



# Village of Hanover Park Administration

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## VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

### REGULAR MEETING

2121 W. Lake Street, Room 214, Hanover Park, IL 60133

Tuesday, January 13, 2026  
12:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Acceptance of Agenda**
3. **Townhall**  
Anyone wishing to address the public body must register prior to Call to Order.  
Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes per speaker.
4. **Approval of Minutes – December 9, 2025**
5. **Old Business**
  - 5-a. Restaurant Week – March 20-30, 2026 – discussion and promotion
  - 5-b. Business of the Year Presentations & Scoring
6. **New Business**
  - 6-a. Spotlight on Business Recommendations
  - 6-b. New businesses now open - none
  - 6-c. Business News & Updates
7. **EDC Member Reports:**
  - Adoptee updates & future discussion topics
8. **Development Updates – Proposed projects and status updates**
9. **Committee Member Events**
  - a. **Bartlett Area Chamber (BACC) Events**
    - Jan. 21 @ 8 – 9am – Good Morning Networking breakfast, at The Indigo at Bartlett
    - Jan. 21 @ 11 - 11:30am – Tax Changes for Business (webinar)
    - Jan. 29 @ 12 – 1pm – Midday Meetup, at Chicago Pros Restaurant
    - Feb. 13 @ 7:30-9:30am – Multi-Chamber Progressive Networking Breakfast, at Bloomingdale Golf Club (\$32 member, \$55 non-member)
    - Feb. 27 @ 7 – 10:30pm – Casino Royale, at Moretti's Ristorante, Bartlett

**b. Northwest Hispanic Chamber (NWHCC) Events**

- Feb. 6 @ 7:30 – 10am – NWHCC 2026 Legislative Breakfast, at Bowes Creek Country Club

**c. Women's Business Development Center (WBDC) Events**

- Jan 20 – Feb. 10 Tuesdays @ 9 – 11am – Emerging & Pre-Venture Bootcamp/Road to Success (webinars)
- Jan. 20 @ 10 – 11:30am – Starting Your Business in Illinois (webinar)
- Jan. 20 @ 5:30 – 8pm – 2026: Conversations, Connections, & Community, at Wintrust Grand Banking Hall, Chicago
- Jan. 22 @ 10 – 11am – Marketing Makeover: From Static to Strategy (webinar)
- Jan. 27 @ 11 – 12pm – Direct Lending Program Info Session (webinar)
- Jan. 28 @ 11am – 12pm – Capital Readiness 101 (webinar)
- Feb. 12 & 19 @ 9 – 11am – Plan for Profit (webinar)
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**10. Upcoming Village Events**

Visit the Village website for complete details on upcoming events for 2026

**11. Adjournment**



## 6. NEW BUSINESS

**6-a. Spotlight on Business Recommendations:** Raki Restaurant (but has already been in the Hi-Lighter), the winner of Business of the Year 2025 (will be included in the March/April Hi-Lighter), Centro de Informacion. Another recommendation was an article about each business in the EDC with details about what they do.

### 6-b. New Businesses Now Open:

- Fleet Pros Parts & Tires, Meineke Car Care Center, Alfredo's Pizza & Pasta – staff has met with all of them

### 6-c. New Businesses Opening Soon:

- Forge Virtual Studios – 1555 Hunter (a virtual film production studio)
- Interwest Distribution Company – 1625 Hunter (wholesale distribution of auto re-styling supplies)
- Gravitea HP – 1053 Lake (next to Rocky Patel Cigar Lounge)

### 6-d. Restaurant Week

- Director Govind commented Itasca is doing “Plates & Perks” from January thru March. Customers pick up a passbook from Village Hall or participating restaurants and get a stamp each time they visit a restaurant. Once the passbook is filled in it can be turned in for a chance to win a prize. She asked if we should do something similar such as a Restaurant Month to give people more time to visit participating restaurants.
- Member Komorski commented that a month may be better since people do not eat out as often now due to the cost, and this would also give restaurants longer exposure.
- Other EDC members commented that having the event during colder months is good since it is a slower time for restaurants. They also noted that a problem is usually that employees and staff too often did not even know about the specials being offered.
- Some ideas for Restaurant Month included possibly having a passport book, QR code, a pull-out page in the Hi-Lighter.
- Each restaurant should be given a poster listing all participating restaurants and their specials.
- Another suggestion was there could be a straight offer for all restaurants of 15% or 20% off; but in the past restaurants have preferred to choose their own specials.

## 7. BUSINESS NEWS & UPDATES

- A&A Music Academy won the DuPage County Best Music School of the Year
- Member Candelas asked if Chipotle would be doing a grand opening – the opened 11/18, nothing planned
- Alfredo's Pizza & Pasta is now open; they have a huge variety of menu items and they do catering
- Sweet Basil Café is still vacant. Parking lot is on a bog so it is not easy to do a demo and rebuild. It is a highly visible location with plenty of parking and a large grocery “anchor” store.
- Director Govind commented on some development updates:
  - a banquet hall may be going into the Caputo's shopping center
  - Renate's German Restaurant remodeled their interior and will probably do a re-grand opening in January or February.
  - Habitat for Humanity townhomes are almost complete

## 8. EDC MEMBER REPORTS

- Member Gudenkauf commented the Bartlett Area Chamber is having their Cocoa Crawl on Saturday, Dec. 13, and Casino Royale will be on February 27 at Moretti's – open to all!
- Member Komorski commented Santa will be in the gazebo in Village Center on Mondays for kids to visit
- Member Candelas said Hanover Park Community Bank donated 50 coats to a local coat drive

**Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.**

**Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm**

Transcribed by:

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**Kathy Sjodin, Admin. Assistant**  
**December 9, 2025**

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**Gail Tobin - Chair**

2025 Business of the Year							
EDC Member	NOMINATED BUSINESS	ADDRESS	BUSINESS PHONE	CONTACT/OWNER	CELL PHONE	EMAIL	NOTES
Kevin	<b>A&amp;A Music &amp; Art Academy</b>	1975 Devon	630-837-7484	Anita Komorski - Owner	630-837-7484	anita@aamusicacademy.com	
Mark	<b>Brandy's Gyros</b>	1921 Irving Park	630-830-0140	Sam Stolidakis - Owner	847-674-2222	samstolidakis@gmail.com	
Anita	<b>Carsmart</b>	7000 Barrington	630-837-3051	Arturo Ramirez - Owner	847-606-8736	arturoramirez7881@yahoo.com	
Gail	<b>Country Style Donuts</b>	1519 Irving Park	847-893-6222	Manan Joshi - Owner	847-915-8012	wdonutbakery@gmail.com	
Israel	<b>Issa's Venezuelan Rest.</b>	2360 Walnut	224-343-9779	Luisa Estrada - Owner	331-235-6458	luisaroc902@gmail.com	
Gail	<b>Los 2 Brothers Mexican</b>	2011 Irving Park	630-372-9462	Jesus Camacho, Anonio Lopez - Owners	847-321-8645	jeesy2856@gmail.com	
Steven?	<b>Midas</b>	1804 Army Trail	630-504-6633	Jon Mirski - Owner Christopher Mirski - Owner	630-202-8318 630-440-7045	jmirski@aol.com cmirski@aol.com	
Rene	<b>My Celebration Party Room</b>	1190 Lake	630-644-4160	Mayra Mendoza - Owner	847-932-9544	mendozamms@gmail.com	
Ami	<b>Pentair Filtration Solutions</b>	1040 Muirfield Dr	630-307-3000	Kyle Gress - Sr. Director Supply Chain & Operations Scott Niedzwiedz - Sr. Operations Leader	630-461-4679 224-288-8454	kyle.gress@pentair.com scott.niedzwiedz@pentair.com	
Edgar	<b>Valexity Technologies</b>	3855 County Farm	312-300-4207	Anthony Valle (AJ) - Owner	847-508-7528	aj@valexity.com	
Nan	<b>Hanover Park Community Bank</b>	6800 Barrington Rd	630-837-2700	Yesenia Solis - VP, Retail Banking	630-233-0035	ysolis@wintrust.com	
Israel	<b>SB Wine &amp; Spirit</b>	1509 Irving Park, Unit A	630-855-4566	Vikas Patel - Owner	630-540-8027	vikpatel1978@yahoo.com	



# Business of the Year EVALUATION FORM 2025

EDC Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation CATEGORY	Points Possible	A&A Music & Art Academy	Brandy's Gyros	Carsmart	Country Style Donuts	Hanover Park Bank	Issa's Venezuelan	Los 2 Brothers Mexican Restaurant	Midas 1804 Army Trail Rd	My Celebration Party Room	Pentair Filtration Systems	SB Wine & Spirit	Valexity Technologies
<p><b>Community Involvement</b>  <i>Evaluate all events, fundraising, sponsorships, projects etc. the company participates in which benefit the community. (Food drives, Habitat for Humanity, Toys for Tots, fundraising, school sports team sponsorships etc.)</i></p> <p><i>*Score based on interview report by EDC member &amp; see completed interview form for each business to determine this score.</i></p>	<p>Point value based on number of occurrences/events/ Sponsorships business was involved in for the year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No events = 0 pts</li> <li>1 event = 5 pts</li> <li>2 events = 10 pts</li> <li>3 events = 15 pts</li> <li>4+ events= 20 pts</li> </ul> <p>Enter a point value under each business name.</p>												
<p><b>Customer Service</b>  <i>Evaluate the policies and practices that demonstrate great customer service.</i></p> <p><i>*Research! Visit the business, look at Yelp reviews and Google reviews, see Facebook comments, overall star ratings etc. to determine this score.</i></p>	<p>Point value based on <u>overall</u> Google, Yelp, Facebook positive reviews:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No ratings = 0 pts</li> <li>Low ratings = 5 pts</li> <li>Average ratings = 10 pts</li> <li>Above Average = 15 pts</li> <li>Outstanding = 20 pts</li> </ul> <p>Enter a point value under each business name.</p>												
<p><b>Positive Image &amp; Appearance</b>  <i>Evaluate overall appearance (inside &amp; outside) of the building, signage, landscaping, potted plants, window displays, cleanliness, organized, etc.</i></p> <p><i>*Visit or drive by or see interview form for each business to determine this score.</i></p>	<p>Point value based on physical appearance, inside &amp; outside:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unattractive, no care given = 0 pts</li> <li>Very little = 5 pts</li> <li>Average = 10</li> <li>Above average = 15</li> <li>Very attractive = 20</li> </ul> <p>Enter a point value under each business name.</p>												
<p><b>TOTAL POINTS EARNED:</b></p>													

# Restaurant Week

March 20 - 30, 2026

Taste the Globe in 10 Days!



**Restaurants: we need YOU and your great food!**

**Make sure YOUR restaurant is on the itinerary!**

**\*\*\*Details will be sent to all of our restaurants**



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