

Hi-Lighter

July/August 2020



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Holiday Closings

The Municipal Complex will be closed Friday, July 3rd in observance of the Independence Day holiday.



Police and Fire will remain open 24/7.

Select the "Notify Me" icon on the home page of our website to stay informed of current events and happenings in the Village by signing up for our eNews.

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2020

The 2020 Census will continue into October due to delays created by COVID-19, but it's never too early to complete. Starting in August, Census workers will be door knocking to interview households for those that have not yet completed their Census form. If you haven't already, it is **simple** to complete online, via phone, or mail.

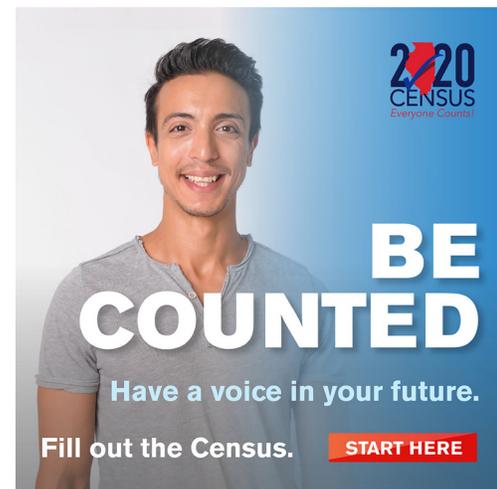
There are several language options over the phone and 59 languages online
www.my2020census.gov

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| English: | 844-330-2020 | Español: | 844-468-2020 |
| Russian: | 844-417-2020 | Arabic: | 844-416-2020 |
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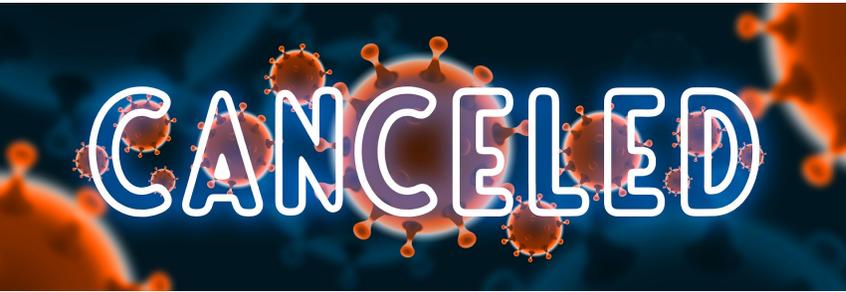
Completing the 2020 Census takes just minutes and you can trust that your information is **secure** and protected. Federal Law prohibits disclosing individual information and no other government agency is given access. The 2020 Census will NOT ask any questions regarding your immigration status, financial information, nor social security number.

For Hanover Park, it is truly **significant** that you **#BeCounted** and complete the 2020 Census because it will help shape our future for the next 10 years and will help us plan for schools, housing, health, workforce, etc. The final Census count determines the distribution of \$675 billion in federal funds and district boundaries for congressional representation.

#HazteContar El Censo se extenderá hasta octubre por demoras causadas por COVID-19. En agosto, abra trabajadores del Censo tocando puertas para hacer entrevistas en domicilios que no han completado su formulario. Si no lo ha hecho aun, **Es Simple**: Puede completar su formulario del Censo de tres formas- Internet: www.my2020census.gov, teléfono 844-468-2020, o correo. **Es Seguro**: Su información está protegida y no se comparte con ninguna agencia gubernamental, ni siquiera con el Village of Hanover Park. **Es Significante**: Es importante para planificación de un mejor futuro para escuelas, vivienda, infraestructura, salud y necesidades de fuerza de trabajo.



Calendar of Events



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the social distancing guidelines, the following events have been **canceled**:

- Wednesday Night Live! - July 9;
- Mayor Craig's Playball - July 14;
- COPS DAY and Movie in the Park - July 17;
- Wednesday Night Live! - July 22;
- Car & Motorcycle Show - August 2;
- Wednesday Night Live! - August 5;
- Movie in the Park - August 7; and
- Corks & Crafts - September 12

Please watch our Facebook page or website for additional information.

We hope to see you in 2021, when these events return!

The Fourth of July is right around the corner and the Hanover Park Police Department wants to remind everyone that **ALL FIREWORKS are illegal in Illinois** unless authorized by local jurisdiction permits for supervised public displays.

Even though sparklers, smoke devices, snakes, glow worm pellets or trick noisemakers are not considered fireworks, please be aware they can still be dangerous.

Let's keep everyone safe this Fourth of July – leave the fireworks to the professionals!



MOST DANGEROUS FIREWORKS



SAFETY TIPS

- Check if fireworks are legal in your county or state.
- Never allow children to hold or play with fireworks.
- Do not buy fireworks packaged in brown paper.
- Do not relight malfunctioning fireworks.
- Use fireworks outside and far from wooden objects.

July

- 3** Village Hall Closed - Independence Day
- 16** Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm / Virtual
- 18** HCP CPR (BLS)..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 21** Water Bills Due

August

- 1** Veterans Committee 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 5** Special Events Committee ... 11:30 am / Room 212
- 6** Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11** CONECT Committee..... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 11** Sister Cities Committee 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 13** Development Commission .. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 15** Heartsaver CPR/AED 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 18** CIDC Committee 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 20** Village Board Meeting 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 25** Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Village Hall
- 25** Environmental Comm..... 7:00 pm / Room 214

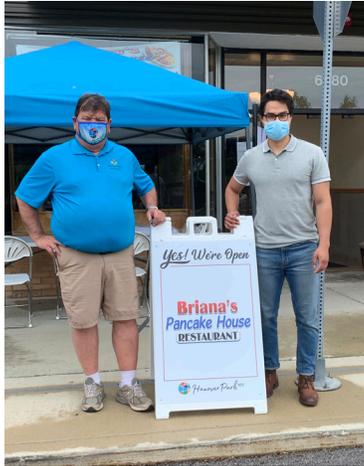
Reminder To Residents

The Village's emergency declaration will expire on August 6, 2020, which means the suspension of water shut-off, waiving of late fees, escalation of parking tickets, and citations are ending. Code Enforcement will resume the curb appeal program and cite for ordinance violations as of August 7, 2020.

For water and sewer bills, late fees will resume on the August billing cycle. If current bills are not paid on the due date, which is August 21, a 10% late fee will be added and a termination notice will be issued. Your water will be shut-off only if the total bill is not paid in full or if alternative arrangements have not been made. Water shut-off will start on the 9th of September, 2020.

If you have any questions or concern with your water and sewer bills, please call water billing at 630-823-5790 or email waterbilling@hpil.org.

MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



I would like to thank our local elected officials for their support on a number of issues. Senator Castro has been very helpful in supporting funding for our street and infrastructure improvement. In addition, funding for new crossing at our Metra station was supported by Representative Mussman. Representative Crespo has been fully supportive in helping sustain the Hanover Park Education and WorkNet Center with Elgin Community College and Harper Community College. Education is the key to success for our families.

After many difficult months of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic, we were looking to get back to some feeling of normalcy in our lives as we moved into Phase 3, and now Phase 4, of the Governor's Restore Illinois Plan. In Hanover Park and across the state, businesses began to open and outdoor dining was made available to consumers.

These positive steps were then overshadowed with the death of George Floyd and the civil unrest occurring across the nation that followed. What happened to George Floyd was unconscionable. As Americans, we are

outraged by the actions of the officer and the lack of intervention by the officers who were present during the incident.

I am extremely proud that Hanover Park is a safe, diverse and inclusive place to live and raise a family. We have embraced our diversity and hold it as a point of local pride. We will continue to have conversations on race and racism toward our vision for change. I am eager to continue to see our Village work together collaboratively to promote and ultimately achieve a peaceful, inclusive, and equitable environment for all.

Welcome to our new Village Trustee Liza Gutierrez. Trustee Gutierrez has been a Hanover Park resident for the past 12 years and will hold office for a portion of the unexpired term of former Trustee Fanny López Benítez, and until a successor has been duly elected at the spring election in 2021. We are honored to have her on our Board and I am confident she will serve the people of Hanover Park well. For more information on Trustee Gutierrez's background, please see page five.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Liza Gutierrez



James Kemper



Herb Porter



Bob Prige



Rick Roberts



Sharmin Shahjahan

Emergency Financial and Rental Assistance Asistencia de Renta y Financiera

In these difficult times there is help to support our residents. Please contact the following agencies if you need help with rent, utility bills, and food.

En estos tiempos difíciles hay ayuda para apoyar a nuestros residentes. Por favor contacte a las siguientes agencias si necesita apoyo con los pagos de renta, billes de utilidades, y comida.

Local Townships

Services depend on location, so please review boundary map.
Los servicios depended en locación, revise el mapa.

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| Hanover Township | 630-540-9085 |
| Schaumburg Township | 847-884-0030 |
| Wayne Township | 630-529-9993 |
| Bloomington Township | 630-231-7173 |

Other Help

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Cook County CEDA | 800-571-CEDA |
| DuPage County Community Services | 800-942-9412 |
| Northern Illinois Food Bank | 630-443-6910 |
| Greater Chicago Food Depository | 773-247-3663 |
| Catholic Charities of Joliet | 815-723-3405 |
| Community Crisis Center | 847-697-2380 |
| Outreach Community Ministries | 630-682-1910 |
| People's Resource Center | 630-682-5402 |

Find the Township Map
on our website at:

Encuentre el mapa del
municipio en nuestro sitio web
en

[https://www.hpil.org/583/
Township-Map-PDF](https://www.hpil.org/583/Township-Map-PDF)



Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
Village Clerk

TOWNSHIP TIDBITS

Bloomington Township

Township Supervisor Michael D. Hovde Jr. announces that the Bloomington Township Food Pantry is distributing food on a drive-up basis every Wednesday and Friday from 9:00–11:00 a.m. at the Bloomington Township offices located at 123 Rosedale Ave., Bloomington. Due to social distancing requirements, there is no need to get out of your car. Please be patient as we have limited staff. We will also be accepting donations at those times. Thank you to our generous residents and volunteers for their donations and hard work during these unprecedented times. For further information call 630-529-7715

Hanover Township

Hanover Township Virtual Programs for Older Adults

Exercise, paint, learn and socialize, all within the comforts of home! Township Aging Services staff has created a wide array of virtual programs to keep older adults busy while social distancing. Residents can view the full list of programs at www.hanover-township.org. No passcodes needed. Simply call the phone number listed or click on the link provided. Since March 16, 835 seniors have participated in virtual programs. Residents can also call the Senior Center at (630) 483-5600 for assistance.

Wayne Township

Wayne Township offers its residents general and emergency assistance, utility assistance, help with food stamp applications and Medicaid, a food pantry and clothes closet, a medical lending closet, assistance with property tax assessments and exemptions, free notary services and voter registration,

recycling, Medicare counseling, senior activities, volunteer opportunities, transportation via Pace Dial-A-Ride and issuance of temporary handicap placards. Call 630-231-7140 for information on any service listed above.

Our recycle/shred event will be held at the township, 27W031 North Avenue, West Chicago, on Saturday, August 15 from 10 am – noon. We will be collecting: cell phones, eyeglasses, inkjet and laserjet cartridges, old American flags, batteries (no household batteries), textiles in any condition, metal, computers, electronics, TVs (\$20/ea), tube monitors (\$10/ea) and microwaves (\$5/ea). On-site document shredding is limited to two boxes of personal documents only. Visit <http://www.waynetwp-il.org/docs/waynetwp-recycle-event.pdf> to view the flyer.

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Important Telephone Numbers: Police, Fire & Ambulance: 9-1-1

Main Number630.823.5600
Police Information630.823.5500
Public Works Dept.....630.823.5700
Comm. Development...630.823.5780
Finance Department.....630.823.5790
Water Billing630.823.5799
Fire Department.....630.823.5800
Inspectional Services....630.823.5860
Police Department fax...630.823.5499
Public Works fax630.823.5704
Municipal Building fax...630.823.5786

Code Enforcement Hotline 630.823.5572

Village Board Meetings:

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2121 Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Call the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5601 or visit our website for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- CONECT Committee
- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Development Commission
- Environmental Committee
- Historical Commission
- Sister Cities Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Veteran's Committee

Curfew hours:

For those under 17 years of age -
10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday
11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

Neighborhood Watch:

Interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch block captain? Contact 630.823.5635 for more information.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call 630.823.5600.

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR CONTINUED....

I would like to acknowledge our Community & Economic Development Department for providing the needed resources and information to our local businesses who were struggling due to the pandemic. The Village has started the Hanover Park Business Assistance Program which offered sandwich board signs and banners to our small businesses – FREE of cost. In addition, the Village hired a consultant to assist our small businesses in setting up a website or a landing page, and assist social media marketing to grow their business online - again FREE of cost. They also prepared a quick, user-friendly, IDPH approved guidelines for our restaurants to open up for outside dining. This information is available on our website at www.hpil.org/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses or contact the Community and Economic Development at 630-823-5780. Please take notice of all the new sandwich boards throughout the Village and **please remember to Shop Hanover Park!**

Village staff continues to move forward with essential projects in the Village. Our Public Works department is finishing up work on the removal of the last of the 60-year-old cement streets that were in need of replacement. Road and utility work continues in the new Village Center, which puts us one step closer to having a focal point and community gathering place for all residents and visitors, as well as significantly expanding economic development opportunities in the Village, adjacent to the Metra Station. The Village continues to work with and support businesses affected by the construction.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful town, at the schools, churches or assisting on the playing field. We are a Village that believes all youth will have hope and achieve success without exception. Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth and together we can make a difference in Hanover Park!



Mayor Rodney Craig

Welcome Trustee Gutierrez

The Village of Hanover Park is happy to welcome new Village Trustee Liza Gutierrez.

Liza Gutierrez has made Hanover Park her home for the last 12 years along with her husband and two children. Liza is originally from Chicago, Illinois and received both her undergraduate and graduate degree from Loyola University in Criminology. She has worked in both nonprofit and government areas. Currently working for Partners for Our Communities, she spearheaded and coordinates the women's program known as ROLE. She leads with a passion for social services, behavioral health care and a vision for connected communities.



BEST

BUSINESS EDUCATION SEMINAR
ON TECHNOLOGY

“Avoid Mistakes Most Businesses Make”

On May 12th, The Village of Hanover Park’s Economic Development Committee hosted its quarterly B.E.S.T. seminar via Zoom. Lue Jey of Mi Gente Consulting presented useful information on common marketing mistakes and why it’s important to create a brand, not just a business. You can view the seminar on YouTube.com by entering “Village of Hanover Park BEST Mistakes Most Businesses Make” in the search bar or at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J85PFra5ZiQ>

The Business Education Seminar on Technology (B.E.S.T.) sessions are hosted quarterly by the Village of Hanover Park Economic Development Committee and co-sponsored by the Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Poplar Creek Library District, Schaumburg Township District Library, and the Women’s Business Development Center.

Our next B.E.S.T. session will be in August...stay tuned to the Village website and our Business Matters Newsletter for the topic! If you’d like to subscribe to Business Matters, it’s available under the “Business” tab on our website at www.hpil.org.

COVID-19 Resources

Did you know that the Village has a continually updated COVID-19 Resource page for both residents and businesses on our website? At www.hpil.org, take a look at the “OUR COMMUNITY” section (across the top). You will find Hanover Park’s main COVID-19 alert page in addition to separate resource pages for Residents and Businesses.

The COVID-19 Resources for Residents section includes financial resources, community resources, information on changes to Village services, facial covering requirements, travel information from the CDC, and public health resources from the CDC and IDPH, as well as COVID-19 testing sites. There is also information from both DuPage and Cook county’s public health websites and bilingual resources for immigrants. Looking for local dining options with delivery and pickup service? You’ll find them in Hanover Park’s COVID-19 Resources for Residents section of the website. Stay up-to-date and safe with the help of the Village’s resident-friendly website!

The COVID-19 Resources for Businesses pages include financial resources and guidance, State of Illinois FAQs regarding face coverings, how to get started when seeking assistance from the Small Business Administration, links to federal and state agencies, webinars and seminars, and information on how to use technology for video conferencing. There are also various public health resource links from the WHO and IDPH, as well as local information from DuPage and Cook counties. Businesses can also sign up for our Business Matters newsletter to stay up-to-date on all business-related issues.

The Village is here to support its residents and businesses...please call us with any questions you may have at 630-823-5600.

Property Search & Community Portal

You Can Access Property Search and Community Portal on the Village’s Website

Did you know that the Village, in partnership with the GIS Consortium, provides a property search function on the Village’s website, www.hpil.org? On the right side of the Village’s website, the Property Search button (indicated with a house icon) allows residents and businesses to access Community Portal, a resource for all sorts of property and community information.

Just click on the Property Search icon, type in your address and then you can find information about local services including trash collection, school district information, library services and zoning. You can also find various maps including jurisdictional boundaries, public utilities, the Hanover Park bike map, and FEMA flood hazard maps. New features are being added, so stay tuned! Check back soon to see a property tax breakdown feature.

Education and Work Center

6704 Barrington Road,
Hanover Park, IL 60133
Telephone number: 630-634-7400
For information visit: elgin.edu

Center Hours:

Monday through Thursday - 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Day and evening classes available:

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Adult Basic Education (reading, math, writing)
- High School Equivalency (HSE) classes in English (daytime and evening) and Spanish (evening only)

American Job Center Hours:

Monday through Friday – 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Direct phone number: 630-634-7411

- Career resources
- Resume building
- Computer workshops
- Training assistance
- Job opportunities

TOWNSHIP TIDBITS Continued....

Schaumburg Township

Virtual Events

Virtual Events are offered at the Township via Zoom Monday-Friday! To check out the daily schedule visit <https://www.schaumburgtownship.org/departments/senior-services/senior-virtual-events-and-resources/>.

35th Summer Celebration: July 25th at 10 a.m.

We are celebrating summer with a FREE virtual event for people with disabilities and their families! Join us for virtual bingo on July 25th (prizes will be mailed to the winners and goodie baskets will also be delivered to registrants' homes). Log-in information for bingo will be shared at registration. Call us for info. on how to connect. Please register by July 17 at 847-285-4541. Attendees must allow three weeks' notice for a sign language interpreter. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19, our event plans may change and will be communicated with registrants.

Voting Rights for People with Disabilities: July 20th at 1 p.m.

The Township is hosting Equip for Equality for a presentation on voting rights for people with disabilities. Learn about accommodations and how to ask for what you need! Registration is required at 847-285-4541. Call details to be shared at registration.

Inclusion & Understanding the ADA: A Look at Best Practices: July 27 at 10 a.m. & July 29 at 6 p.m.

Join us in celebrating the Americans with Disabilities Act's (ADA) 30th anniversary! NWSRA will virtually present on the topics of inclusion, understanding the Americans with Disabilities Act, and reasonable modifications. RSVP with the Township's Disability Services Department at 847-285-4541. Call details to be shared at registration.

Pack the Bus: August 1st from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Township of Schaumburg plans to host our annual Pack the Bus school supply drive to support District 54 low-income students on Saturday, August 1st from 9 – 3 pm at Target at 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Our goal is to provide school supplies for every area student who needs them by the first day of school! Donations are accepted the following ways:

- New supplies can be dropped off at our August 1st event or at the Township until the end of August.
- Online purchases can be mailed directly to the Township's Welfare Services Department. Check our website in July for more information about online purchasing.
- Monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information, call Welfare Services at (847) 884-0030. Thank you for your support! Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event is subject to change.

Community Shred Day: August 8th, 9–11 a.m.

The Township is hosting a free community shred day on August 8th from 9-11 a.m. at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or bags per vehicle (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). Boxes must be unsealed and bags must be untied. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed. To conduct a contactless shredding, boxes or bags must be located in your vehicle's trunk and residents should remain in their vehicles. Visit our website or contact the Clerk's Office at (847) 285-4561 for more information. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19 this event is subject to change.

Mast Masala is now Kolachi Tandoori Grill!



2020 Army Trail Rd.
630-736-1000
www.kolachitandoori.com

Mast Masala was a restaurant serving Indian and Pakistani Cuisine, located next to Walgreens on Army Trail Road. It now has new owners and a new name – Kolachi Tandoori Grill.

Earlier this year, new owner Yousuf Razzak joined forces with current owner and chef, Syed Amir Ali, and together rebranded Mast Masala as Kolachi Tandoori Grill. Kolachi is the name of the town that was built on the high ground north of Karachi Bay in Pakistan in 1729 and is one of the regions inspiring many of their delicious menu items. Tandoori cuisine is marinated meat cooked over an intense fire in a tandoor, or clay oven. Yousuf and Syed saw the need for more Muslim dining options (also known as Zabiha Halal) and are determined to become the most flavorful and delicious choice for Pakistani/ Indian food in the suburbs. Together, they have created all new modern dishes including their traditional Indian and Pakistani menu items as well as American favorites like burgers, wings, and wraps. They aim to keep the menu fresh and add new items often so that each visit to the restaurant will be a different experience. Visit their website to check out their menu and hours at www.kolachitandoori.com.

Yousuf has been a Hanover Park resident since 1985 and owns an advertising promotional company, so when Mast Masala owner Chef Syed began searching for a partner back in January, he jumped at the opportunity to use his marketing and manufacturing experience in a restaurant setting. Currently, Kolachi Tandoori Grill has a comfortable dining room with big screen TVs to watch your favorite sports, as well as delivery and carryout options. They are planning on expanding into the space next door to offer a party room for small gatherings and events and possibly offer outdoor seating during the summer months.

In May, they partnered with Chi-Care.org (an organization recently formed to help the homeless) and delivered 150 meals to homeless individuals in Chicago. They plan to continue helping the homeless for the rest of the year. Try a taste of India or Pakistan right in your own town!

2020 Brush Pick-Up Program

The Brush Pick Up Program provides FREE curbside pickup and chipping of branches which is then recycled as mulch. This program produces mulch which is made available to Village residents for use around shrubs and flower beds. This year, brush will be picked up in July, and October.

What will be picked up: Branches with a minimum of two (2) feet in length and a maximum of ten (10) feet in length and less than eight (8) inches in diameter.

What will not be picked up:

- Small hedge or pine clippings
- Yard waste or brush in containers
- Brush or branches with thorns
- Stumps or tree roots

How to stack brush:

- Do Not Bundle!
- Neatly stack the brush in one direction with the butt end toward the street.
- No lumber, wire, rope or other material may be included with the brush.
- Do not block the sidewalk when putting brush out.

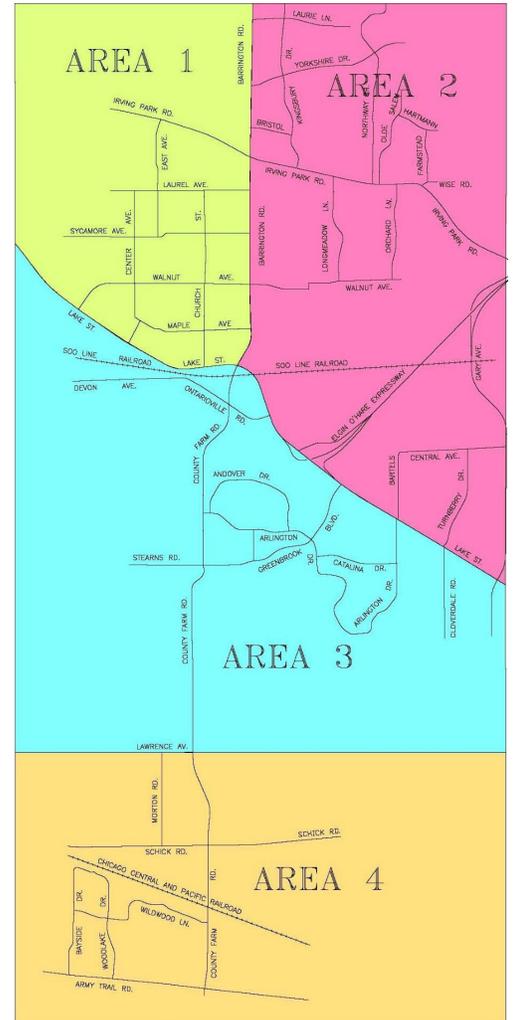
Set Out Time:

Brush can only be set out two days prior to 7:00 AM of your scheduled pick up period. Please cut out the schedule to refer to throughout the year.

Do not put brush out after 7:00 AM on the first day of the collection cycle. Hold it for the next scheduled pick up. The Village incurs considerable cost returning to an area to collect brush set out after the first day of the collection cycle. If you have problems or questions regarding the Village's Brush Pick Up program call 630-823-5700.

Curbside yard waste collection is also provided by Groot Services once a week on Fridays, beginning April 3, 2020 through November 27, 2020. Yard waste stickers are required for curbside pickup, and yard waste must be placed in Kraft paper bags or branches must be tied in bundles up to 48 inches long and up to 18 inches in diameter.

Free mulch is available for pick up or delivery. If interested, please contact Public Works at 630.823.5700 for further information or to request a delivery.



2020 Brush Pick-up Schedule:

Area 1: Streets north of Lake Street and west of Barrington Road

Area 2: Streets north of Lake Street and east of Barrington Road

July 6 and October 5, 2020

Area 3: Streets south of Lake Street and north of Lawrence Avenue

Area 4: Streets South of Lawrence Avenue

July 20 and October 19, 2020

Tips for Flooding Prevention

Recently, the Village experienced the wettest May since records have been kept. Much of that rain fell in a week's time and several inches fell in just hours. Not surprisingly, some residents experienced flooding in their homes. There are different kinds of flooding that occurred and all of them were present during the heavy rains. There are three basic types of flooding: 1) stormwater flooding, 2) sanitary sewer backups, and 3) river flooding. All three happen rarely, but there are steps that you can take to mitigate the flooding. Although the Village has spent millions of dollars in the last twenty years to reduce flooding, flooding will occur and there are steps that you can take as a homeowner to limit your home being affected.

Stormwater Flooding

Stormwater flooding is when the rains come down so fast that the water ponds in yards, streets and in creeks. This water will collect so rapidly that it overwhelms storm sewer pipes and water will then flow down streets overloading stormwater pipes to take the water. There are several steps you can take ahead of the flood to limit your exposure.

Make sure water drains away from the home. Walk around your house and make sure that soil is pitched away. If water is allowed to stay near the foundation, it will greatly increase the likelihood that it will find a way to enter the house. Look at your yard. Do you have gardens or material in the yard that would inhibit the flow of water away from your house? Have you added sheds or pools where the water was supposed to go? If so, give the water a new path away from your house. Be sure to look under your deck. You want to make sure the ground under the deck is also sloped away. Remember that while you may take steps to move water away from your home, you don't want that water to go towards someone else's home. Additionally, stormwater must travel through many properties before it can reach a storm sewer. Make sure that there is an open path for the water to move from higher properties to lower ones so that it can continue to the storm sewer. If there is a storm drain near your property, make sure it is clear and not covered with leaves or other debris. It is also a good idea to regularly check and inspect your sump pump to make sure it is working properly. A new sump pump may cost a few hundred dollars to have installed, but a failed sump pump could result in thousands of dollars in damage.



Sanitary Sewer Backups

The sanitary sewers are only meant to take sanitary flow from homes. However, through leaky pipes and service lines, as well as sanitary sewer cross connections, like sump pumps connected to sanitary services, stormwater will often find its way into sanitary sewers and overwhelm the system. Because all the capacity is taken, new water will then start to back up the sanitary sewers and try to find a way to escape. Very often this is in basements through floor drains. There are many techniques that can be used to reduce or eliminate sewer backups, but many of them have some cost or complexity.

The most effective way to eliminate sewer backups is to install an overhead sewer. These systems change the plumbing system of the house by raising the main sewer line on the home and installing an ejector pit. The sewer then leaves the house at a much higher elevation and greatly reduces the chance of a backup. While this is the best method, it is also the most expensive method. A less expensive solution is to install a backflow preventor or gate valve in the main sewer line in the ground. While less expensive, depending on the solution you pick, it can involve extra work when you believe a sanitary backup is likely. Both solutions should be explored through a trusted plumber that can look at your home and design the

solution that works best for you and your specific home design. Note that whichever solution you choose, regular inspections and maintenance are required to make sure that the system is working properly.

The easiest way to increase capacity in the sewer system is to reduce the amount of water intentionally being introduced by cross connections. Cross connects are when a homeowner connects a clean water source like their sump pump, down spouts, footing drains, or even a yard drain to their sanitary sewer service.

This is often done to reduce flooding in their yard, but it greatly increases the amount of water to the sanitary sewer and often causes downstream neighbors to have sanitary sewer backups. It only takes a handful of cross connections to fill a sewer system and cause backups. The Village has homeowners remove cross connections whenever we become aware of them. If you have a cross connection the Village can assist you in having it removed. If you are aware of an illegal cross connection, please call the Village Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 and we can reach out to help the homeowner properly remove their stormwater.

River Flooding

If you live near a river or creek, the water level can rise rapidly in heavy rains. The best way to manage river flooding is to be above the elevation of the river. If the flood waters can go elsewhere, they will. However, you should have sandbags available to protect your house. You can utilize the sandbags to build a perimeter around the house or just around window wells. In a more urban environment like Hanover Park, the rising water will go into the pipes meant to bring water from the stormwater system and store it there or in the streets. Make sure you understand where the water could be coming from. The river may be behind your house, but the threat from river water could be in the curb line in front of your house. Make sure that cars are kept away from inlets that could have water coming out of them. If you have questions about what might work best for your home, the Public Works Department can come out and help you identify areas of concern and some ideas on what you can do to limit the threat to your house. Call the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700.

Fire Prevention Tips for Summer

Bring out the grills, turn on the A/C, and fire up the lawn mower. It's summertime!

While the days are longer, the pace is slower, and the fun is at a maximum, do not forget about fire safety. Summertime brings its share of fire hazards in and around your home. It is crucial that you brush up on your fire prevention tips for summer.

Here are some of the biggest fire hazards in your home this season.

The Grill

Nothing beats the barbecued flavor. You just can't duplicate it indoors. It's no wonder we all can't wait to fire up the grill as soon as it warms up. But take caution!

- Make sure your grill is not up against your house and NEVER use your grill inside your home.
- Remove any overhanging branches and designate 3 feet around the grill as the safe zone.
- Do not walk away from your grill unless someone else has eyes on it — especially if you have kids or pets running around. And be sure to regularly remove grease buildup.

The A/C

Surprisingly, air conditioning, fans, or related equipment are involved in thousands of home fires each year. Most of these fires are due to mechanical or electrical failures. They can happen because the unit is being overused or it isn't properly maintained. You can prevent overuse by turning the air conditioner off during the peak hours of electrical usage. Your electric company can tell you these hours for your area.

Maintain your central air conditioning unit by having it professionally maintained once a year, changing your filter each month, and keeping the unit clear of leaves, debris, and dirt.

The Lawnmower

Take care of your lawnmower. Read the recommendations about maintenance from the manufacturer and follow them. Regularly check the mufflers, engines, and cutting units for grass and other debris. And if your lawnmower overheats, wait to refuel it.

Remember Your Smoke Detectors

A smoke detector can be a lifesaver for your family, so make sure you regularly check that your smoke alarms are working. Set a reminder in your phone for the first day of each month. That way, you'll never miss it. In addition, make sure you have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. There should also be one inside and outside of each bedroom.

Know What to Do

Learn now what to do if there is a fire in your home — and practice the steps. Every member of your family should know basic fire safety rules and how to protect themselves in a fire.

Visit nfpa.org or <https://www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/> for more information.

For more summer and fire safety information, contact the Hanover Park Fire Department at 630-823-5800.

Knox Residential Home Box Now Available

Residents can now obtain a secure rapid access system to their homes by purchasing a Knox HomeBox. This product will allow emergency responders to enter your property quickly and safely, in an emergency, without the use of forcible entry. The Knox company has been providing the same system to commercial properties for over 40 years.

This system offers the following features and benefits:

- Holds one (1) key that can only be accessed by emergency responders
- Weather-resistant
- Can be mounted on a wall or hung off a door
- One-time purchase, no monitoring fees
- Reduces risk of injury to emergency responders
- Enables rapid access to your home in an emergency
- Reduces property damage
- Property can be re-secured easily

To get started, visit knoxbox.com and click the red "BUY" button.

Once the Knox HomeBox is received and installed, contact the Hanover Park Fire Department – Inspectional Services Division at 630-823-5860 to have your key secured in the box.

Questions regarding this service:

Contact the Hanover Park Fire Department – Inspectional Services Division by calling 630-823-5860 or emailing: iservices@hpil.org



Consumer Confidence/ Water Quality Report

Your 2019 Annual Water Quality Report contains important information about the source and quality of Hanover Park's drinking water during 2019. This year the Village has opted to provide this report to Village residents electronically.

To view this report please go to:
www.hpil.org/CCR2019

To request a paper copy call
630-823-5700.

Mosquito Prevention

With a little preventive maintenance and monitoring, you can gain the upper hand and achieve a mosquito-free yard

Here are seven simple steps to prevent mosquitoes:

1. Remove sources of standing water
2. Clean out the gutters
3. Change out water sources weekly
4. Drain water and fill up low areas
5. Maintain pools and water features
6. Replace outdoor lighting
7. Protect yourself

Be sure to also protect yourself by taking steps such as covering up and wearing insect repellent.

Area Response Team (ART) Meetings

Below is a schedule of the Police Department's upcoming ART meetings.... Join us!

Y1 – 7/13 @ 6:00 p.m. –
Hanover Park Police Department

Y2 & Y6 – 7/15 @ 6:00 p.m. –
Greenbrook Tanglewood HOA

Y3 & Y5 – 7/13 @ 7:30 p.m. –
Hanover Park Police Department

Y4 – 7/15 @ 7:30 p.m. –
Hanover Park Police Department

Tree Safety

During the dog days of summer, we need to remember to care for our trees. Watering is the most important thing that can be done to help promote healthy growth.

However, over watering is just as bad for trees as under watering. New trees, less than two years old, should be watered during these hot, dry days. The soil should be kept moist but not saturated. Thirty seconds of water on the base of the tree every couple of days should do the trick. Also, mulch around the base is key to retaining moisture in the soil. Trees older than

two years have a proper root system and can withstand a wider range of water conditions on their own. Consider using a watering bag to control the flow and give the tree what it needs to have a happy summer.

While you are watering your trees, be sure to inspect them to identify and eliminate potential hazards. Falling trees can cause severe injury and thousands of dollars in property damage.

Owners are required to trim trees that impede sidewalks and public ways. Any limb or branches that will likely fall into a public way shall be removed. Any tree that is dead, dangerous, untreated or hazardous should be removed.

2020 Construction Season

The Village will be working on various projects to improve the infrastructure during this year's construction season. Projects include water main replacement, roadway reconstruction, roadway resurfacing, sidewalk improvement, curb and gutter repairs, pavement surface patching, and various drainage improvements. The construction season will consist of multiple projects at various locations throughout the Village.

Construction is a vital part of our economy and community, which makes these projects very important to the Village. Safety of our residents, staff, and the workers are also very important. With 2020 construction season beginning, residents are reminded to be more vigilant and follow the safety tips below:

- Do not use your cell phone while driving. Drop it and drive.
- Slow down and obey speed limits.
- If possible, move over for worker and obey flagger's directions.
- Pay attention to construction signs and field conditions as conditions can change quickly.
- Use and follow detour signs.
- Give heavy vehicles room to adjust to conditions.
- Remember: Traffic backups can occur at any time.



"Remember, construction zones don't have to be end zones. Let's work together to make Zero Fatalities a reality." ¹

Source:

¹ <http://idot.illinois.gov/travel-information/roadway-information/Work-Zones/index>

Thank You Corporate Partners

The Village would like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to the companies who participated in the 2020 Corporate Partnership Program. Without their generosity, many of the events and activities that occur in the Village might not be possible.

Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in learning more about our Corporate Partnership Program, please contact Sue Krauser at skrauser@hpil.org.

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