

Residents Encouraged to Participate in Budget Process

As part of the Village's Fiscal Year 2010 budget process, a public meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Board Room at the Village Hall. At this meeting the public is invited to speak about any topic relevant to the Village budget which covers the period from May 1, 2009 through April 30, 2010. Topics could include public safety service, municipal utilities, public works projects, financial resources or any other issue regarding Village services. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an open forum for public commentary. The meeting will be recorded and suggestions will be listed and discussed at a later date.



The second public budget meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2008 at 7:30 PM. At this meeting, Elected Officials will discuss the previously provided public input comments along with other projects and programs to be considered for the next budget year.

The final preliminary budget meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:30 PM. At this meeting, the Village Board will analyze and evaluate the suggestions and recommendations and provide direction on which items should be included in the proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budget. Please take advantage of this opportunity to provide input on the Village's budget priorities for the coming year.

Assistance for Flood Victims

On September 13 and 14, 2008 the Village responded to over 9 inches of rainfall during a 36 hour time period. This rainfall is categorized as a 1% storm or, stated another way, a rain event that has a 1 in 100 chance of occurring. The only similar storm in recent memory was in 1987 although less total rainfall fell in the earlier storm.



Due to the deluge, numerous streets were closed, some homes were flooded by overland water and in Cook County numerous properties suffered sanitary sewer backups. Village Public

Works, Police and Fire Departments responded by barricading streets, maintaining the Anne Fox grate and responding to ambulance calls. Although public and private properties incurred flooding, no personal injuries were reported.

A storm event of this magnitude exceeds the design capacity of storm sewer and wastewater treatment systems. The storm water system comprised of swales, pipes, streets, detention basins and the West Branch of the DuPage River overflowed resulting in water approaching and in some cases, entering private properties. Also, in Cook County, the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) plant off of Barrington Road experienced a wet well height which caused wastewater flows to back up into some private property homes.

The Village President signed a Disaster Declaration and

submitted initial damage estimate data. The State of Illinois declared both Cook and DuPage County disaster areas. The Village has requested damage information from residents and businesses. This information will be forwarded, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will determine financial assistance eligibility. As of this writing, FEMA has not rendered a decision.

Some financial assistance is presently available. Through the Illinois State Treasurer's Office, low interest loans are available for those who sustained weather-related damages. Current loan rates are 4.5%. Additional information is available at the Disaster Recovery Hotline at 866-523-0641 or email OpportunityIllinois@treasurer.state.il.us. If FEMA declares losses eligible, additional federal financial assistance may be available.

During unprecedented rainfall, local governments are unable to eliminate exposure to flooding. The Village does have a cost sharing program to assist residents in the installation of "overhead" plumbing that prevents sanitary sewer backups. Overhead plumbing installation is expensive. The Village overhead plumbing program provides up to a maximum of \$5,000 per residence. Please contact the Public Works Department at 630-372-4440 to obtain information about this program. Finally, to lessen the financial hardship caused by flooding, residents are encouraged to contact insurance company representatives to fully understand coverage and policy exclusions. Transferring the financial risk of flooding by means of insurance coverage can protect property owners.



Minute with the Mayor..

Hanover Park, having celebrated its 50th Birthday August 14th, toasted the Eagle and Gold Award Scouts at our event kick-off in the VIP tent. The Family Festival was a huge success and everyone really was impressed with the line-up of music and youth activities. The weather was most complimentary, staff performed like all the activities were business as normal. Volunteers were everywhere and most notable was the support for the Parade.

Hahnz Teope, Parade Coordinator had a goal to have more youth in the parade than watching. I believe he achieved that goal. Rick Roberts, Jon Kunkel, and Ray Kiel, Parade Coordinators along with Hahnz were a blur of activity organizing walkers and locating floats to perfection teamed up with Kim Benedix who managed the information.

The Classic Car Show really topped off the weekend, sponsored by Prairie Station Pub proprietor, John Holdeman. What a great job; 174 cars, super trophies, and cash awards. The Hanover Park Community Resource Center (DuCap) was the recipient of a nice donation for their efforts, as was BSA Troop 398. We are truly a town blessed with people who care as demonstrated by the work completed. Thanks to Police, Fire, CERT Team, Fire Corps, Public Works, and Staff.

I'm often asked about the Wind Turbine Generator. It remains a work in progress as House Bill 6660 gathers momentum to solve the aggregation issue with ComEd. Thanks to State Representatives Fred Crespo and Randy Ramey for the sponsorship. Numerous school districts have signed resolutions in support of the initiative, and there is more to come in the near future. On October 24, 2008, Keeneyville School District #20 and your Mayor will be presenting the initiative at the Lt. Governor's 3rd Annual Sustainable Cities Symposium, at Benedictine University. I'm also working on an Energy Forum for October 21, 2008, at Lake Park High School. We have a plan to save taxpayers dollars.

Recently I was asked by PACE at one of my DuPage Mayors & Managers Transportation meetings, if we would be receptive to participating in a bus line touching Hanover Park. Given every municipality around us is engaged in bus service in one form or another, I've been a tad outspoken on the subject. We expect a route that will touch our train station, motor along Barrington Road to the Alexian Hospital, back to Golf Road and on to Woodfield Mall. Hoo Rah!

STORM NEWS: Finally, we had a very wet weekend a few days ago. 9.1 inches in 36 hours, or 90 billion gallons of water fell on the area. Numerous streets were flooded and water washed over curbs into family rooms. When MWRD shut down, many residents suffered the indignity of sewer water backing into their homes. I've been in contact with elected officials of that facility and a formal response is headed our way. Many communities have ordinances that mandate overhead sewers to stop the backup; we will be considering that plan and offer residents a cost-sharing upgrade program. Today I signed a Declaration of Disaster to enable maximum benefit to residents under the Federal guidelines. The staff is sharing mailings to the impacted areas, and if you have any concerns, please call for clarity. I expect all information to be contained on the Village Web site. We are also completing an assessment of damages, so hopefully anyone with a loss is in contact with the Village.

To this end, I encourage residents to contact me with concerns or questions via office staff, phone messaging, and email. Village Board meetings are held monthly on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 PM. It continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. Take an opportunity to get involved.

RCraig@hpil.org

Congratulations to our 2008 Community Appearance Award Winners!

The Village of Hanover Park recently chose the 2008 Community Appearance Award winners. Over 16 properties were nominated this year and the competition was fierce. The Village is proud to announce the 2008 Community Appearance Award winner in the Single Family category - the Walsh Residence located at 1240 Westchester. The Multifamily category award is bestowed to the Roberts Residence of 1731 Fulton.

Winners in both the single and multifamily categories will be presented with a \$100 gift certificate and a plaque at the annual Village Awards dinner scheduled for January 2009.



Congratulations to our winners:

*Single Family Category:
Walsh Residence (above)
1240 Westchester*

*Multifamily Category
Roberts Residence (below)
1731 Fulton*



Deck the Homes Contest

It's almost time to start preparing for the annual "Deck the Homes" contest. So get ready to display your holiday spirit!

Winners will be chosen in both the single and multifamily categories. Winners in each category will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate and a plaque and will also be invited to the annual Village Awards night scheduled for January 2009.

All homes will be judged by Village Elected Officials. Remember to call 630-372-4210 and nominate your favorite home! Nominations are due December 15, 2008!

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**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.

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Hot Off The Grill

I can't believe that summer is coming to a close. Of course that always seems to happen when the weather is good. Remember last winter, and how it never seemed to end? I'll be hoping for that Indian summer now.

Residents have probably noticed a number of new businesses that have opened this summer. In fact, many of you may have enrolled your kids in the new Greenbrook Montessori School that opened on September 2nd. Greenbrook Montessori School is an alternative to regular day care for children aged 2 through kindergarten. Located at 1675 Greenbrook Blvd., just east of County Farm Road, Greenbrook Montessori School will operate year round with care available from 7 AM to 6 PM Monday through Friday. Their mission is to provide education and childcare following the Montessori philosophy. Experienced teachers are prepared to facilitate, encourage and empower children and foster academic success and the fulfillment of the child's highest potential. Open houses are scheduled throughout this fall, so why not stop by and see how Greenbrook Montessori School can meet the day care and educational needs of your child.



Another new business bringing the latest trends to Hanover Park is Amor Salon and Spa, located at 2422 Army Trail Road in the Atmiya Plaza. Amor is one of only a few salons specializing in threading. If you haven't heard, threading is an ancient hair removal technique with origins in Arabia and South Asia. Using a cotton thread in a twisting motion that traps a row of hair, individual strands are pulled from the root in a straight line. Because threading pulls each hair strand from the root, it avoids ingrown hairs and creates a sharp defined shape. Waxing can sometimes break the hair. In addition to threading, Amor Salon and Spa also offers a full line of hair treatments including coloring, perms, highlighting, trims and all of your typical spa treatments such as facials, massages and make-up services. Jabeen Mussarat & Yogini Patel welcome you to stop by and see their full line of services and give them the opportunity to explain their many bridal and prom packages they are offering. Incidentally, I know all this because Amor Salon and Spa is not just for women, but men too. Men's haircuts, facials and massages are also available.

Lastly, if you were afraid our local Starbuck's might have been one targeted for closure, I can assure you its not. Local coffee master Eric Rasmussen looks forward to seeing old and new customers alike each morning in his store across the street from the train station on Lake Street. He will be happy to serve up a portion of Starbucks newest offering, oatmeal. Yes, that's right. The good for your health grain, oatmeal. With your well-being in mind, Starbucks is also offering a new Protein Vanilla Latte. And back by popular demand, because it's that time of year, Pumpkin Spice Latte.

I hope everyone was able to enjoy the wonderful summer that we have had and all of the events the Village has had to celebrate Hanover Park's 50th Anniversary. The new Menard's is on schedule, and I am looking forward to doing much of my Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping there.

COMMITTEE

Hanover Park CONECT Committee
(Education and Community Teamwork)

Welcome New Businesses!

Menards

Barrington and Irving Park Roads
(Opening November)

Halloween USA

7550 Barrington Road
(Seasonal)

Kumon Math & Reading Center of Carol Stream/Hanover Park

1812 Army Trail Road

Spazio's Salon, Inc.

2000 Army Trail Road

Alexian Brothers Hospice

1515 Lake Street

A Sheer Delight

610 Wise Road

Johnson Pumps of America, Inc.

1625 Hunter Road

OPARC Computers, Inc.

25W775 Lake Street

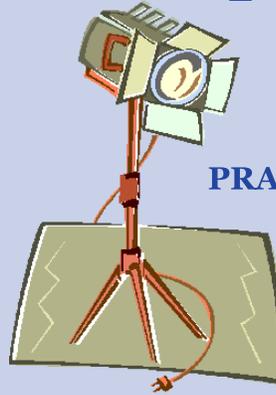
MK Pantry

5674 Arlington Drive

Liberty Tax Service

5557 County Farm Road
(new location)

Spotlight On Business



PRAIRIE STATION PUB

For five years, Prairie Station Pub has been providing a friendly atmosphere for local residents to gather in Hanover Park. Prairie Station Pub currently employs eight people at its location in the Ontarioville Historic District.

Prairie Station Pub was established in 2003 and has gone through an extensive renovation of an historic building in order to keep the character of the past. One of the many challenges the pub faces is keeping up with the ever-changing State and local laws. The pub has had a steady increase in sales and a large increase in loyal customers over the years.



John Holdeman, owner, stated "My philosophy is to go the extra mile to give customers activities such as ping-pong, pool, and horseshoes. I try to get people involved in their town's surroundings."

Prairie Station Pub has been involved in the community by sponsoring local "Toys for Tots" drives, the Streamwood D.A.R.E. program, and several fundraisers. Mr. Holdeman played a significant role in the Classic Car Show held in conjunction with the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration. Prairie Station Pub was a finalist for the 2007 Mayor's Choice Award in recognition of this commitment to the community and their customers.

Stop in to Prairie Station Pub located at 1951 Ontarioville Road, Hanover Park, IL or contact the Hanover Park business at (630)483-2100. Pub hours are 7 a.m. – 2 a.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. – 3 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

Mayor's Choice Award Program

Nominate your favorite business for the "Mayor's Choice Business of the Year" Award. This award honors contributions made by Hanover Park businesses benefitting our community.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to nominate outstanding local businesses. Businesses are encouraged to nominate themselves. Entrants must be located in Hanover Park and will be judged in several categories including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Community Involvement
- ◆ Excellence in Customer Service
- ◆ Positive Image and Appearance
- ◆ Longevity within Hanover Park



Judging will be conducted by the Hanover Park Business CONECT committee.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please return the nomination form and a letter of interest responding to the following categories:

- ◆ A description of community involvement
- ◆ A short company history
- ◆ Number of employees
- ◆ Information regarding the company's growth in Hanover Park
- ◆ Description of company's business philosophy, accomplishments and challenges
- ◆ A description of the company's efforts to provide excellent customer service.

If you have any questions about the Mayor's Choice Business Award program please contact Patrick Grill, Community Development Director at 630-372-4281 or pgrill@hpil.org

13th Annual Mayor's Choice Award Program-Nomination Form

Nominee Information:

Company: _____
Owner Name: _____
Company Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

What factors contribute to the success of the company you nominated and why?

Nominator Information:

Nominator Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____

Complete and mail or fax to: Village of Hanover Park, Attention: Wendy Holtz
2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133
Phone: 630-372-4282 Fax: 630-372-4265

2009 Youth of the Year Scholarship Applications Now Available

The Youth of the Year Scholarship was established by the Village of Hanover Park to honor and recognize the contributions of graduating high school students who reside in Hanover Park. Each year, Hanover Park high school seniors are invited to participate in this program. Although considered, academics are secondary to the student's involvement in serving the Hanover Park Community.

The Youth of the Year will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, with the runner-up receiving a \$500 scholarship.

To qualify, the student must be a resident of the Village of Hanover Park, a member of the graduating class of 2009, and plan to attend a community college, technical school or university.

The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation must be returned to: Village of Hanover Park, Youth of the Year Scholarship, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133.

APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 12, 2008.

For more information call 630-372-4210 or visit our website at www.hpil.org



2007-2008 Youth of the Year Scholarship Winners

Interested in Becoming a Hanover Park Police Officer?

Consider joining the Hanover Park Police Department and be a part of a growing residential community.

Police Patrol Officer applications will be available beginning October 6, 2008 at the Village of Hanover Park 2121 W. Lake Street - Human Resource Department or on the web at www.hpil.org.

Orientation is mandatory and will be held November 11, 2008 at the Village Hall. All applications are due by orientation.

Minimum requirements at the time of exam:

- ✓ At least 20 years old.
- ✓ Associates Degree or 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of credit. The education requirement is waived for those who have two years of active military service.
- ✓ Valid driver's license.
- ✓ No felony convictions and of good moral character.

Starting Pay -
\$49,316.80

If you have any questions, you can contact the Human Resources Department at 630/372-4250



New Village Ordinance Warns Turn Down the Volume

On August 21, 2008, the Hanover Park Village Board passed a comprehensive ordinance regulating noise levels in the Village limits. The noise ordinance was enacted to protect, preserve and promote the health, safety, welfare, peace, and quiet of the citizens of the Village through the reduction, control, and prevention of unreasonably loud and raucous noise.



The Hanover Park Police Department has begun active enforcement against unreasonably loud music or noise coming from vehicles as part of the newly adopted noise ordinance. In order for a citation to be issued, the music or noise from a vehicle must be audible by a peace officer or complainant at a distance of 75 feet or greater. The fine for a violation of the noise ordinance ranges from \$100.00 to \$750.00.

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Fantastic Fun at 40th Anniversary Family Fest



Don't Become a Statistic...Keep your Identity Safe

The Hanover Park Police Department aggressively pursues identity theft and financial crimes. In 2007, the Police Department investigated approximately 204 cases involving these and other fraud related crimes. Recently, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimated that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year.

Identity theft occurs when someone uses your personal identifying information without your permission, to commit fraud or other crimes. Your personal identifying information includes, but is not limited to, your name, address, date of birth, drivers' license number, Social Security Number, credit/debit card number, checking, savings and brokerage account numbers as well as a personal identification number.

The potential for damage, loss, and stress is considerable. Consumers victimized by identity theft may be denied job opportunities and/or loans for education, housing, or cars because of negative information on their credit reports. They may even be arrested for crimes they did not commit.

You can take some steps to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft:

- Keep your personal information in a secure place at home.
- Keep your purse or wallet in a safe place at work; do the same with copies of administrative forms that have your sensitive personal information.
- Use a shredder to destroy documents with your personal identifying information rather than dispose of them in the trash.
- Deposit your outgoing mail in post office collection boxes or at your local post office, rather than in an unsecured mailbox.

- Promptly remove mail from your mailbox. If you're planning to be away from home and can't pick up your mail, contact the U.S. Postal Service at 1-800-275-8777 or online at www.usps.gov, to request a vacation hold. The Postal Service will hold your mail at your local post office until you can pick it up or are home to receive it.

- Monitor your accounts and billing statements regularly; look closely for charges you did not make.

- The Internet can give you access to information, entertainment, financial offers, and countless other

services but at the same time, it can leave you vulnerable to online scammers, identity thieves and spyware. For practical tips to help you be on guard against Internet fraud, secure your computer, and protect your personal information, visit www.OnGuardOnline.gov.

- Choose to opt-out of prescreened offers of credit and insurance: Call 1-888-567-8688 or visit www.optoutprescreen.com.



The Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act requires each of the major nationwide consumer reporting companies to provide you with a free copy of your credit report, at your request, once every 12 months. To order your free annual report from one or all the national consumer reporting companies, visit www.annualcreditreport.com, call toll-free 877-322-8228, or complete the Annual Credit Report Request Form and mail it to: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, GA 30348-5281. You can print the form from www.ftc.gov/credit.

Helpful Hints for a Safe and Happy Halloween!

Help keep your favorite ghosts and goblins safe this Halloween by reviewing these important safety rules with your children.

- ▶ No candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.

- ▶ Discard any unwrapped items.

- ▶ Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.

- ▶ Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.

- ▶ At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.

- ▶ Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.

- ▶ Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.

- ▶ For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.

- ▶ Remind children to cross only at corners and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk -- never run -- across streets.



Calendar of Events

Month	Date	Event	Time
OCTOBER	2	50th Anniversary Committee Meeting	3:00 PM
	2	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	6	Brush Pick Up Area 1	7:00 AM
	9	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	13	Brush Pick Up Area 2	7:00 AM
	14	Sister City Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	16	STAARS	7:00 PM
	16	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	18	First Aid Class	8:00 AM
	20	Brush Pick Up Area 3	7:00 AM
	20	DuPage County and Commercial Water Bills Due	
	20	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	23	Elected Official Call In	7:00 PM
	23	Public Input - Budget Meeting	7:30 PM
	27	Brush Pick Up Area 4	7:00AM
	28	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	30	Budget Meeting	7:30 PM
31	Trick or Treat Hours	3-7:00 PM	
NOVEMBER	6	50th Anniversary Committee Meeting	3:00 PM
	6	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	11	CONNECT Committee Meeting	NOON
	11	Sister City Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	13	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	15	CPR Class	8:00 AM
	17	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	19	Cook County Water Bills Due	
	20	STAARS	7:00 PM
	20	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	25	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
27	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		
28	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		
DECEMBER	1	Budget Meeting	7:30 PM
	4	50th Anniversary Committee Meeting	3:00 PM
	4	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	5	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:30 PM
	9	Sister City Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Development Commission Mtg.	7:30 PM
	15	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:30 PM
	16	DuPage County and Commercial Water Bills Due	
	18	STAARS	7:00 PM
	18	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
20	CPR Class	8:00 AM	
23	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	
24	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		
25	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		



Speak Out

Making Hanover Park a great place for everyone and every business is prime importance for your Hanover Park Elected Officials and staff.

Your input and feedback is vitally important in helping us do the best job possible towards meeting these goals. You are our “eyes and ears” in your neighborhood, shopping area and industrial park.

Please let us know what you think by faxing or mailing this form with any information that will help us continue to make Hanover Park a great community to live and work.

Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. You will receive a response if you provide us with your name and a way to contact you.

Mail forms to:

**The Village of Hanover Park
Village President's Office
2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

Or fax to: (630) 372-4225

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like you to know...

**Trick or
Treat
Hours**



**are from
3:00 - 7:00 PM on
Friday,
October 31**

Hanover Park Environmental Committee Promotes Energy Savings Initiatives

A light bulb goes on....and let the energy savings begin. As some of you are aware, the Hanover Park Environmental Committee has been promoting the use of more energy efficient light bulbs. In dramatic fashion, the conversion of old technology incandescent light bulbs with modern Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL's) is saving consumers money. The tremendous savings have been most evident to the management of apartment complexes and condominium associations in the area. Changes are happening...and the cost savings are accumulating!

Recently, one local condominium association converted to CFL's for common areas of their buildings including hallways and outdoor security lighting...and immediately realized a significant reduction in the association's electricity bill! We are talking about electric bills showing a 50% + reduction. We are talking about truly dramatic cost savings.

Initial projections by the Community Management had estimated the cost savings for the conversion to CFL's to break even after six months...and instead it only took four months for the cost of the bulb replacement project to break even. Everything from that point on is additional savings. The added benefit is that the typical life of a CFL also greatly exceeds the life of an incandescent lamp.....some will last up to seven years with normal use. With CFL's using less electricity and lasting longer, you will really see the cost savings over time continue to accumulate.



Neighborhood Electric Vehicles Approved for Use

The Village Board, based on a recommendation from the Environmental Committee, and in an effort to offer alternate fuel vehicles access to Village Streets, approved an ordinance which allows Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, NEV's, to be operated legally on Village Streets. NEV's are defined as "a self-propelled, electronically powered four-wheeled motor vehicle which is capable of attaining in one mile a speed of more than 20 miles per hour, but not more than 25 miles per hour, and which conforms to federal regulations under Title 49CFR Part 571.500".

Golf carts and similar vehicles do not meet these requirements and are not allowed on Village streets. These vehicles are only allowed on residential streets, and are not allowed on State or County Roads such as Irving Park Road, Barrington Road, Lake Street, or County Farm Road, among others.

They are allowed to cross these roads to continue their travels on residential streets.

A driver of these vehicles must have a valid driver's license and is subject to all



of the rules of the road for vehicles. The vehicle must be equipped with the following, at a minimum; brakes, steering apparatus, tires, rearview mirror, red reflectorized warning devices in the front or rear, a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear, headlights, tail lights, brake lights and turn signals.



The Finance Counter

What's New!

Water bill payments may now be made at Dino's Finer Foods located at 6768 Barrington Road. Only cash will be accepted. Dino's will charge a \$0.50 administrative fee per transaction.



An ATM has been installed in the Village Hall. It is located right outside the Police Department and will only dispense cash. No fees are charged for DuPage Credit Union members; otherwise a \$2.00 fee will be charged per transaction.

Water and Sewer Bill Payments

Pay your water and sewer bill on-line at www.hpil.org! Click on Service/Finance/Direct Pay and on the link to be directed to the Illinois State Treasurer's Office E-PAY website (Electronic Payment Services Program). Type in Hanover Park, and you will then be able to use your credit or debit card to make your payment. Please note that there is a nominal fee added to your total bill by the payment processor for the use of the service. This fee is based on the total amount of your bill. You will be able to look up the amount of the fee prior to completing the transaction. Mastercard, American Express, and Discover are accepted on-line.

Water and sewer bill payments may also be made in person at the Village Hall in the Finance Department in the form of cash, check, debit or credit card including Visa and Mastercard. Payments may also be placed in either night drop box located adjacent to the driveway in front of the Village Hall and outside of the main entrance or mailed.

Attention Commuters! Need a Parking Permit?

Did you know you can purchase your Hanover Park commuter parking permits through the mail? Complete an application and mail it or place it in the night drop box with a check for the correct dollar amount. Your parking permit will be mailed to you. Applications are available at the Village Hall and at the Coffee Depot in the Metra station. Please allow plenty of time for processing and mail delivery.



You may also purchase your parking permits online at www.hpil.org. Click on Services/Finance/Direct Pay page and click on the link. A convenience fee will be charged by the payment processor for the service. Once notification of your payment is received, a parking permit will be mailed to you.

A representative from the Village will be at the Metra station on the last Wednesday of every month between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM selling monthly and quarterly parking permits. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

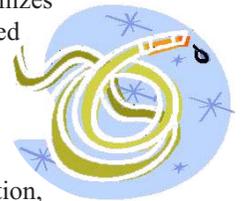
Selling your home?

Please call the Finance Department at 630-372-4230 before your closing date to set up a final water meter reading and to make sure there are no outstanding payments due to the Village. The seller is required to purchase a real estate transfer tax stamp prior to the closing on the property. All monies owed to the Village must be paid prior to the issuance of the stamp.



Summer Sewer Credit Program

The summer sewer credit program recognizes that during the summer months water used may not enter the sewer system; for example, water may be used to fill a pool, wash a car, or sprinkle the lawn. With this program, residential summer sewer bills are based on winter water consumption, or current water consumption, whichever is lower.



In Cook County, this credit is applied to the June, August and October bills for usage during the months of April through September. In DuPage County, the credit is applied to the July, September and November bills for usage during the months of May through October. Please contact water billing at 630-372-4233 with any questions regarding the summer sewer credit.

Senior Citizen Discounts Available

Water Discount:

Hanover Park residents age 65 or older are invited to apply for our senior water bill program. With this program, seniors are exempt from the minimum bill payment and are only required to pay for the actual amount of water that is used. Applications are available at the Village Hall in the Finance Department.

Refuse Discount:

Allied Waste Services offers 50% reduced garbage rates for seniors needing financial assistance. You must meet the specific income and residency criteria and have been approved for the Circuit Breaker Program to be eligible. Call 630-372-4210 or stop in the Manager's Office for more information.

RTA Seniors Ride Free Program Registration

Senior citizens age 65 or over living in the RTA (Rapid Transit Authority) service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. To take advantage of the free transit, seniors must have the senior reduced fare card. Please call 630-372-4230 for more information.

What To Do - And Not To Do -When You Rake and Dispose of Leaves This Fall

With autumn upon us, the leaves change colors and they begin to fall. Although beautiful, they require proper disposal. What to do? Follow these simple suggestions:

1. Create a backyard composting area.

2. Mulch leaves by running them over with a lawn mower (you may wish to use the mulch for landscaping purposes, such as around shrubs); or

3. Place leaves in a yardwaste container, attach a yardwaste sticker and have them collected by Allied Waste Services. If you have a scavenger other than Allied, please contact them for yardwaste collection information.

The Village recommends options 1 and 2. The escalating cost of disposing of leaves at a landscape waste facility is greater than disposing of garbage at a landfill.

Leaves generated from parkway trees in public streets are collected by Village crews. Trees and leaves on private property are the homeowner's responsibility.

Depositing leaves on public property is prohibited. Violators face a minimum \$100 fine. Raking leaves into streets strains Village street-sweeping efforts. Vast quantities of leaves in the street also increase the potential for flooding because storm sewer inlets become clogged.

Allied's final yardwaste collection is Saturday, November 29, 2008 and will not resume until April 2009.



Village Schedules Final 2008 Brush Pick Up

The Village will be holding its final brush pick up in October. Collection dates include:

October 6 (Area 1)

Streets north of Lake Street and west of Barrington Road

October 13 (Area 2)

Streets north of Lake Street and east of Barrington Road

October 20 (Area 3)

Streets south of Lake Street and north of Lawrence Avenue

October 27 (Area 4)

Streets south of Lawrence Avenue

Any questions regarding the Village's Brush Pickup Program should be directed to the Public Works Department at 630-372-4440.



Village Hall will be closed Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Police and Fire Departments will be open.



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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
- Finance Department (630) 372-4230
- Water Billing (630) 372-4233

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

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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, time and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Development Commission
- Environmental Committee
- Hanover Park CONECT
- Sister City Committee

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

For questions or concerns regarding Village Services call (630) 372-4200

Village Hosting Semi-Annual Blood Drive October 8

What better gift can someone give than the gift of life! On Wednesday, October 8, the Village will be hosting its semi-annual blood drive. The drive will be held from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the Village Hall located at 2121 West Lake Street.



Your donation will benefit those involved in car accidents, burn victims, patients with anemia, bone marrow and stem cell transplants, organ transplants and many other traumas and blood-related disorders. There is not an artificial substitute for blood.

Volunteer donors are the only source of blood for people who need it. All blood types are urgently needed.

Walk-ins are welcome, or you may sign up in advance by contacting Wendy Bednarek at 630-372-4254 or via email at wbednarek@hpil.org.

Pay your water and sewer bill on-line! www.hpil.org

Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay" or click on the link on our home page. MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online.

VISA and Mastercard may 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 to 9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns. The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

The call in date is October 23

We'd love to hear from you!

Due to the holidays, the next call in will be January 22, 2009

Fire Department Hosts Open House

Saturday, October 11, 2008 the Hanover Park Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house at Fire Station No. 1, 6850 Barrington Road from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM The day will be filled with demonstrations and displays from area community organizations. Demonstrations will include vehicle extrication, roof ventilation and advanced life saving skills used by the paramedics.

Station tours will run throughout the day. Many members of the department will be on hand to answer questions you may have for them.

Firefighters will also be showing off the fire engines, ladder tower, and ambulance. Back by popular demand, we will also be having our Kids Combat Challenge. The children will be racing against the clock while they perform many of the same tasks the real firefighters use on the fire scene. So come out and join us for the fun filled day. We hope to see you all there!



Daylight Savings Time-Time to Check Your Smoke Detector!

Daylight Savings Time changes back to standard time at 2:00 AM Sunday, November 2. That's a great time to make another change - change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Changing smoke detector batteries at least once a year is one of the easiest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths or injuries. It's a change that could save your life!

"Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries Campaign"



Saturday, November 1, 2008 the Hanover Park Fire Department will once again be teaming up with Rosati's Pizza to promote the "Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries" campaign.

From 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Firefighters will randomly follow Rosati's delivery crews. If the resident has a working smoke detector installed in the home, they will receive their pizza free of charge. If the resident does not have a smoke detector or the detector does not work, the Fire Department will provide the resident a new smoke detector or change the batteries for them.

Remember, working smoke detectors in the house reduce the risk of death or injury in home fires by nearly 50%.

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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*

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Wesley E. Eby, *Trustee*
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