturers, identifying the technological advantages of each heart monitor/defibrillator and making recommendations for a purchase.



Firefighter/Paramedics Garrick Felz (left) and Matthew Kaiser (right) demonstrate the equipment

Fire Department staff will be meeting to make preliminary plans for managing the grant and completing the purchase within the requirements established by FEMA.

For more information, call the Fire Department Administration at 847-843-4825.

Mulch retains moisture for healthy trees

Placing mulch around trees can help them thrive and maintain a healthy condition throughout the growing season. Mulching slows evaporation of soil moisture, which increases the availability of both moisture and soil nutrients for utilization by the tree's root system.

While mulching benefits trees in a number of ways, improper mulch placement can actually be harmful. Excessive mulch depth inhibits the flow of oxygen to the roots, and can cause root system decay and smothering. Piling mulch against the trunk attracts insects and rodents, which may feed on the trunk and subject the tree to decay. Proper installation involves placing mulch to a depth of no more than four inches over the root zone in a saucer-like fashion. Keep the material away from the tree's trunk and open to the air. This permits moisture to be maintained for the roots, but allows the trunk to stay dry, thereby preventing decay and insect or rodent damage.

Wood chips make excellent mulch for trees, shrubs and planting beds. This material is a byproduct of our tree-trimming and branch pickup programs, and free to residents throughout the year. The material is stored at the Fleet Services Facility at 2405 Pembroke Ave. Residents should bring their own container and shovel for pickup. If you have any questions, contact the Public Works Department at 847-490-6800.



June calendar



Tuesday, June 1

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

Wednesday, June 2

- Emergency Management Agency (EMA), 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Plan Commission, 8 p.m. at VH

Saturday, June 5

- Fire and Police Commission, 8 a.m. at PD
- Computer Animation Class for Kids, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. at VH

*Sunday, June 6

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

Monday, June 7

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

Tuesday, June 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, June 9

- Community Health Clinic, 1 p.m. to 2:30 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, June 10

- Heartsaver AED Class, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fire Station 22

Friday, June 11

- Children's Concert: "Magician Dennis DeBondt," noon at Vogelei Park

Saturday, June 12

- Chamber of Commerce Community Fishing Derby, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at South Ridge Lake

*Sunday, June 13

- Veteran's Flag 4: Robert L. Kross, USAF, WWII

Monday, June 14

- Utility Commission, 6:30 p.m. at PWC
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.m. at VH

Wednesday, June 16

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

Thursday, June 17

- Commission for Disabled Citizens, 6 p.m. at VH
- Youth Commission, 6:30 p.m. at VH
- Summer Concert Series: "Chicago Outskirts," 7 p.m. at Village Green
- Fourth of July Commission, 7:30 p.m. at VH

*Sunday, June 20

- Veteran's Flag 5: Anthony C. Alonzo, Army, WWII

Monday, June 21

- Village Board Meeting, 8 p.m. at VH

Tuesday, June 22

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

Wednesday, June 23

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

Thursday, June 24

- Liquor Servers Training, 7 p.m. at PD
- Summer Concert Series: "White Saddle Band," 7 p.m. at Village Green

Friday, June 25

- Children's Concert: "ScribbleMonster," noon at Vogelei Park

Saturday, June 26

- Arts & Crafts Fair, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at PD grounds

*Sunday, June 27

- Veteran's Flag 6: Walter J. Wiener, Army, WWII
- Arts & Crafts Fair, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at PD grounds
- Sunday at the Farm, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Sunderlage Farm

Monday, June 28

- Emerging Technologies Commission, 6 p.m. at VH
- Standing Committee Meetings, 7:30 p.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

Saturday, June 12

- Chicago Slaughter vs. La Crosse Spartans, 7:05 p.m.

Sunday, June 13

- Open-Air Market, 7 a.m.

Friday, June 18

- A.R. Rahman, 9 p.m.

Sunday, June 20

- Open-Air Market, 7 a.m.

Friday, June 25, and Saturday, June 26

- FIVB World League: USA Men's Volleyball vs. Finland, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 27

- Open-Air Market, 7 a.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 1200 Gannon Drive, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169.*

The Village of Hoffman Estates

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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
www.hoffmanestates.org

Important phone numbers

Main 847-882-9100
Police and Fire 9-1-1
Police Administration 847-882-1818
Fire Administration 847-843-4825
Public Works 847-490-6800
Health and
Human Services 847-781-4850
Event Hotline 847-252-5443

Village officials

Mayor

William D. McLeod

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

Village Clerk

Bev Romanoff

Village Manager

James H. Norris

Municipal facilities

Village Hall

1900 Hassell Road

Hours:

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

Bruce C. Lind Police Complex

1200 Gannon Drive

Fire Administration

1900 Hassell Road

Fire Station 21 — Carl W. Selke

225 Flagstaff Lane

Fire Station 22 — Michael J. O'Malley

1700 Moon Lake Blvd.

Fire Station 23 — Richard G. Cordova

1300 Westbury Drive

Fire Station 24 — Jerome Danowski

5775 Beacon Pointe Drive

Susan H. Kenley-Rupnow

Public Works Center

2305 Pembroke Ave.

Police Department's first K9's memory lives on

The Hoffman Estates Park District is expanding Willow dog park, located at 3600 Lexington Drive, from a half acre to nearly two acres of off-leash fun! The new park has been renamed "Bo's Run" in memory of the Hoffman Estates Police Department's first K9 police dog, Bo.

Bo served with the Police Department from 1993 to 2003, sadly passing away in 2005. He graduated from The Chicago Police Department's Canine Training Center as a certified patrol and narcotics dog. During Bo's service time, he amassed over 1,465 service calls. In addition, Bo served over 20 local police departments and nine county, state and federal agencies.

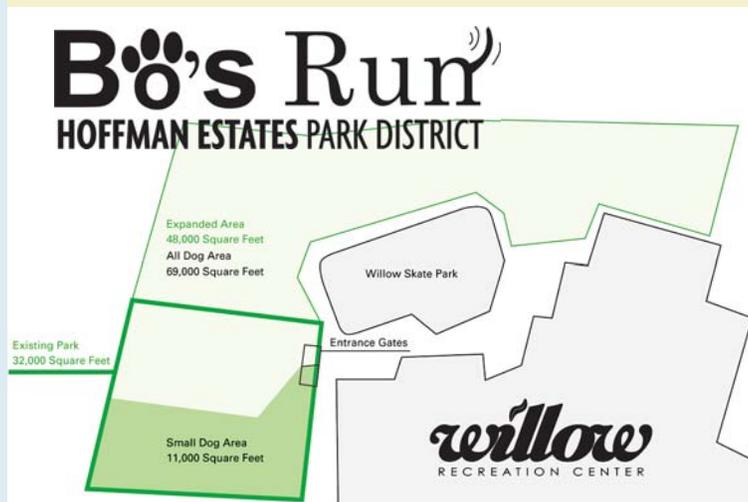
Bo's accomplishments include the recovery of over 100 pounds of various narcotics, 100 articles of narcotic paraphernalia and \$130,000 in currency. Bo was credited with the life-saving recovery of one person on a

track and the apprehension of 30 suspects. Bo also located 15 articles of evidence, and participated in over 100 officer safety uses. Bo enjoyed his contacts with the citizens of Hoffman Estates and public relations.

"Bo's Run" amenities

Open daily year-round, this off-leash park at Willow Recreation Center offers dogs a dedicated open space to play while owners can sit and relax. Amenities include: two-acre off-leash area; dedicated small dog area; fully fenced; agility equipment; dog water service; entrance holding areas; waste disposal bags; picnic tables; and key code entry.

Passes are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Purchase your membership at Willow Recreation Center or the Community Center & Ice Arena today. For more information on park rules and membership, call 847-285-5440.



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