

# Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

January/February 2008

## Hanover Park Police Department Earns Key Accreditation for Third Consecutive Time



The Hanover Park Police Department was accredited for the third time in November 2007 by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). Law Enforcement Accreditation requires meeting over 450 internationally accepted standards, verified by an independent on-site assessment every three years. This five-day assessment includes review of agency files, interviews with personnel, "ride-along" observation of officers, and public comment. The Department has been accredited since 2001, a goal met by less than five percent of police agencies nationwide.

In August 2007 three trained assessors who serve on the command staff of various police agencies across the United States conducted the assessment and recommended to CALEA that the Department be re-accredited. The team was especially impressed by the high number of female officers compared to Hanover Park's available workforce, *(continued on page 4)*

## Hanover Park Police Department Honored with Community Innovation Award

The Illinois Municipal League recently presented its 2007 Illinois Community Innovation Award to the Village of Hanover Park for its Police Department's creative use of staff meetings.

For the past four years, Illinois communities have participated in the Illinois Innovations Showcase held at the Illinois Municipal League's annual conference in Chicago. The showcase highlights the "good things" that Illinois municipalities are doing and provides a resource base of new ideas that encourages peer sharing.

The Hanover Park Police Department changed its staff meeting format to utilize personnel and resources to solve problems. The first year the new format was implemented, area crime reached an all time low, and DUI enforcement reached an all time high. These impressive results were largely attributed to the new meeting format, which included staff presentations, action plans, recognition of personnel and the sharing of shift intelligence and ideas to solve problems.

The new meeting format was featured in an article authored by Hanover Park Deputy Chief Dave Webb in "Law and Order" magazine. *(continued on page 3)*



Police Department personnel accepts the Illinois Community Innovation Award at a December Board meeting.



Check pages 8-9 for the Family Festival entertainment lineup!



## Minute with the Mayor . . .

Welcome to 2008, the year, we in Hanover Park, are celebrating our yearlong 50th anniversary. There is more written in this issue, please take a moment and read what's happening. When arriving in the Village Hall, take a look at the placard located in the lobby that showcases the monthly events during our special year.

Many issues are before us this year. The big challenge is the value of a Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) that Keeneyville School District 20 is seeking to install. The Village Board approved the test tower and the Development Commission is considering a text amendment February 14th to permit zoning for a WTG in Hanover Park. As information becomes available during the test tower period, the School District will be sharing that information with us.

In celebration of our 50th anniversary, the American Cancer Society is planning the Tri-Village Relay for Life in Hanover Park June 13-14. This is their signature activity that offers everyone in the community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Undoubtedly, all of us have been touched by cancer in one form or another, and with your help, we will come closer to the day where no one knows the effects of this devastating illness. If you have an interest in participating, creating a walk team, or just volunteering, please email or call my office.

Our Celebration of the February 8, 2008 50th Anniversary dinner/dance is open to all residents. Contact the Manager's office, (630) 372-4210, for more information. We expect a nice turnout for that evening. Additionally, we are planning a 50th Anniversary Family Festival August 14-17 with a carnival, entertainment, parade, food and fun.

I'm pretty excited about our new Environmental Committee. They've been working diligently preparing some future proposals that will be presented to the Village Board. Additionally, I expect outstanding outcomes from our Cultural Diversity Committee that is in the formulation stage. Hanover Park has numerous cultures that have much to offer and share as we celebrate our 50 years together. Those who may be interested in participating please call or send me an email message.

The Hanover Park Community Resource Center will be opening March 1 at Living Christ Lutheran Church. It will share: library materials for all ages, a quiet study center, Internet-equipped computer lab, computer classes, adult basic education, English as a second language, GED resources and tutoring and life-coaching. This mayoral initiative is a service collaboration between: Living Christ Lutheran Church, DuCap, Keeneyville School District 20, Evangel Assembly of God, Popular Creek Library, College of DuPage, Goodwill Foundation, and the Sierra Blanca and Tanglewood Homeowners Associations.

Finally, I must thank everyone who participated in the Tree Lighting Ceremony this past December. Your participation added to the wonderful festivities. Spring Wood Middle School came with their Chorus and Band, the Allegro Dance Troupe performed, Schaumburg Township District Library brought Marionettes to entertain all, the Hanover Park Lions Club provided refreshments, and the Fire Department delivered Santa and his elf. What an entertaining evening! We enjoyed all the trees that were decorated so beautifully by our schools, businesses, and residents. The Village Hall was a wonderful center of activity. Thank you all.

As always, I enjoy serving the needs of our residents. January and February are filled with Budget meetings. The dates for these meetings and department presentations will be posted on the Village Web site. Items of interest can be shared with me as your Village President that will help to contribute to the health and safety in Hanover Park. It continues to be my pleasure and a blessing to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. Take an opportunity to get involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod".

Rod Craig, Village President

**[RCraig@hanoverparkillinois.org](mailto:RCraig@hanoverparkillinois.org)**

# Clerk's CORNER

## ▲ Remember to VOTE!

**Tuesday, February 5**  
**Polls are open from 6 AM to 7 PM.**

If you need to check if you are registered to vote at your Hanover Park address or you need to locate your polling place, you can log on to:

**Cook County:**  
[www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

**DuPage County**  
[www.dupageelections.com](http://www.dupageelections.com)

or call the Village Clerk's Office at (630) 372-4220, and we will be happy to assist you!

# VOTE!

## Hanover Park Police Department Honored

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Lt. Roy Hanold and Deputy Chief Webb represented the Police Department at the annual Illinois Municipal League conference in Chicago in December. Meeting attendees chose their presentation as the outstanding community innovation.

"Having organized, productive and participatory staff meetings is essential to improving the day-to-day operations of today's police departments," said Larry Frang, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League. "I congratulate Village President Rodney Craig and the Village of Hanover Park on their success and for presenting their project at our Innovations Showcase which benefited other municipal officials from across the state."

Joe Schatteman, Research and Information Services Coordinator for the Illinois Municipal League, presented a plaque recognizing Hanover Park's achievement to Village President Craig.



## Pictures with Santa

Did your favorite little person have his or her picture taken with Santa at the Village's Tree Lighting event? If so, photos can now be picked up in the Village Clerk's office.

Stop by and pick yours up today!

## Congratulations to Hanover Park's Newest Citizens Police Academy Graduates!

**T**en Hanover Park residents have spent the past few months getting up close and personal with the Police Department.

As participants in the Hanover Park Police Department's Citizens Police Academy, these residents were exposed to various aspects of police work including organizational set up, operational functions, the officer selection process and hiring requirements, academy training and the Field Training Officer program. Also highlighted were crash investigations, traffic stops, officer safety and occupant control issues. The program also provided an introduction to the Investigative Division including an overview of the investigative process and evidence collection. Participants completed several practical exercises simulating actual traffic stop scenarios, baton techniques, and crime scene exercises.

In addition, the Gang Tactical Unit and Police Canine Units provided explanations of their duties along with demonstrations. The class members also became familiar with the Police Department's Crime Prevention and Community Relations Divisions, COPS Day picnics,



2007 Police Academy Graduates

and National Night Out.

This program serves as a link in constructing a working partnership between the police and the public.

The Class of 2007 Citizen's Police Academy graduates include: Annette Ayala, Toni Carter, Cathy Crimaldi, Michelle Garrett, Susan Hornat, John Kussin, Larry Liss, Dick Scalpone, Richard Szczesny, and Lynn Yurgil.

## Hanover Park Police Department Again Earns Accreditation

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the level of interaction and cooperation with other law enforcement agencies, and the use of crime analysis and planning to efficiently deploy staff and other resources.

In November 2007 Chief Ron Moser, Deputy Chief Mark Gatz, and Sergeant Tim Podlin (who serves as Accreditation Manager) attended an International CALEA Conference in Colorado Springs, where they participated in a hearing with several commissioners who subsequently approved the award. The commissioners were also impressed with the diverse ethnic and gender makeup of the department, as well as the way the Social Service Unit and other employees meet the needs of victims and witnesses.

Benefits to accreditation include improved delivery of law enforcement services, increased department pride and morale, and decreased liability and insurance rates. The Hanover Park Police Department is continuing the accreditation process, with the next assessment due in August 2010.



### Got Pets?

Animal licenses are available at the Village Clerk's office for \$5.00 per animal. The fee is waived for senior citizens 65 years of age and older. In order to purchase an animal license, you must bring in a valid rabies certificate.

## El Pollo Loco Offers Award Winning Flame Grilled Chicken

Located at 7310 Barrington Road, El Pollo Loco is the first restaurant of its kind in the northwest suburbs of Chicago. When the name of the restaurant is translated, it is Spanish for "The Crazy Chicken." It is the nation's leading quick-service restaurant chain specializing in flame-grilled chicken. Founded in Guasave, Mexico in 1975, El Pollo Loco's long-term success stems from the unique preparation of its award winning fresh chicken marinated in a special recipe of herbs, spices, and citrus juices passed down from the founding family. The marinated chicken is then flame-grilled, hand cut and served hot off the grill with warm tortillas and a wide assortment of side dishes.

Rounding out the menu are fresh flavorful entrees inspired by the kitchens of Mexico, including Signature grilled burritos, pollo bowls, pollo salads, tacos al carbon and quesadillas. And of course, there is the fresh salsa bar featuring their famous house salsa, alongside avocado, chipotle and pico de gallo salsas. All are made fresh daily.

El Pollo Loco is open for business 10:00 am – 10:00 pm Monday through Sunday and the drive-through is open 10:00 am – 11:00 pm Monday through Sunday. A grand opening and ribbon cutting happened December 6, 2007. Come and enjoy Hanover Park's new restaurant El Pollo Loco!



Village President Rod Craig along with El Pollo Loco management and Hanover Park representatives cut the ribbon on December 6 at their new location in Hanover Park.

# United States EPA Investigating Below-Ground Methane Gas At Mallard Lake Landfill

The United States Environmental Protection Agency is overseeing a methane gas investigation at the Mallard Lake Landfill. Landfill gas has been detected approximately 40 to 45 feet below the ground surface in monitoring wells along the western boundary of the landfill near Discovery Park and in neighborhoods immediately adjacent to the western boundary of the landfill. Village and Fire Department officials are assisting representatives of the U.S. EPA, Illinois EPA, BFI Waste Systems of North America and the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County with this methane gas investigation.

Since this investigation was initiated in late November, no methane gas has been detected at the ground level or in any of the homes tested. Additional testing and

investigative work is being completed to determine:

1. The location, volume and movement of the gas below the ground surface,
2. The location of additional monitoring sites and homes recommended for gas monitoring devices,
3. The development of a comprehensive response plan to remove, restrict or reverse the flow of gas from the affected area and neighborhoods once the affected area is determined.

The investigation area includes north of DeForest Lane and Camden Lane, Whitney Drive, Lawrence Road, and Green Bridge Lane. The U.S. EPA is conducting screenings of homes and has been installing methane gas detection meters. Approximately 130 homes have

been screened and approximately 110 meters have been installed.

Residents of the affected area may contact the U.S. EPA or IEPA officials listed below to address your questions and/or concerns:

- Mike Joyce, U.S. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, 1-312-353-5546;
- Maggie Carson, Illinois EPA, 1-217-725-0589; or
- Carol Fuller, Illinois EPA Community Relations Coordinator, 1-217-524-8807.

Additional information regarding this ongoing methane gas investigation can be found at the U.S. EPA on scene coordinator website at [www.epaosc.net/mallardlake](http://www.epaosc.net/mallardlake).

## Thinking About a Home Improvement Project? Check with Us First to See if a Permit is Required

Permits are required for many remodeling projects, repairs, replacements, new structures, and additions.

Before starting any home improvement project, please contact the Community Development Department at (630) 372-4260 for permit requirements. The Community Development Department has many helpful handouts specifying general regulations for many projects. Handouts are available for decks, patios, driveways, swimming pools, detached garages, sheds, and others. Please contact Department staff to see if a handout is available for your project. Consult the handout for your project, or Community Development Department staff, to determine what is necessary to apply for your permit.

### FEES

Permit fees, plan review fees, and refundable bonds may be associated with your project. Department staff will inform you of any required fees.

### PLAT OF SURVEY

Plans and specifications are required for most building projects. A current plat of survey showing all existing conditions and all proposed improvements is required for most exterior projects.

### PLAN REVIEW

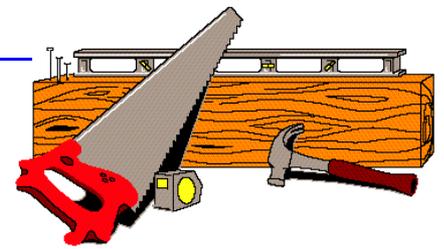
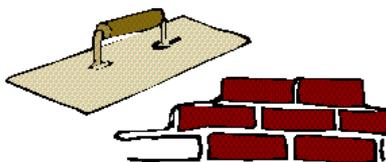
The plans for some projects must also be reviewed for conformance to applicable Village codes before a permit can be issued. This type of review is called a Plan Review.

### J.U.L.I.E.

A J.U.L.I.E. dig number will be required for projects involving underground construction.

Some typical construction projects requiring permits are listed below. If your project is not listed, be sure to contact Village staff to inquire about regulations which may apply to your project.

- Balconies
- Central air conditioners, new or replaced
- Concrete stoops, slabs and stairs
- Decks or porches
- Driveways, replacement or expansion
- Electrical Work
- Fences
- Fireplaces
- Furnaces, new or replaced



- Garages, attached or detached
- Gas-light conversions
- Gazebos or greenhouses
- Patios
- All plumbing work
- Remodeling; interior, exterior or basement
- Retaining walls
- Roof decking replacement (as in tear-offs)
- Room additions or sunrooms
- Satellite dishes greater than 24 inches in diameter
- Sewer repair, replacement, or clean-out
- Sheds
- Sidewalks or stairs
- Swimming pools, in- or above-ground
- Wall partitions
- Water heaters, new or replaced
- Water softeners, new or replaced
- Whirlpools and spas
- Windows or doors when added, increased or decreased in size

### DON'T FORGET!

Please remember to obtain a building permit before starting any work. Work started without a permit will be stopped by Village personnel, and the homeowners will be assessed a fine.

## Welcome New Businesses!

We are pleased to welcome the following new businesses to Hanover Park:

### **Atmiya Plaza**

2410 Army Trail Road

### **Car X (new owners)**

1655 Irving Park Road

### **Dollar One Park**

5662 Arlington Drive East

### **Empire Assets**

(formerly Empire Beauty School)  
1166 Lake Street

### **Fifth Third Bank (Ultra Foods)**

7580 Barrington Road

## CONNECT Committee Members

### **A&A Music Academy**

Anita and Don Komorski

### **Alvarez Jewelry**

Leticia Alvarez

### **Charter National Bank and Trust**

William Mingotti

### **Classic Computer Systems**

Kevin Swan

### **E. Kinast Distributors**

William Schierer

### **First Eagle National Bank**

Paula Wegner

### **Hanover Park Branch Library**

Gail Tobin

### **Hanover Park Park District**

Rick Wulbecker & Michelle Macholl

### **Hanover Quick Wash**

Phil McBride

### **Jimmy John's**

Sandra and Brad Simousek

### **Menard's**

Bob Morris & John Sciortino

### **MIDCO**

Robert Reis & Jodi Ehrhardt

### **Nitto Kohki USA, Inc.**

Michelle Parker

### **Paragon Group I, Ltd.**

Glenn Dailey

### **Re/Max Boardwalk**

Patti Besler & Mark Ede

### **Ultra Foods**

Steve Sprandel

**Board Liaison** Sherry Craig

**Staff Liaison** Patrick Grill

## Connecting with Business — the Hair

(Committee On Networking)

## HOT OFF THE GRILL

by Patrick Grill,  
Community Development Director

Welcome to the New Year! I hope all of you enjoyed a festive holiday season and that all of your resolutions are still intact. Most of mine still are, however one did drop rather quickly. I should have known better than to resolve to exclude chocolate from my diet. For those of you who vowed to drop a few pounds, LA Fitness provides a great place to start.

At their first meeting of the year, the Village Board approved a special use for a drive-through facility for Bank of America at the northeast corner of Barrington Road and Irving Park Road. Pending submittal and approval of construction plans, the Blockbuster building will be razed and replaced with a one-story brick building for Bank of America. This redevelopment project will reduce the number of curb cuts along Irving Park Road and thus improving access into and out of this site. Additionally, this may not be the only redevelopment project to occur in this area this year. I would love to tell you exactly, but interested parties are still in various phases of negotiation. Needless to say, they would have a significant impact on this area.

The Village's newest restaurant, El Pollo Loco, is certainly proving to be very popular. Their flame-grilled chicken is flying (not literally) into the mouths of customers seeking that juicy and flavorful bird. The fresh salsa bar cannot be ignored either. From mild to very spicy, everyone will find the right topping for their meal.

A new retail store is coming to the multi-tenant building located on the west side of Arlington Drive, south of Lake Street. Plans have been approved for Dollar One Park to finish out the south end of the center. This space, conveniently located across the street from McDonalds, is scheduled to open in early February. Dollar One Park will sell a variety of household items including kitchenware, clothing, cleaning items, candies, hardware, glassware, cosmetics, party items, greeting cards and school supplies. Many of these items will be available for \$1. Why not take advantage of the huge savings this store will be offering year round.

On the south side of town, Atmiya Plaza, a new grocery and prepared foods store is being readied at the northwest corner of Army Trail and Bayside. Scheduled to open by the middle of January, this 7,000 square-foot space will feature south Asian groceries and food. Atmiya means "from your heart", and Mr. Dipak Patel invites you to his one-stop grocery super store where his humble staff will assist you in making your visit memorable. From Indian vegetables and fruit, to all the different south Asian brands and varieties of groceries, you are sure to find it here.

And this is just the beginning. Look for more exciting development news in the next edition of Hot off the Grill.





Networking Event, 2007

### Hanover Park's CONECT Committee Hosting 2008 Networking Event -- Come Meet & Greet Hanover Park Business Leaders & Officials

Attention Hanover Park businesses! Here's a great opportunity to meet other local business representatives, talk one-on-one with Village leaders, enjoy complimentary refreshments, and even meet the nominees for the 2007 Mayor's Choice Award program -- Alvarez Jewelry, Camcraft, Crown Trophy, Hanover Park Animal Care, Norbert Pools, and Prairie Station Pub. It's free and it's just for Village of Hanover Park businesses. Don't miss out!

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 26, 2008  
**TIME:** 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** First Eagle Bank  
1040 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133

Bring plenty of business cards, and enjoy socializing and networking with area business people and Village of Hanover Park elected officials.

Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP by calling Wendy Holtz at (630) 372-4282.



## Spotlight on Business

### Ontarioville Art Gallery

It was always Don and Anita Komorski's dream to have music and art education as a priority for the community, and with the opening of the Ontarioville Art Gallery in Hanover Park two years ago that dream has become a reality. The Komorski's purchased two buildings in Hanover Park, the A & A Music Academy, which has been open for 13 years, and the Ontarioville Art Gallery.

Ontarioville Art provides high quality art from local artists at affordable prices, as well as lessons and workshops in various media. The gallery showcases fine artworks from 20 local artists who volunteer their time. If you stop by the gallery for a visit or to purchase a piece of art, you can meet an artist creating his or her newest work and learn the story behind the art. "Meeting and learning about art offers us the opportunity to work closely with our customers, who tend to return to see the latest creations by their now favorite artists" Anita Komorski said. "We give our customers the most intimate part of ourselves, our art, and that makes them family. In our business, family comes first!"



Anita Komorski, Ontarioville Art Gallery

Both Don and Anita Komorski are very involved in the community. A & A Music serves as a member of the CONECT Committee.

Ontarioville Art supports the Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee by featuring their projects, such as jewelry and textiles, in the gallery. The Ontarioville Art & Music League sponsored the first Ontarioville Art Fine Arts Fair on

September 16, 2007. The

event was very successful and will become an annual art fair. The next Ontarioville Art Fair will be held September 21, 2008 at Jubilee Park in Hanover Park. The upcoming event will include area non-profit groups, as well as more artists exhibiting their artwork, food and music.

The gallery art changes frequently. Stop in to see what is new and support the exceptional fine artists at the Ontarioville Art Gallery located in the historic district of Hanover Park at 27W285 Devon Avenue, Hanover Park, IL 60133. Contact the gallery at (630) 837-7484 or visit the website at [www.ontariovilleart.com](http://www.ontariovilleart.com).

### The CONECT Committee Mission Statement:

CONNECT is a business oriented networking organization involved in the community. CONECT was formed to support and grow the local business community through networking, education and development.

## Thursday, August 14

Hanover Park's Date of Incorporation  
Happy Anniversary!

AND THE BEAT GOES ON!

**7:00 PM. The New Invaders - The Ultimate 60's Flashback**  
Classic hit songs from Brit Rock to Woodstock. Complete with go-go dancers! Hold on to your seats as they take you back in time to an explosive historical musical time period like no other!

### 9:00 PM The Classic Rock All-Stars

One of a kind band featuring classic rock giants performing their hits. The group is comprised of Peter Rivers, original lead singer/drummer of Rare Earth, Jerry Corbetta, original lead singer/keyboardist of Sugarloaf, Mile Pinera, Original lead singer/guitarist of Blues Image, and vocals/guitar for Iron Butterfly, and Dennis Noda, bassist of Cannibal & The Headhunters. Come listen to hits like "Get Ready", "Green Eyed Lady", "Ride Captain Ride", "In a Gadda Da Vida" and "Land of a Thousand Dances"

## Friday, August 15

ROCK TILL YOU DROP!

### 7:00 PM Covergurl

Covergurl performs high-powered rock covers from bands such as The Smashing Pumpkins, Blondie, Audioslave, Pearl Jam, Foo Fighters, No Doubt and Weezer. The band features the vocals of Jessica Robinson. In 2005, Robinson auditioned along with thousands of other singers worldwide for a chance to be on CBS's newest reality show, RockStar:INXS. She was among 15 chosen to be on the show.

### 9:00 PM Survivor

Grammy winner signature sound is alive and well. Survivor's show is electrifying and filled with all their smash recordings. Touring with principal members Frankie Sullivan (guitar/vocals), Marc Droubay (drums), Chris Grove (guitar/keyboards), Billy Ozzello (bass) and the current addition; Robin McAuley (vocals). Hits include: "I Can't Hold Back", "High on You", "The Search is Over", "Eye of the Tiger", "American Heartbeat", "Burning Heart", and "Is This Love".



American English



The New Invaders



Classic Rock All Stars



Survivor



The Business

**FAMILY FESTIVAL**  
08.14-17.2008

**Two Legendary Acts** one legendary show

**Blood, Sweat & Tears**  
the band that fused Horns, Jazz & Rock lights up the stage with their Greatest Hits!

**then**

**Chuck Negron**  
formerly of Three Dog Night takes charge of the evening with songs that defined a generation

90 minutes of pure hits!

**ONE**  
Pieces of April  
One Man Band  
Easy To Be Hard  
Joy To The World  
The Show Must Go On  
Old Fashioned Love

**CHUCK NEGRON**

FORMERLY OF THREE DOG NIGHT  
**BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS**



## Sunday August 16

HOT FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME!

### 4:00 PM OD TAPO IMI

Take an instant vacation with this band that has been the opening act for Jimmy Buffet. OD TAPO IMI is more than just music; it's a Broadway-style tropical review with steel drums, guitars, traditional drums, assorted percussion, horns, vocals and dancing. You'll hear "Conga", "Day-O", "The Lion Sleeps Tonight", "Twist and Shout", and even "The Beer Barrel Polka."

### 6:00 PM The Business

The Business is serious music in motion! With the hottest five piece horn section, some of the City's most talented vocalists, Latin percussion and demanding rhythms, the Business keeps everyone moving and asking for more with music by Santana; Tower of Power; Gloria Estefan; Earth, Wind and Fire; Celia Cruz; Sly & The Family Stone; James Brown; Chicago and more!

### 8:00 PM Jan and Dean starring Dean Torrence

SURF'S UP! Experience rock royalty! The inventors of surf music have 3 Grammy nominations, 7 top ten records, 12 gold records and 30 top forty records. Their list of hits include "Surf City", "Little Old Lady From Pasadena", "Deadman's Curve", "Drag City", "Barbara Ann" and much, much more.



## Saturday, August 16

DECADES OF HITS

### 4:00 PM Route 66

Route 66 brings you those "oldies but goodies" just the way you remember and want to hear. It's like putting on a stack of your old 45s and reliving those great times and good old fashioned rock 'n roll. Route 66 is 50s, 60s and a whole lotta Elvis!

### 6:00 PM American English

Love the Beatles? Close your eyes and you'll believe they're back! American English performs songs covering the entire career of the Beatles from 1963 to 1970. With precise attention to every detail, along with costume changes, vintage instruments, and special effects, American English magically creates "The Complete Beatles Tribute."

### 9:00 PM Chuck Negron (formerly of Three Dog Night) with Blood, Sweat & Tears

Blood, Sweat and Tears, the band that fused horns, jazz and rock, lights up the stage with their greatest hits; "Spinning Wheel", "And When I Die", "Sometimes in Winter", and more. Chuck Negron takes charge of the band and adds to the evening with his hits that define a generation; "One", "Pieces of April", "One Man Band", "Joy to the World", and "Old Fashioned Love Song" to name a few.



OD TAPO IMI



Route 66



Jan and Dean



Covergurl

# A Look Back at the Past . . . .

**T**wo of the first Ontarioville's residents were Arthur Schlueter and Emil Rinne. With a small group of Ontarioville citizens, they began to talk of incorporating Ontarioville as a village. Immediately, there was a negative reaction from most residents just as in years gone by. But Emil Rinne and Arthur Schlueter were patient with their fellow townspeople, for they did not fully realize the gravity of the situation. For almost a century, Ontarioville and Bartlett existed side-by-side, Bartlett incorporated and Ontarioville unincorporated. The two villages, founded by the Bartlett brothers, had their own life styles and did not try to force them on each other. But Streamwood was different; it was one of the so-called builders' towns--founded by a builder--and therefore it had plans and ideas more far reaching than the old railroad village of Bartlett. Emil Rinne started a drive to convince the Ontarioville citizens of the urgency of incorporation. This was no easy task since many residents were firmly entrenched on the side of non-incorporations. But time was on Emil Rinne's side when in 1958, the residents soon saw for themselves how Streamwood was really growing and developing. It was either incorporate or be swallowed up by Streamwood and forever lose their identity as a village with a heritage that went back too many years to permit that.

By the summer of 1958, most of the residents were on Emil Rinne's side. When incorporation procedures were begun, only Cook County Ontarioville was to be incorporated for two reasons: 1) a young village is easier to run if it is in one county, 2) DuPage County Ontarioville was in no immediate danger of being surrounded by a large expanding town, since the area to the south of the village showed no signs of growing for some time. So if Cook County Ontarioville should incorporate, it must change its name, since an unincorporated Ontarioville would continue to exist in DuPage County. Emil Rinne decided, since the new village would be located in Hanover Township, it should be called Hanover; but a village in northwest Illinois already had that name, so Emil Rinne had to change his village name to Hanover Park. It was a lucky choice, for nowhere in the world does a city or village have the name Hanover Park. In other words our village could be called THE ONE AND ONLY, GENUINE ORIGINAL, HANOVER PARK.

Emil Rinne, with the help of many citizens, received enough signatures on their petition to hold a special election on August 14, 1958, to decide whether or not to incorporate. Serving on the first election board were Emil Rinne, William Hinricksen, Mary Harmening, and Lilian Mangum. When the vote was taken, it was in the affirmative. On August 14, 1958, Cook County Ontarioville began a new life as the incorporated Village of Hanover Park. The residents were pleased that they could now control the destiny of their area.

The first limits were Barrington Road on the East, Devon

Avenue on the south, a line running even with Walnut Street from Barrington Road to Lake Street on the north, then south-east along Lake Street to the property line of Emil Rinne's and the Hattendorf farm, which is now the boundary between Hanover Park and Streamwood. The law states that a village cannot incorporate if it is less than a mile from the village limits of another town. Thus Bartlett had to give its permission for Hanover Park to incorporate. However, no permission was given by Streamwood, so only the area as far north as the south side of Walnut Street could be incorporated into the village of Hanover Park otherwise they would be less than a mile from Streamwood. At the time of incorporation, Walnut Street was only one block long, extending from Center Street to what is today Ahlstrand-Rinne Park. Once again, as in the post-war years, the Feeley and Hinricksen homes, along with the Reminic, West and Hoelterhoff homes, became the northern most homes in the new village of Hanover Park.



Hanover Park was now officially incorporated but it was a dormant village. It was without a mayor, trustees, or any committees, and it remained this way for over a month while the residents worked to create a strong village government. Finally, election arrangements were made to vote for village officials...

The elections were held on September 27, 1958. One hundred twenty-five people registered to vote and all but one person cast their ballots. Obviously, everyone in the village was concerned and actively involved with the community's future. When the results were in ... Gordon Jensen became Hanover Park's first Village President. Hanover Park now had a governing body and it became an active village. Since there was no village hall, the first board meeting was held in Schneider's Grill on October 16, 1958. Appointed to the position of Village Attorney was Byron Matthews, who administered the oath of office to the Mayor, Village Clerk, Magistrate and six Trustees.

The article is an excerpt from the Book by Ralph Feeley, *From Camelot to Metropolis, a Chronical of Ontarioville and Hanover Park, Illinois*

## Wintertime is a Great Time to Brush Up on Home Fire Safety Reminders

A roaring fire on a cold winter evening is nearly everyone's idea of a great way to stay warm. But it's important to keep your home and family safe by following these important fireplace safety tips:

- ❑ Have your chimney or wood burning stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- ❑ Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.
  - ❑ Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
  - ❑ Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
  - ❑ Keep air inlets on wood burning stoves open and never restrict air supply to fireplaces.
  - ❑ Use fire resistant materials on floors and walls around wood burning stoves.



- ❑ Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- ❑ Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- ❑ Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fire place or wood burning stove.
- ❑ Never leave a fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

### Clean Out That Clothes Dryer Vent Pipe



Remember to clean out the clothes dryer vent pipe that is connected from your dryer to the outside of your house. After using the dryer, some of the lint from the clothes can get trapped in this vent pipe and can stop the release of hot air from inside the dryer. This will cause the dryer and clothes to overheat and possibly start the clothes on fire

inside the dryer or the lint in the vent pipe.

### And Check for Dirt Buildup in Bathroom Exhaust Fans

Remember to check the exhaust fans that are in your house. These fans, after time, can build up dirt on the fan blades and cause the fan to slow down. This will cause the motor to heat up, stop turning and start on fire. Please remember to clean the fans regularly.

**FIRE SAFETY**  
For Your Family



## Shine at Village Hall

(\*STudents Artists and AuthorRS Program)



The work of Elsie Johnson Elementary School's young artists was on display from December 20 through January 24. Artists included:

**Kindergarten:** Ada Woznicki

**First Grade:** Tristan Kimberlin, Maddie Vegrzyn

**Second Grade:** Chad Dodero, Calista Navarette

**Third Grade:** Brian Buch, Taty Madonia

**Fourth Grade:** Erika Meister, Anup Sonani

**Fifth Grade:** Angelina Ragano, Alex Schoner



Village Hall  
will be closed on  
**Monday,**  
**February 18,**  
in observance of  
**Presidents' Day.**  
The Police and  
Fire Departments  
will remain open.



## Noel Alcantra Village's Newest Police Officer

Noel Alcantra was recently sworn in as Hanover Park's newest police officer.

Officer Alcantra received a Bachelor's Degree in Kinesiology and Sports Medicine from the University of Illinois at Chicago in 2002. He then went on to earn a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2007.

He worked as an intern with the Hinsdale Police Department in 2006, prior to joining the Hanover Park Police Department.

Welcome!

## Daylight Savings Time Arrives on March 9

It's going to be time to think about Daylight Savings Time sooner than you think. Since 1966, most of the United States has observed Daylight Saving Time beginning at 2:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of April and ending on the last Sunday of October. But for the second year, most of the United States will begin Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. on the second Sunday in March and revert to standard time on the first Sunday in November.

This year, Daylight Savings Time begins March 9, 2008 at 2:00 a.m. and ends November 2, 2008 at 2:00 a.m.

The Hanover Park Fire Department encourages residents to change the battery in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire.

# ★ ★ ★ CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS ★ ★ ★

## FEBRUARY

Thurs., Feb. 1	Anne Fox School dinner/ 50th Anniversary Essay Contest	6:00 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 4	Budget Workshop	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 5	Primary Election Day	
Thurs., Feb. 7	50th Anniversary Committee	3:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 7	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 8	50th Anniversary Dinner Dance	6:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 11	Budget Workshop	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 12	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Feb. 12	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 14	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 16	CPR/AED class	8:00 a.m.
Mon., Feb. 18	Presidents Day - Village Hall closed	
Tues., Feb. 19	Cycles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, & 8 water bills due	
Thurs., Feb. 21	STAARS - Horizon Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 21	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 26	Environmental Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 28	Elected officials call-in program	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 28	Budget Workshop	7:30 p.m.

## MARCH

Mon., March 3	Budget Workshop	7:30 p.m.
Wed., March 5	LifeSource Blood Drive	11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 6	50th Anniversary Committee	3:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 6	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., March 11	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., March 11	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., March 13	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Sat., March 15	CPR/AED Class	8:00 a.m.
Thurs., March 20	STAARS - Greenbrook Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 20	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., March 21	Cycles 3 & 4 water bills due	
Tues., March 25	Environmental Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., March 27	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

## APRIL

Thurs., April 3	50th Anniversary Committee	3:00 p.m.
Thurs., April 3	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., April 8	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., April 8	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 10	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., April 16	Cycles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 & 8 water bills due	
Thurs., April 17	STAARS - Albert Einstein	6:45 p.m.
Thurs., April 17	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat., April 19	First Aid Class	8:00 a.m.
Tues., April 22	Environmental Committee	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., April 26	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

## Fire Department Welcomes Daniel Nicholson

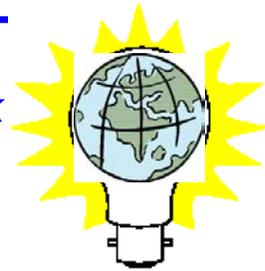
Firefighter/Paramedic Daniel Nicholson, who holds both Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support certifications, joined the Hanover Park Fire Department in December 2007.

Nicholson comes to Hanover Park from the Hampshire Fire Protection District, where he worked as a part-time firefighter/paramedic since 2003. His other certifications include Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations, Instructor I, and Fire Investigator. He is currently attending Elgin Community College.



# NEWS You Can USE

from the Hanover Park  
Environmental  
and Utility Committee



The Environmental Committee meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in room 101 in the Village Hall. The committee is offering the following suggestions to you to help do your part to protect the environment.

1. Replace furnace filters regularly.
2. Wrap your hot water heater with an approved insulation.
3. Seal any air leaks around doors and windows.
4. Adjust your hot water heater thermostat down to 120 degrees F.
5. Repair dripping faucets and leaking toilets.
6. Recycle newspapers, cans and bottles.

## Oil Disposal

If you change your own vehicle oil, it can be recycled at the following locations in Hanover Park. Please call for specific details.

**Jiffy Lube**            1600 Irving Park Road        630-289-7744

**Midas Muffler**    1505 Irving Park Road        630-830-0500

Celebrate  
The Earth

## Help Keep Your Neighborhood Clean On Garbage Pickup Day — Here's How!

A little bit of thoughtfulness and courtesy will go a long way toward keeping our neighborhoods free of blowing trash and debris on garbage pickup days. Here's how you can do your part:

- ❑ If possible, place your garbage at the curb on the morning of your scheduled pickup day, but never sooner than 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to collection. This will limit the amount of time your refuse is at the curb and the potential that animals, wind, and other factors may disturb your bags, cans or bulk items.
- ❑ Do not store your garbage containers in your front yard or anyplace where they are visible from the street. Village ordinance requires that garbage cans be screened from view.
- ❑ Garbage containers or anything not collected by Allied Waste must be removed from view within 24 hours after your pickup day.
- ❑ Load your recycling bin with heavier materials on the top to limit the possibility of materials blowing out of the bin on windy days.

By following these simple suggestions you will be making a great contribution to keeping your neighborhood clean on garbage day. Information is available on our website,

[www.HanoverParkIllinois.org](http://www.HanoverParkIllinois.org)

If you have any questions regarding items that may be left at the curb for refuse pickup, please contact Allied Waste Services at (630) 469-1036.

If you have any questions regarding Village ordinances relating to refuse regulations, please contact the Police Department Code Enforcement Unit at (630) 372-4484.



## Thanks for Brightening the Holidays!

The Village of Hanover Park is pleased to announce the winners of the 2007 Home Decorating contest. The winning properties are:

Single family home winner:  
Stirmell residence,  
5833 Charleston

Mult-family home winner:  
Pitsenbarger residence  
1316 #1  
Kingsbury

Congratulations to the owners of both of these homes -- and thanks for making the holiday season brighter for all of us!



# Hanover Park News Briefs

## ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVE AND SAVE A LIFE! HANOVER PARK HOSTING BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 5

Providing potentially life-saving help to the victim of a car accident, a patient with anemia or a blood-related disorder, those needing a bone marrow, stem cell or organ transplant, burn victims, or those needing a transfusion during emergency surgery is as easy as stopping by the Village Hall and rolling up your sleeve on Wednesday, March 5.

That's when LifeSource Blood Centers will be at the Village Hall. Blood drive hours are from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., making it convenient for those who wish to stop by on their lunch hour, while the children are in school, or on the way home from work.

Blood, commonly referred to as "the gift of life," is truly just that. Blood carries gases, nutrients and waste products through the body. Blood also fights infections, heals wounds and performs many other vital functions. There is no substitute. Volunteer blood donors are the only source of blood for people who need it.

All blood types are urgently needed to help return the blood supply to normal levels. You can sign up in advance by calling the Village of Hanover Park, (630) 372-4250, or simply stop by the day of the blood drive.

Please consider giving blood on March 5.

## CURBSIDE YARDWASTE COLLECTION RESUMES ON APRIL 4

Allied resumes regular yardwaste collection on Friday, April 4, 2008. Yardwaste stickers are available at Village Hall in addition to several retail outlets at a cost of \$1.94 per sticker. A yardwaste disposal sticker must be affixed to each Kraft paper yardwaste bag or through the handle of each plastic or metal container left at the curb. Place the container so that the sticker is facing the street. Please consult your Solid Waste Services Newsletter for further information.

## REMEMBER: OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED FROM 2:00 AM-6:00 AM

The Village of Hanover Park prohibits overnight parking on any designated Village street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., every day of the week unless otherwise posted. If a resident needs temporary parking due to an emergency or out-of-town guests, call 630/372-4400 and receive permission to park on the street for a limited time.

The Village of Hanover Park restricts the time a vehicle may be parked on any sidewalk to provide for the safe movement of pedestrian traffic. Vehicles may be parked over the sidewalk between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. every day of the week.

## BRUSH PICKUP RESUMES IN APRIL

The Village of Hanover Park's annual Brush Pickup Program begins on April 7. Be watching for the March/April edition of the Hanover Highlighter for complete details on the program.

## ENJOY THOSE HOLIDAY LIGHTS . . . BUT REMEMBER TO REMOVE THEM WITHIN 90 DAYS

Holiday lights and decorations brighten the season for everyone. But, there is a time and a place for everything, and now is the time to place your holiday decorations in storage in readiness for next year. If your holiday decorations are still hanging from the rooftop and adorning the front lawn, this is a friendly reminder that Village ordinance specifies that holiday decorations must be taken down within 90 days following the holiday. Thanks for your cooperation.

## COMMUTER PARKING PERMITS AVAILABLE

2008 commuter parking lot permits can be purchased for \$20.00 per month. Permits through December 2008 are currently available. There is a 10% discount when permits for three or more consecutive months are purchased at the same time.



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### Important Telephone Numbers

Village Hall (630) 372-4200  
Police Information (630) 372-4400  
Public Works Department (630) 372-4440  
Fire Department (630) 736-6800

Village Information Hotline (630) 372-4290

Code Enforcement Hotline (630) 372-4262

TDD (630) 372-4430  
Village Hall fax (630) 372-4215  
Police Department fax (630) 372-4420  
Public Works Department fax (630) 372-4462

Police, fire and ambulance 9-1-1

**Village Board meetings** are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Complex on Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

#### **Standing committee meetings:**

Call the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Development Commission
- Hanover Park CONECT Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Environmental and Utility Committee

**Curfew hours** for those under 17 years of age are 11:00 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 12 AM on Friday and Saturday.

**For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call (630) 372-4200**

## Hanover Park Honored Again with GFOA Award



*Village Manager Marc Hummel, Assistant Village Manager Mark Masciola, and Finance Director Joan Rock with the Government Finance Officers Association award.*

The Village of Hanover Park recently received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget Report from the Government Finance Officers Association. This is the 17th consecutive year the Village of Hanover Park has received this award. The Village's Fiscal Year 2008 Annual Budget was reviewed by GFOA officials and met the nationally recognized guidelines for an effective budget presentation in four separate categories -- policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The Village of Hanover Park has received this distinguished budget award, consecutively, since Fiscal Year 1992.

Recognition is given to the Village's Budget Team including: Village Manager Marc Hummel, Assistant Village Manager Mark Masciola, and Finance Director Joan Rock. Special recognition went to Executive Coordinator to the Village Manager Kim Benedix for her efforts to insure that this annual budget continues to be an effective communications document.

**Pay your water bill online!**  
[www.HanoverParkIllinois.org](http://www.HanoverParkIllinois.org)

**Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"**  
**MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online. Visa and MasterCard may only be used when paying in person at the Village Hall.**



**Got a question or concern? Elected officials hope you'll call to talk to them about it**

Village of Hanover Park officials want to make it as easy as possible to talk to them about anything of special interest or concern to you. That's why they offer a special resident call-in program on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns. The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

The next call in dates are **February 28 and March 27**. We'd love to hear from you!

# It was a Tree-riffic Holiday Tree Lighting in Hanover Park!

The second annual Holiday Tree Lighting was an exciting event with 16 organizations decorating trees this year including:

- ❑ **Ontarioville Art Center**
- ❑ **Albert Einstein Elementary School**
- ❑ **Allegro**
- ❑ **Anne Fox School**
- ❑ **Elsie Johnson School**
- ❑ **Hanover Highlands Brownie Troop 2006**
- ❑ **Hanover Park Animal Care Center**
- ❑ **Hanover Park Little League**
- ❑ **Hurricane Cheerleading**
- ❑ **Hurricane Football**
- ❑ **Huskie Club of Hanover Highlands**
- ❑ **Learning for Life**
- ❑ **Lions Club**
- ❑ **Sister City Committee**
- ❑ **Spring Wood Middle School**
- ❑ **Village Of Hanover Park**



Those attending enjoyed a variety of entertainment. Thanks to Spring Wood Middle School Band and Choir and to the Allegro Dance Troup; your performances were outstanding. A special thank you to the Schaumburg Township District Library for their contribution of "Christmas Capers" a marionette show. Santa and his elf visited with over 80 children. The evening was complete with cookies and hot chocolate provided by the Hanover Park Lions Club. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

## Village of Hanover Park

2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
(630) 372-4200

### VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday** 8:00 AM-4:30 PM  
**Thursday** 8:00 AM-7:30 PM

### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

**Rodney S. Craig** Village President  
**Sherry L. Craig** Village Clerk

**Toni L. Carter**, Trustee  
**Wesley E. Eby**, Trustee  
**Lori A. Kaiser**, Trustee

**William J. Manton**, Trustee  
**Joseph J. Nicolosi**, Trustee  
**Robert D. Packham**, Trustee

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