

# Hi-Lighter

MAY/JUNE 2022



Hanover Park<sup>USA</sup>  
America's Global Village

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## Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed Monday, May 30th for the Memorial Day holiday!

Police & 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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# Wednesday Night Live!

## FREE CONCERT SERIES

### R GANG

Chicagoland's top R&B entertainment  
June 15, 2022

### ESSOFUNK

Bilingual Fusion Dance Band  
July 20, 2022

### THE DYNAMIX

Ultimate Classics Cover Band  
August 3, 2022

**AT 7:00 PM**  
**HANOVER PARK SPORTS COMPLEX**  
**1200 SYCAMORE AVENUE**

Visit [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)  
for updates!

# Calendar of Events



## MLK Build Up Day



Saturday, May 21st  
 9am-12pm painting shift  
 10am-12pm cleanup shift  
 Meet at 1211 Catalina Dr, Hanover park



Scan QR code or visit  
<https://bit.ly/3MoxHXA>  
 for details

Join us as DuPage Habitat for Humanity partners with Hanover Park's Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee to continue Martin Luther King Jr's legacy of volunteerism. Together we will make an impact by painting fences and cleaning up the neighborhood. *Ages 14+ welcome. Register to volunteer today! Contact Holly Pope at [hpope@gohabitat.org](mailto:hpope@gohabitat.org) with any questions.*



**Sonya Crawshaw  
 Branch Library**  
 4300 Audrey Lane  
 Hanover Park  
 630-837-6800

### Summer Reading Challenge June 1-August 1

All ages are invited to sign up for our Summer Reading Challenge "Time for S'more Reading." Earn a magnetic pop-up lantern for reading just 1,050 minutes! Throughout the summer, we have lots of fun and free classes and events planned for you! Visit [pclub.org](http://pclub.org) for details.

### Summer Kick-off Tuesday, June 7 from 6-8 p.m.

Join the Streamwood Park District and the Poplar Creek Public Library as we celebrate the beginning of summer! This fun and FREE night will include activities and entertainment for kids and adults alike. No registration necessary—just drop in! Location: Rahlfs Woods (across the street from the Main Library).

### Artisan Food & Craft Fair

Stop by the Main Library on Wednesday evenings—June 22, July 13, and August 10 from 4-8 p.m. for our indoor Artisan Fair featuring a variety of vendors specializing in all things homemade and handcrafted. Visit [pclub.org/artisanfair](http://pclub.org/artisanfair) for more information.

### Family Concert Series:

#### Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon with singer/songwriter and award-winning slide guitarist Kraig Kenning. All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts; registration is required. For details or to register, please visit [www.pclub.org](http://www.pclub.org) or call 331-808-3515. Concert will take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.



## May

- 5 Village Board Workshop..... 5:30 pm / Room 214
- 5 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 7 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 10 Economic Dev. Committee... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 12 Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 14 Market at the Metra..... 9:00 am / Commuter Lot
- 17 CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 19 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 HCP CPR Class..... 8:00 am / 6850 Barrington
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 21 MLK Build-Up Day..... 9:00 am / 1211 Catalina
- 24 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 24 Environmental Committee. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 26 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 30 Memorial Day Event... .. 10:00 am / Veteran's Plaza
- 30 Village Hall Closed - Memorial Day

## June

- 2 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 4 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 4 Apiary Open House... .. 1:00 pm / 2500 Army Trail
- 9 Development Commission .. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11 Touch a Truck..... 9:00 am / Commuter Lot
- 14 Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 15 Wednesday Night Live!..... 7:00 pm / HP Sports Complex
- 16 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 18 HCP CPR Class..... 8:00 am / 6850 Barrington
- 21 CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 23 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 24 Movie in the Park..... 8:00 pm / East Harbor Park
- 28 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 28 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Spring has sprung and that means the start of our always busy event season for the Village of Hanover Park. Do you want to see a movie? We have Movies in the Park. Listen to music? Wednesday Night Live! concerts at the Pavilion. Interactive Fun for Kids? Touch a Truck. Serve the Community? MLK Build-Up Day...and more things to do including our new Juneteenth Celebration at Ontarioville Plaza with live music, food trucks, face-painting and more! This issue is packed with events for the whole family, and it does not slow down as we move into the summertime.

I was proud to attend and host the return of my annual Kids at Hope: Hanover Park Health and Resource Fair that provides needed family services and safe, fun activities for youth in our community. Thank you to Police Department Social Worker Tricia Rossi for her many years in coordinating the event, as well as the rest of the Kids at Hope Committee! The turnout was tremendous and the resources available to families was inspiring. We are blessed in Hanover Park, a caring and supportive community.

I would like to thank Chief Menough for his service and dedication to the Village and I wish him well in his retirement. I welcome Chief Johnson in his new role as Police Chief, who will continue the department's legacy of being a highly trained, professional, and community-oriented police department.

It is always good to collaborate with our area elected officials and improve our community. I would like to thank all of our local township boards and supervisors for their assistance with helping the Village administer the water infrastructure fee discount for our eligible residents. The townships showed they are here to help our residents!

You may have noticed the work being done at the Hanover Park Sports Complex baseball fields. I would like to thank State Representative Fred Crespo for his assistance with funding for this project and supporting our youth.

It has been a busy legislative year and I, along with other Mayor's across the state, have been working to restore our Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). LGDF supports core Village services and helps keep local taxes low. Unfortunately, the bill to restore 2% of the LGDF failed and the restoration amounted only to a 0.1% increase or about a dollar per person overall. Additionally, the Village was able to use State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Program funding, a part of the American Rescue Plan, to upgrade and replace our water meter system within the Village. This funding helped us avoid property tax increases on our residents to pay for the needed system. I'm proud of the efforts of our staff and Village Board to work through trying times and still improve village services for our residents.

***"Be sure to join us for Monday Cruise Nights starting May 2nd!"***

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park. We cannot do it without you! Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful community, at the schools, churches or assisting on the playing field. We are a Village that believes all youth are capable of success, No Exceptions! Together we are finding ways to make a difference in our hometown of Hanover Park!

Mayor Rodney Craig

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Village Clerk

## Special Events & Block Party Applications!

Are you planning on holding a special event or block party? If so, it is important to note that an application must be submitted to the Village Clerk's Office in order to do so. Read below to find out which application is needed?

- Block Parties are for Hanover Park residents who live on a residential street and wish to have a party with their neighbors. Street closures would need to be approved. All applications for a Block Party should be submitted to the Clerks office at least 30-days prior to the event.
- Special Event applications are needed when businesses in Hanover Park would like to promote their business through sidewalk sales, live entertainment, festivals, and more. These events require a Village Permit and the application must be submitted at least 60-days prior to the event. The fee for each special event permit is \$35.00.

For further information, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5601. Applications are available on our website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).

## STAARS Program

The STAARS Program is held throughout the school year and recognizes the artists and authors whose work has been selected by the school to be submitted for display in the upstairs gallery at Village Hall.



February 16, 2022 the Village of Hanover Park STAARS Program welcomed Springwood Middle School. Thank you to Art Teacher Karen Scoles and her students: Sixth graders- Olivia Hernandez, Treyshawn Pankey, Violet Colon, and Mia Solo. Seventh graders- Reyes, Anthony Eickermann, Emily Skinner, Isabella Mirandola, and Davion Alen. Eighth

graders- Natalia Mako, Jaylen Diaz, Gershon Acolatse, Sanjuana Jones, Victoria Watorksi, and Leah Hawa.

March 16, 2022 the Village of Hanover Park welcomed for their first time to our STAARS Program Al Huda Academy. Thank you to Art Teacher Nabira Siddiui and her students; Aleena Hassaini (5th), Ummehani Qazi (2nd), Abdullah Mirza (KG), Mohida Ravshahbek (4th), Zahrah Iqbal (2nd), Abdurehman Mirza (2nd), Buvayda Mamadzhanova (5th), Aleena Syeda Hussaini (5th), Abdurakhman, Mirlanbek Uulu (5th), Zhannat Mirlanbek (3rd), and Rayyan Syed (4th).



## Juneteenth Celebration

The Village of Hanover Park and the Sister Cities Committee are pleased to host a Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 18, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Ontarioville Plaza, 1931 Ontarioville Road in Hanover Park.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Join in the fun with live music, DJ, dance demonstration, vendors, food truck, activities for the children and more.

For more information and to advertise in the event program booklet, call 630-823-5504 or email [sistercities@hpil.org](mailto:sistercities@hpil.org)

THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE IS PLEASED TO HOST

**JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH @ 12-5PM**

**ONTARIOVILLE PLAZA**  
1931 ONTARIOVILLE ROAD  
HANOVER PARK, IL 60133

FEATURING:  
**LIVE MUSIC & DJ ★ FOOD TRUCKS**  
**FACE PAINTING ★ BALLOON ART**  
**GAMES & MORE**

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT SISTER CITIES PROJECTS IN CAPE COAST, GHANA, WEST AFRICA AND VALPARAISO, ZACATECAS, MEXICO.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO ADVERTISE IN THE EVENT PROGRAM BOOKLET:  
**(630)823-5504** ✉ **SISTERCITIES@HPIL.ORG**

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2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133

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

Main Number ..... 630.823.5600  
Police Information ..... 630.823.5500  
Public Works Dept..... 630.823.5700  
Comm. Development.... 630.823.5780  
Finance Department..... 630.823.5790  
Water Billing ..... 630.823.5799  
Fire Department..... 630.823.5800  
Inspectional Services..... 630.823.5860  
Police Department fax . 630.823.5499  
Public Works fax ..... 630.823.5704  
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 W. 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:

- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Development Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Historical Committee
- 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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INVITES YOU TO ATTEND...



## Market at the Metra

Food, Crafts, Clothing & More



Saturday, May 14th  
9 AM to 4 PM  
Hanover Park Metra Station  
Lake St. & Barrington



Come join the Village of Hanover Park as we take time to honor, reflect and remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

MAY 30, 2022 AT 10:00 A.M.  
VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA  
VILLAGE HALL - 2121 LAKE STREET

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**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**2022**

REMEMBERING THE SACRIFICE



## APIARY OPEN HOUSE



Saturday June 4, 2022  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm  
2500 Army Trail Road, Hanover Park

The Village of Hanover Park invites you to the Hanover Park Community Apiary Open House.

Come visit our beehives, learn about honey bees, and learn how you can get started keeping honey bees in Hanover Park.

# Shopping Center Spotlight

## Atmiya Plaza 2410 Army Trail Road

Located at the northwest corner of Army Trail Road and Bayside Drive, Atmiya Plaza Shopping Center has something for you! Find your favorite Indian grocery items, get your hair and nails done, drop off your dry cleaning, get a COVID test, pick up some libations for a celebration and even find senior care for a loved one – all at Atmiya Plaza. Visit these great businesses and SHOP LOCAL!



## Nirav Express (630-855-2430) 2410 Army Trail

This new business adds new flavors to Hanover Park - our "Global Village". Whatever Indian recipe you want to try, this is the place to find all of the best ingredients. Find fresh favorite produce items plus unique items such as chikoo, methi, Indian eggplant, desi bhindi, karela, ginger, and many others. Bring out the flavor with the best herbs and spices – dry and fresh.

Hundreds of packaged, frozen and canned goods to choose from too! Save on their weekly sale items and keep an eye out for their 'Deal of the Week' products.

## Kavya Hair & Beauty Salon (630-504-2555) 2422 Army Trail

Pamper yourself with a fresh haircut, color or a special occasion style. Let the talented stylists give you a whole new look or just freshen up your current one. Kavya doesn't just specialize in hair – they also offer eyebrow threading, makeup, and nail services. Schedule your free hair consultation today!

## Care for Soul (630-855-5339) 2426 Army Trail

Do you have an elderly loved one at home? Are you aging at home alone? Care for Soul can assist you and your family with all of your home care needs. Care for Soul is funded by the IDOA (Illinois Department on Aging) and services the seniors of suburban Cook, DuPage, Lake and part of Chicago. Having the time and resources to care for elderly loved ones at home can be a challenge. Let Care for Soul help you find in-home care for your aging parents or grandparents and give you peace of mind.

## Lux Cleaners & Tailors (630-837-4141) 2430 Army Trail

Bring your laundry and dry cleaning to the professionals! Need alterations done? Lux Cleaners can do it all. Complete your spring cleaning by bringing in your winter

comforters and coats to be cleaned so they are ready to be stored. Lux Cleaners & Tailors are the professionals when it comes to dry cleaning and laundry!

## Leann Nail Spa (630-540-9214) 2438 Army Trail

Leann Nails offers all types of nail care services from manicures, acrylics, gels, and pedicures. Come in for a relaxing foot or body massage or treat yourself to a facial. You can get fabulous eyelashes and then have your eyebrows professionally shaped. Let Leann Nails make you even more beautiful than you already are and ready for the warm weather!

## LA Testing (847-809-6633) 2442 Army Trail

Going on vacation or back to work? Are you not feeling too well and wondering what could be the cause? Stop by LA Testing for a free COVID rapid test or PCR test today. Appointments and doctor referrals are not required.

## Wine & Liquor (630-540-9463) 2446 Army Trail

Whether you are stocking your own liquor cabinet, having a party or celebration, or need a quick gift for a special occasion, Wine & Liquor has anything you are looking for. Find a quality bottle of wine, your favorite beer or a huge variety of spirits plus mixers - all in one place.

## Jobs Board

Are you looking for a job? Are you looking for employees? The Village is offering a free "Local Jobs" board to help our businesses that have job openings connect with residents looking for employment. If you are seeking a job in Hanover Park, this is a great place to start your search! To post a job, click on Post A Job on the right of the screen.



Go to: <https://www.hpil.org/Jobs.aspx> to see current postings or to post a job.

## Welcome New Businesses!

**Hanover Park VFW**  
(Veterans of Foreign Wars - Post 5151)  
1094 E. Lake Street  
630-855-3375

**American Association of Retired Asians (AARA)**  
(non-profit senior center for the South Asian community)  
610 Wise Road  
630-803-8130

**USA Diagnostic Lab**  
(COVID-19 testing facility)  
1780 Irving Park Road  
847-852-6980

**HIYO**  
(inside the Metra station)  
1975 Lake Street  
773-814-5827

**Luttrell Staffing Group**  
(Staffing Group)  
7456 Barrington Road  
847-278-7727



# New Police Chief Andy Johnson Sworn In

The Village of Hanover Park has announced the appointment of Deputy Chief Andrew Johnson to the position of Chief of Police, effective May 7th. Deputy Chief Johnson will replace Chief Michael Menough, who is retiring after a 26-year career with the Village. Deputy Chief Johnson began his career with the Police Department on July 12, 1999 and has worked in a

variety of roles since then, including patrol officer, Special Operations Group officer, detective, patrol sergeant, lieutenant, and as deputy chief of both the Support Services and Operations Divisions.

Deputy Chief Johnson played an active role in the development of several key police department programs, including the Area Response Team (ART) Program and the department's community outreach initiative, Police and Citizens Connected. He holds a master's degree in criminal justice administration from Columbia College (MO) and is a graduate of Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command. He is also the current chair of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police Public Relations Committee. Deputy Chief Johnson will be sworn in at the Village Board Meeting on Thursday, May 5th.



# Chief of Police Michael Menough to Retire

Chief of Police Michael Menough has announced his retirement from the Village of Hanover Park effective May 6, 2022. Chief Menough began his career with the Village of Hanover Park on November 20, 1995, and rose through the ranks to the chief of police position, which he has held since 2016. During his tenure as chief of police, the department focused on maintaining a low crime rate and expanding community policing and outreach strategies. In 2021, Hanover Park experienced the lowest Part I crime total in Village history, continuing a trend of low crime that has persisted over the past several years.



In terms of community outreach, the department made significant strides under Chief Menough to seek new ways to engage and partner with residents and stakeholders. The department began its participation in the annual holiday Shop with a Cop event in which underprivileged children are taken holiday shopping by police officers, and participated in the Cop on a Rooftop event at local businesses to raise money for Special Olympics Illinois. Additionally, the department began holding resident meetings in Spanish on a quarterly basis. Chief Menough also worked to foster a culture of transparency during his tenure by establishing a 'Transparency Portal' on the police department website capturing data on police officer use of force, internal investigations, traffic stops, and other relevant information. The department is also in the process of implementing body worn cameras for officers, which will commence later this year.

During Chief Menough's tenure, the department faced significant and historic challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic and the period of civil unrest experienced around the country during 2020. "The department weathered these challenges as a result of its professionalism and adherence to the professional standards established by the Commission on the Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA)," said Chief Menough. "Despite the rise in crime in many metropolitan areas around the country, Hanover Park has maintained a low crime rate and I am extremely proud of our effort to keep the community safe. It has been my pleasure to serve this community for over 26 years and to have had the opportunity to lead such an outstanding police department."

## Curb Appeal Program Reminders!

**Finally, winter is over! Many residents are planning outdoor activities and are addressing routine outdoor maintenance issues. Code Enforcement Officers will soon be in your neighborhood identifying issues that you may be planning to address.**



As part of the Curb Appeal Program, when an officer observes a violation, they will typically notify the resident with a door hanger. The Officer will follow-up with a written notice of the violation to homeowner. Notices are not tickets, they are designed to identify what needs to be addressed within a specific time frame. If a homeowner needs more time to address an issue, they can contact the Code Enforcement Unit and speak with the case officer.

The following are some common items requiring correction:

- Tall grass and weeds over eight inches in height.
- Garbage and recycling containers improperly stored in front of the home.
- Driveways in serious disrepair.
- Missing or torn window screens.
- Rotted wood or peeling paint on the exterior.
- Fences that are in disrepair.
- Gutters and downspouts in disrepair.
- Inoperable vehicles stored in driveways
- Bare grass and ruts in lawn
- Dead or dangerous trees on the property.

Any questions about property maintenance issues or the Curb Appeal Program should be directed to the Code Enforcement Unit at (630) 823-5570. Thank you for efforts in keeping Hanover Park a wonderful place to live.

# Changes to Your Monthly Infrastructure Service Charge on Your Water Bill

Effective January 1, 2022, the Hanover Park Village Board approved an increase to the monthly infrastructure service charge from \$12.50 to \$18.50. The monthly service charge is used to fund needed water infrastructure projects. It should be noted that there was no increase in the water and sewer rate for the seventh year in a row. The increase in the monthly service charge will help replace an aged water and sewer infrastructure. In the Village's 2022 budget, there is 3.8 million dollars allocated for water main replacement with a total price tag of 30 million dollars estimated over the next 6 years. Throughout the year, the Village Board will be evaluating the viability of a bond issue, state and federal grants, and/or other options to generate revenue to help offset the cost to complete these projects.

Some residents may be eligible to receive the discount rate of \$6.25 for the Infrastructure Service Charge. See our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below.

## Who is Eligible for the Service Charge Discount?

- Residents age 65 or older; or
- Residents enrolled in the Illinois Benefit Access Program; or
- Residents who qualify as low income by a uniform criteria by the Township that services the residential unit can apply for a reduced service charge of \$6.25 per each one-month billing period.

## How Do I Apply for the Discount if I am a Senior?

Please bring your government issued photo ID with your current address and date of birth to the Finance/ Water Billing Department during normal business hours and fill out the application. You may also email the Water Billing department at [waterbilling@hphil.org](mailto:waterbilling@hphil.org) a completed Senior Discount Application Form along with a copy of your government issued photo ID with your current address and date of birth. To be eligible for the discounted rate, you must be listed as the customer on the water bill for the residence. Once you start receiving the discount, you do not need to reapply.

## How Do I Apply for the Discount if I am a Member of the Illinois Benefit Access Program?

Please contact the Public Works Department during regular business hours at 630-823-5700 for information. You will be required to fill out an application, present your social security card and a government issued photo ID. Must be renewed every 2 years. If your application is approved, you will receive the discounted rate as well as a discounted rate on your garbage service.

## How Do I Apply for Low Income Certification in order to receive the discount?

The Village of Hanover Park offers a discounted water infrastructure service charge of \$6.25 per month for low-income residents. In order for residents to qualify as low-income, they must provide a certification letter from one of the following programs: LIHEAP, LIHWAP, CEDA, IDHS SNAP, or WIC, or other similar approved program. The Village of Hanover Park is collaborating with the Townships that service

Hanover Park to help residents apply for these programs. Certification letters should be dropped off at the Water Billing Department at Village Hall, or emailed to [waterbilling@hphil.org](mailto:waterbilling@hphil.org).

The discount for the service charge for a low-income resident of the Village of Hanover Park is limited in its capacity and scope and is guided by the following:

- The Discount for monthly service charge is for Hanover Park residents only.
- Residents must meet LIHEAP, or other similar approved program, guidelines as a low-income household.
- The Hanover Park resident requesting assistance must be specifically listed on the water utility bill (including renters if their name is on the water bill account) to receive the discount.
- The discounted rate is \$6.25 per month and will expire on March 2nd of each year, regardless of when the original certification was submitted.
- The discount must be renewed every year and the notice of the resident still meeting the guidelines must be sent to the Village of Hanover Park Water Billing Department on or before March 21st of each year to be effective April 1st. Residents can submit for the discount at any point during the year, but the qualification of the resident meeting LIHEAP or other approved program guidelines must be presented to the Water Billing Department on or before the 21st of the month to be valid on the following month's bill.

## Referrals for Basic Needs Assistance

The following are places you can contact to try to obtain assistance to help meet your basic needs. Each program has individual eligibility requirements. There is no guarantee that these agencies will be able to assist you – these are suggestions only. The program contents and qualification requirements may change at any time.

### Cook County Residents

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) - Elgin / 847-931-2700 (Food stamps, cash assistance, health & medical programs)

### Township General Assistance Program

Hanover Township: 630-540-9085

Schaumburg Township: 847-884-0030

(Emergency financial assistance & food pantry)

### C.E.D.A. Northwest - Mount Prospect

847-392-2332 (Emergency financial assistance & housing)

### L.I.H.E.A.P. (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) & L.I.H.W.A.P. (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program)

Hanover Township Residents: 630-540-9085

Schaumburg Township Residents: 847-884-0030

(Provides grants to help pay home utility bills)

### DuPage County Residents

Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) - Villa Park / 847-530-1120 (Food stamps, cash assistance, health & medical programs)

### Township General Assistance Program

Bloomington Township: 630-529-7715

Wayne Township: 630-231-7140

(Emergency financial assistance & food pantry)

### L.I.H.E.A.P. (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) & L.I.H.W.A.P. (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program)

DuPage County Department of Community Services: 630-407-5600

(Provides grants to help pay home utility bills)

# Hanover Park in the 90s

**Who would have thought back in 1960, when Hanover Park's population was only 451 people, that the end of the 1990s would see Hanover Park grow to a population of 38,278? And with the expansion of the Internet and the expansion of thoroughfares, this population was connected to other communities like never before.**

The Elgin-O'Hare Expressway opened in November 1993, and a new Metra station was opened in 1995. In 1992, the entirety of the village was linked together when Barrington and County Farm Roads were connected via an underpass under the Metra tracks. The Hanover Park branch of Poplar Creek Public Library opened in 1991 to better meet the needs of Hanover Park residents. The branch was later renamed after Sonya Crawshaw, who served as Village President for seven years in the 1990s. In 1992, Hanover Park became a Sister City with Cape Coast, Ghana, further connecting Hanover Park globally.

You can view photographs of Hanover Park and learn more of its history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's always-expanding Digital History Collection (<https://pclub.omeka.net/>), which shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. Our Digital History Collection includes photographs, yearbooks, scrapbooks, oral histories, newspapers, and more pertaining to Hanover Park and Streamwood history.



## New Teen Center Serving Hanover Park Youth



**On Thursday, April 21, The Alive Center opened a new free teen drop-in center for 6th-12th graders in the clubhouse of The Greenbrook Tanglewood Community at 1211 Catalina Drive. Drop-in hours are every Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30-5:30 pm and include art experiences, games, life skills, movies, other interactive activities, and more. All 6th - 12th students are welcome and encouraged to attend, no advance registration is necessary.**

In recognizing the impact and power that teens hold in their community, the Alive Center offers the platform for Teen-Led, Teen-Driven™ (TLTD) programs where high school students create and lead clubs for younger kids. TLTD programs are designed to empower the youth to create, lead, and belong. The goal is to help teens stop looking for acceptance outside of themselves and instead accept and embrace who they are. The Alive Center encourages them to focus on their gifts and talents, develop what makes each of them unique, take risks knowing they are supported if they fail, and find that critical purpose in life... What makes them come alive?

Current resident and board member of Hanover Park's Greenwood Tanglewood HOA, Aldair Perez, says, "I'm excited to have The Alive center in the heart of our neighborhood! I believe this program will help kids in our community explore new opportunities and interests with the support of community leaders."

This is Alive's third location, others including Naperville and Aurora, Illinois. With the invitation from Habitat for Humanity, the Alive Center is pleased to be a part of this community of young and vibrant individuals and we look forward to serving area teens!

As a nonprofit organization, Alive provides resources, activities, and programs with the support of the community, and your help is needed in a few ways. One of the favorite activities of the teens is cooking (and eating, of course). New or slightly used supplies for the kitchen, everything from silverware to plates to pots and pans are needed. Please go to [kitchensupplysignup.com](https://kitchensupplysignup.com) and sign up for an item or items that you could donate or purchase. Another way is to support the Alive Center in Hanover Park is financially, to do this please visit <https://gofund.me/9c472007> to contribute. Finally, volunteers are welcome and needed during our drop-in hours. Please contact Beth Stremel at [beth@alivecenter.org](mailto:beth@alivecenter.org) if you would like to help, have any questions or need additional information.

## Grilling and Fire Pit Safety

Spring and Summer seasons are here and it's time to enjoy grilling and fire pits. The Hanover Park Fire Department is sharing safety tips to help you enjoy your barbecue and fire pit without incident. Before you fire up the grill, be sure that you are taking the proper precautions to keep you and your family safe.

- Inspect your propane tank each spring before using it. Check the gas line for leaks by applying a soap and water solution, which will bubble if there is a leak. Turn off the gas tank if a leak is detected and have your grill repaired. If the leak does not stop or if your grill develops a leak while cooking call 9-1-1 and stay away from the grill.
- It's best to keep your grill surface clean, as grease can cause flames to become unmanageable.
- Never use a grill inside. While small table-top grills are increasing in popularity, even these should not be used indoors. Besides the risk of fire, the smoke from the grill can be toxic, and it is best to grill in a well-ventilated area.
- Place your grill outside of foot traffic and at least 10-feet away from your home. Be sure that it is on a level surface, and if your grill has wheels, be sure that they are locked into place. The area should also be clear of overhanging branches.

General safety tips for recreational fires and fire pits include the following:

- Never use a flammable liquid/accelerant to start a fire and never add a flammable liquid or accelerant to a fire.
- Wind speed and direction can affect how easy it is to contain the flame within your fire pit. Also, if there is the threat of a drought, it is not advised to have an open flame on your property. Your neighborhood may have additional regulations during droughts.
- Like a grill, a fire pit should be placed a safe distance away from your home, at least 10 to 15 feet away. Unlike a grill, the open flame of a fire pit and its close proximity to the ground means that it should only be placed on fire-proof surfaces, such as slate or stone.
- In case your fire spreads, keep a garden hose or a bucket of sand nearby. These can help douse the fire if you do not have a portable fire extinguisher available.

For more information about grilling and fire pit safety, please refer to the Hanover Park fires and outdoor burning ordinance in the Municipal Code or contact the Hanover Park Fire Department – Inspectional Services Division at 630-823-5860.

## Preparedness Pointers:



It's officially Tornado Season and its time to prepare for severe weather. Here are some Preparedness Pointers on what to do when severe weather occurs.

### WHAT TO DO WHEN THE SIRENS GO OFF

Move into an interior location within a building or basement without windows. If in a vehicle, find the nearest building to seek shelter. Keep a cell phone on you and search information from the National Weather Service on storm track, timing, hazards, and information on an All Clear.

### HAVE MULTIPLE WAYS OF NOTIFICATION

The primary method of receiving severe weather alerts should be through TV, Weather Radio, cell phone or social media. The National Weather Service sends out WEA alerts (Wireless Emergency Alerts) to all cell phones within the Warning location. Cellphone users should ensure their cell phones are WEA enabled to receive these alerts.

### WHO SOUNDS THE SIRENS?

DuComm, the 911 Dispatch center for DuPage County, receives notification from the National Weather Service and will activate the sirens, not individual villages.

For information, call Ross at 630-776-3365 or Don at 630-289-8556

**VFW**  
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS

# MONDAY CRUISE NIGHT

*In Memory of GTO Bob*

MUSIC BY:  
JOSE RAMOS

VALVE COVER RACING



May 2-September 26, 2022  
5:00-9:00 pm  
CAPUTO'S PARKING LOT  
LAKE STREET & GREENBROOK BLVD.

## Village Tree Planting

The Village's reforestation efforts will continue in 2022. The Forestry Division of Public Works has scheduled a fall planting of approximately 80 parkway trees for this season to pursue our goal of replacing trees that have died or needed to be removed.

Several different species of trees will be included to continue the Village's efforts in creating a more biologically diverse urban forest. Biological genetic diversity is important so that future blights and invasive insects will have less of a chance of creating significant gaps in the treescape of the Village. The trees will generally be replaced on a "first removed/first replaced" basis.

Please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700 if you have any questions.

## Need Wood Chips?

Did you know that the Village offers free wood chips for residents and that delivery is free?

Wood Chips are not the same as mulch. The chips will vary in size, color, and composition. Each load could include leaves, evergreen needles, and various chip sizes. The chips cannot be returned once they are delivered. For this reason, we recommend that a resident requesting a delivery of chips personally look at the chips that are available at the Public Works site before placing an order. The pile of chips are located through the Village's main entrance behind the wooden fence with a sign directing residents to the location. Viewing of the chips is limited to daylight hours only.

Each resident can request two loads of wood chips at a time. Each load is approximately four cubic yards and will fill an area that is 6 ft. x 6 ft. and 3 ft. high.

Deliveries will be made at a time determined by the Forestry Supervisor. The delivery schedules will depend on weather, emergencies, and the availability of staff and equipment. They will be handled on a "first-call, first-serve" basis and will be made within three (3) weeks of the request.

Chips will be placed on driveways only, not driveway aprons, sidewalks or on the lawn. When placing your order, please let the Public Works Department know how many loads will be needed and if the crew can place the chips behind a car that could be in the driveway.

Call Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at (630) 823-5700 to schedule your wood chip delivery or with any questions you may have.

## 2022 Construction Season

The Village will be working on various projects to improve the infrastructure during this year's construction season. This year's project scope is one of the largest in the Village's history. Projects will vary between 2 miles of water main replacement, roadway reconstruction, 12 miles of roadway resurfacing, ADA sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter repairs, pavement surface patching, and various drainage improvements. The construction season will consist of several projects at various locations throughout the Village.

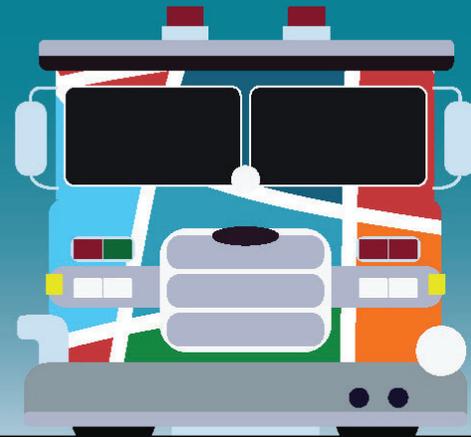
Projects will be funded through Motor Fuel Tax (MFT), Local Funds, and various grants from the State of Illinois.

Construction is a vital part of our economy and community, making these projects very important to the Village. The safety of our residents, staff, and workers is also critical. With 2022 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 workers and obey flagger's directions.
- Pay attention to construction signs and field conditions as conditions change quickly.
- Use and follow detour signs.
- Give heavy vehicles room to adjust to conditions.
- Remember: Traffic backups can occur at any time.

Residents are encouraged to visit Village's website at <https://www.hpil.org/154/Projects> to find interactive project updates. Residents can also call Village's Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 for specific inquiries about the project.

**Saturday, June 11**  
**9am - 1pm**  
Metra Commuter  
Parking Lot



# TOUCH A TRUCK

You are invited to join us on Saturday, June 11th for the Village's annual Touch a Truck event!

Each year, the Village of Hanover Park sponsors a Touch A Truck event. The Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works Department shine up their vehicles and apparatus so attendees can touch the hoods and sit inside of the cars and trucks that make our community run! This is a FREE event.



*Free*



**SING 2**  
**6-24-22**  
**East Harbor Park**  
**4001 Woodlake Dr.**

**SPACE JAM -**  
**A NEW LEGACY**  
**7-15-22**  
**Springwood Jr High**  
**5540 Arlington Dr. E**

**SPIDER-MAN:**  
**NO WAY HOME**  
**8-12-22**  
**HP Sports Complex**  
**1200 Sycamore.**



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**Elected Officials**

- Village President - Rodney S. Craig
- Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill
- Yasmeen Bankole, Trustee
- Liza Gutierrez, Trustee
- Syed Hussaini, Trustee
- James Kemper, Trustee
- Herb Porter, Trustee
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