

# Hi-Lighter

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America's Global Village

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### Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2023 for the Presidents' 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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## STATE OF THE VILLAGE ADDRESS



Wednesday,  
February 8th  
9:00 a.m.

2121 W. Lake St., Rm. 214  
Hanover Park

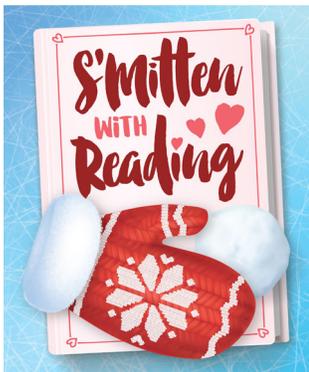
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# Calendar of Events

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

**“S’Mitten with Reading”**  
**Winter Reading Challenge**  
**Jan. 9-Feb. 17**

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge and earn a great prize for reading only 720 minutes! For details, please visit our website at [pclub.org/wrc](http://pclub.org/wrc) or call 630-837-6800.



**Family Concert Series:**  
**Feb. 19 • 2 p.m.**

Come enjoy the relaxing sounds of the Caribbean with percussionist Steve Butters and his steel drum group, Pan Chicago. Register online at [www.pclub.org/events](http://www.pclub.org/events) or call 331-808-3515. Concert takes place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.



**Memory Café**  
**Jan. 12 & Feb. 9 • 10 a.m.**

Our monthly drop in Memory Café offers individuals with memory loss and their caregiver an opportunity for connection and conversation. Enjoy an hour with no expectations besides a great likelihood of new friends. Questions? Contact Erin at 331-808-3564.

## SAVE THE DATE

The Village of Hanover Park and the Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee will host a special event on Saturday, February 25, 2023, in honor of

# Black History Month

Watch the village website or contact the Sister Cities Committee at [sistercities@hpil.org](mailto:sistercities@hpil.org) -- 630-823-5504

## January

- 2** Village Hall Closed - New Year's Day
- 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
- 17** CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 19** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21** HCP CPR (BLS)..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 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

## February

- 2** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 4** Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 8** State of the Village..... 9:00 am / Room 214
- 14** Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 16** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 18** Heartsaver CPR/AED ..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 20** Village Hall Closed - President's Day
- 21** CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 23** Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 28** Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 28** Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Happy New Year! I hope that your holidays were filled with happiness and time well spent with family and friends. As always, Hanover Park has a wonderful 2023 in store for everyone with our many family-friendly events. Watch our website, which by the way was recently redesigned, for additional information. I invite you to join me on February 8th for my annual State of the Village address. I will highlight what took place in 2022, as well as what is in store for the Village in the future.

December marked our Holiday Tree Lighting event, managed by our Village Clerk Kristy Merrill. The evening was enjoyed by all with so many holiday oriented activities. Well done to Kristy and her support team including Staff and volunteers.

Many of you may have noticed the reconstruction and water main replacement on Northway Street. It was a major, multi-million dollar investment in our infrastructure and was much needed. Thank you to everyone for your patience.

Work is underway at the Metra Station to improve the safety at the crossings. Representative Michelle Mussman has been helpful assisting with the funding for the project which will strengthen the safety of at our rail crossings.

After 56 years I was sad to hear of the closing of Christ Church at 6800 Barrington Road next to our Fire Station. Many families have memories there and their caring and value to our community will be missed.

Looking to the future was an important step in preparing the Village of Hanover Park's 3-year Strategic Plan. I encourage all residents and business owners to visit our website and take a look at goals in the Strategic Plan that the Village has identified. One of those priorities is preparing for the increase in electric vehicles in our society. Looking for "Green" alternatives has always been a priority of mine, and in 2023, Hanover Park will join other area municipalities as part of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus to look at this issue and prepare for the growing demand for EVs and EV charging infrastructure.

I want to remind residents how important it is to get your flu shot. Flu season typically peaks between December & February but can last as late as May! I'm doing my part to protect myself and my loved ones by getting a flu shot, and I encourage my fellow community members to join me. Visit your local pharmacist, doctor, or health clinic to get your flu shot today. I am proud to continue my support for the Move with the Mayor initiative, a national campaign to eliminate cardiovascular health disparities and achieve health equity. The campaign's broader scope is urging communities to protect themselves against the flu. This year, I was honored to receive their National Forum Chair Recognition Award for demonstrating Advancement of Cardiovascular Health and Health Equity in Your Community. For more information on Move with the Mayor, visit <https://www.nationalforum.org/collaborations/mwmtm/>.

## I'm making a pledge

to protect my health by getting a flu vaccination this fall. Please join me in getting one.

Visit your doctor, pharmacist, or clinic.



MOVE  
WITH THE  
MAYOR

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!

*Rodney S. Craig*  
Mayor Rodney Craig

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Yasmeen Bankole



Liza Gutierrez



Syed Hussaini



James Kemper



Herb Porter



Bob Prigge

# Clerk's Corner:



Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk

## Key Dates for the April 4, 2023 Municipal Election

You have several options to vote in the Municipal Election of April 4, 2023. Note the important dates below:

- 1. Mail Ballot:** Apply for your mail ballot by March 30, 2023. Once you receive your mail ballot you can make your candidate choices from the comfort of your home and return your ballot by either postmarking the ballot by Election Day or dropping off the ballot at designated locations. Mail ballots February 23, 2023 through April 4, 2023.
- 2. Vote Early:** Designated locations by your county will permit you to vote March 20 through April 3.
- 3. Election Day:** Vote at your local polling place on April 4.



DATE	EVENT
3-7-23	Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials.
3-8-23	First day of grace period registration and voting.
3-19-23	Last day to register to vote by online application.
3-20-23	First day of early voting.
3-30-23	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters.
4-3-23	Last day of early voting.
4-3-23	Last day of grace period registration and voting.
4-4-23	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked.
4-4-23	Election Day!

## Tree Lighting Ceremony

Thank you to all the families, and to Santa Claus, who joined us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony at our new Ontarioville Plaza location. This was our second year coordinating this event, and I really enjoyed planning it at this location.

Many thanks to the Lions Club for the hot cocoa & cookies, Nicor for the s'mores, our talented face painter, the Dickens Carolers for their songs, AMJ Entertainment for the train rides, Santa's Village for the live reindeer, District 54 for the stage, and our very own Public Works Department for helping with the decor, tree, and lights! A special thanks to A&A Music Academy and Hanover Park Animal Care Center for your support and participation in the celebration of the tree lighting event. This event could not be possible without all your help.

This event has become my families holiday tradition, and I am honored to share it with all of your families as well. This event kicked off the season's magical spirit and brought a little bit of much needed joy. I wish you all blessings and hope for a Happy New Year!



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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.

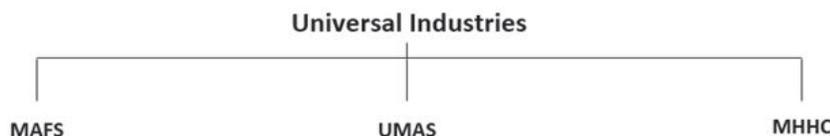
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# Metropolitan Asian Family Services



Universal Industries has three sister concern companies- Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS), Universal Metro Asian Services (UMAS), and Metro Home Health Care (MHHC) that work in tandem to serve the immigrant community through 12 centers across Chicagoland.



**MAFS** is a not-for-profit, multi-ethnic organization and has at its core, a commitment to educate, assist and empower the immigrant community to adjust to life in the United States and become productive members of society. MAFS strongly believes in the motto "Service to Humanity is Service to Divinity". We understand that immigrants face a lot of existential issues, and we help them by providing basic life-sustaining services. Our primary goal is to empower our community by providing education, training, counseling, and advocating on their behalf.

Various programs offered by MAFS are:

- Senior Nutrition Programs
- Health Programs
- Public Benefits Assistance
- Immigration Assistance
- Education

**UMAS** conducts Home Care and Adult Daycare programs for seniors. Home care program helps you keep your independence from the privacy and comfort of your own home. Our caregivers assist with chores around the house including cooking, shopping, personal grooming, and transportation to medical appointments when necessary. We provide caregivers (home care aides) that share your language and cultural background whenever possible. Home care services are available in Chicago, Niles, Schaumburg, Elgin, Carol Stream, Orland Park, Naperville, and Vernon Hills. Whereas Home Care programs are for seniors who need assistance at home, our Adult Daycare program offers a venue for the elderly to get involved in structured and fun-filled activities. We provide breakfast, hot lunch, and snacks to our participants. Our professional nurses are available at each center to keep a check on the seniors. Round-trip free transportation services from their home to our centers with drivers are available for those who qualify. ADS-program runs at Schaumburg, Niles, Chicago, Vernon Hills, Orland Park, and Naperville.

**MHHC** takes care of your health through Skilled Nurses at your home. We promote wellness and improve our patient's quality of life by providing optimum health care in the comfort of the patient's homes. The services provided by MHHC are – Skilled Nursing service, Wound Care, Medication, Use of Medical Devices, Diet & Nutrition, Hospitalization Prevention, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Certified Home Health Aide Services, etc. More services may also be provided, when necessary, like Nutritional Counseling, Arrangements for Medical Equipment, Referrals for Respiratory Therapists & Dietitians, Referrals for Home physicians & Nurse Practitioners, Laboratory Services, etc. MHHC serves 11 counties – Boone, Cook, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, Stephenson, Will, and Winnebago.

For information or enrollment into any of these programs, contact 847-306-7606. You can also visit or email us at [www.mafsinc.com](http://www.mafsinc.com)|[support@mafsinc.com](mailto:support@mafsinc.com); [www.umasinc.com](http://www.umasinc.com)|[support@umasinc.com](mailto:support@umasinc.com); [www.mhhcinc.com](http://www.mhhcinc.com)|[support@mhhcinc.com](mailto:support@mhhcinc.com)

# Water Billing Cycle and Termination Process

## 1st Day of Each Month

Water utility bills are mailed out to all customers for the previous months water and sewer usage.

## 21st Day of Each Month

Water utility bills are due by the 21st day of each month, regardless of the day it falls on.

## 22nd Day of Each Month

A 10% late fee is applied to all delinquent accounts.

## 25th Day of Each Month

A termination notice is sent out to all delinquent accounts notifying them that their bill is past due and that they have until the 34th day from the billing date to pay their bill. Failure to pay their bill in full by the end of the 34th day from the billing date will result in a \$50 fee and termination of water services.

## 34th Day from the Billing Date

Termination due date. This is the last opportunity for customers to pay the delinquent balance due before being charged a \$50 fee and going into termination status.

## 35th Day from the Billing Date

A \$50 termination fee is applied to all delinquent accounts and a door hanger notice is placed on the front door handle of all delinquent accounts informing them they have 7 days to pay all outstanding account charges to avoid water termination.

## 7 Days from the Door Hanger Notice

All delinquent accounts water services are terminated.

# Village Board Adopts 2023 Annual Budget

On December 1, 2022, the Hanover Park Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Budget, which establishes authorized expenditures and sources of revenues from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. For the seventh year in a row, the Budget was approved with a zero percent (0%) property tax increase.

Included in the Budget is an increase to the water and sewer rate of 4.50% per year for the next five (5) years, along with changing the infrastructure service charge from a flat rate across meter sizes to a fixed scaled meter rate based on meter size, with a 8.00% increase per year for the next five (5) years. The first increase will take effect May 1, 2023. The remaining 4 years the increases will take effect January 1st. The increase will help fund water and sewer infrastructure replacement. Our current infrastructure has already exceeded its useful life of 50 years.

\$25M over five (5) years a significant investment in the replacement of water main in the Village. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) administers the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) to support community water systems wanting to make investments in their water production and distribution systems. These are low-interest loans made to public agencies at typically half the cost of bonding for the same project.

This budget maintains Village services the citizens and business community of Hanover Park have come to expect. The budget is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the Village's financial activities during the next twelve months. It is a balanced budget that meets the Village's fund balance policies. The Fiscal Year 2023 budget also reflects the Village's efforts to diversify revenues.

The budget includes a new Fire Station #16 to be built at 2355 Schick Road, Hanover Park, IL. 60133. The Village is building the much-needed new fire station #16 by using General Fund reserves, which means we are not borrowing money for the construction, and not increasing the property taxes to pay for it.

**The complete budget book can be viewed on the Village's website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).**

## Where do your Property Taxes Go?

The Village of Hanover Park is located within two counties; Cook and DuPage. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents go to multiple taxing bodies. A property owner's tax bill includes taxes that are paid to numerous taxing jurisdictions that support various public functions.

The DuPage County 2021 tax bill (paid in 2022) which is representative of an average bill for a property owner in Wayne Township, includes taxes with different jurisdictions. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents in DuPage County go to multiple taxing bodies. For every dollar of property tax paid by a resident of Hanover Park, 19.68% goes to the Village.



The Cook County 2021 tax bill (paid in 2022) which is representative of an average bill for a property owner in Schaumburg Township, includes taxes with different jurisdictions. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents in Cook County go to multiple taxing bodies. For every dollar of property tax paid by a resident of Hanover Park, 19.43% goes to the Village.





## 2023 Area Response Team (ART) Meetings

The Hanover Park Police Department is committed to strengthening community relations between officers and residents.

Our community oriented policing strategy, known as Area Response Teams (ART), involves assigning officers as area representatives throughout the year. Each area also has an assigned supervisor who monitors crime trends and works with officers and residents to identify and solve problems.

In 2023, the department will host one quarterly meeting that combines all the ART areas instead of hosting four separate meetings over two days as has been done in the past. This allows residents to attend one meeting to discuss issues and address concerns in their area, while gaining an understanding of what is going on within the Village and the department as a whole. The meetings will be conducted by an ART Area Sergeant and the times and locations are always posted in advance on the Hanover Park Police Department Facebook page. All meetings will also be available on the Facebook page for viewing at home. Viewers are encouraged to submit questions or comments which will be monitored and addressed by the supervisor.

Remember, community policing means all of us working together to improve our neighborhoods. Come join us!

### The dates for the 2023 ART meetings are as follows:

**(Sgt. Allen)** – 1/18 @ 7:30 p.m.

**(Sgt. Crawford)** – 4/19 @ 7:30 p.m.

**(Sgt. Palace)** – 7/19 @ 7:30 p.m.

**(Sgt. Hosea)** – 10/18 @ 7:30 p.m.

## Police Department Rolls Out Body Worn Cameras

The Hanover Park Police Department is pleased to announce the rollout of body-worn cameras for all its sworn officers as part of an agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. The official use of the devices began on October 20th, 2022. This comes over two years before municipalities serving populations under 50,000 are required to equip sworn officers with body-worn cameras, as mandated by the passing of the Safe-T Act.

Officers will be required to activate their body-worn cameras and record all law enforcement related encounters or activities with the public. The ability to capture both audio and video of such contacts from the perspective of the officer greatly supports the department's efforts toward transparency and maintaining public confidence. The cameras can also be effective in potentially de-escalating high risk situations while providing valuable evidence for prosecution and unjustified complaints against officers.

Additionally, the department has also updated in-car video systems in all squad cars to Axon Fleet 3. The system works in conjunction with the body-worn cameras to provide video footage of an incident from the dashboard view of a squad car.

Residents may contact the Hanover Park Police Department at 630-823-5500 with any questions related to the use of body-worn cameras.

## Metra Parking Permits

Parking Permits for the Commuter Parking Lot are available through the Finance Department. Application forms are available in our office. Monthly permits are \$35. An Annual Pass may be purchased for \$385 (discounted by one month if purchased from Oct 1 through January 31st).

Daily Metered parking is also available. The \$1.75 fee must be deposited in one of the meters located on the west wall of the commuter station. You are responsible for entering the correct space number. Failure to enter the correct parking space # may result in a Parking Citation being issued.



Metra riders may also pay for daily parking through our newly implemented smartphone application. Users can get started by downloading the free Passport Parking app for iOS or Android devices. Hanover Park's Zone # 60133.

# Water Conservation Tips

Written by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Water efficiency is the smart use of our water resources through water-saving technologies and simple steps we can all take around the house. Using water efficiently will help ensure reliable water supplies today and for future generations. Best of all, everyone can play their part in preserving our nation's water resources. With the simple steps and informational tools below, you'll find that it's easier than ever.

## Save Indoors:

Maybe you've purchased some WaterSense labeled products and started down the road to savings, but don't stop there. There are lots of things you can do in your own home to reduce water use and get more from less. Just follow our simple tips below to get started!

### Fix a leak:

Small household leaks can add up to gallons of water lost every day. That's why WaterSense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year in March during Fix a Leak Week.

### In the bathroom—where over half of all water use inside a home takes place:

- Turn off the tap while shaving or brushing teeth.
- Showers use less water than baths, as long as you keep an eye on how long you've been lathering up. Learn tips on how to Shower Better.
- If you're dreaming of a Better Bathroom, get ready for your mini-makeover.
- Calculate how much you can save with WaterSense labeled products in the bathroom!

### In the kitchen—whip up a batch of big water savings:

- Plug up the sink or use a wash basin if washing dishes by hand.
- Use a dishwasher—and when you do, make sure it's fully loaded!
- Scrape your plate instead of rinsing it before loading it into the dishwasher.
- Keep a pitcher of drinking water in the refrigerator instead of letting the faucet run until the water is cool.
- Thaw in the refrigerator overnight rather than using a running tap of hot water.
- Add food wastes to your compost pile instead of using the garbage disposal.

### In the laundry room—where you can be clean AND green:

- Wash only full loads of laundry or use the appropriate water level or load size selection on the washing machine.
- To save money on your energy bills, set your washing machine to use cold water rather than hot or warm water.



## The Appearance of Cloudy or Unclear Water in Homes

At times, you may notice your tap water has a cloudy or milky appearance. This is not abnormal or harmful and was due to air entrained in the water. This common occurrence can be attributed to pressure and temperature changes of the water. At 40 psi, water will retain four (4) times as much air as it does when it is exposed to the atmosphere when drawn from the tap.

The water supply at this time of the year is close to 32 degrees Fahrenheit and becomes warmer as it travels through our distribution system; it warms even more as it enters the home and is exposed to indoor temperature or mixes

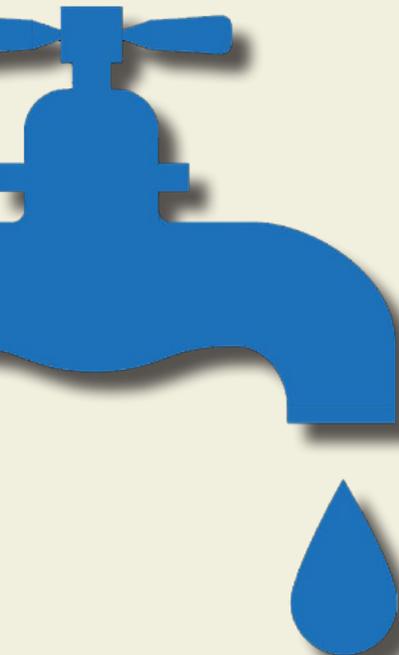
with the hot water in the heater and at mixer "single control" faucets. If your faucet has separate hot and cold controls, by running water from the hot-water side of the faucet and then opening up the cold-water side, the mixing of the hot and cold will also cause cloudy water. The greater the increase in temperature the less air the water will hold forming bubbles that will escape from the water. The bubbles can be so small and numerous that it can appear as cloudy water. The bubbles in a glass will escape from the water when open to the atmosphere.

Next time you get a glass of water watch it closely, it will

clear from the bottom up as the air escapes. This is something that you may notice, but your neighbors do not, this is due to the differences in construction and plumbing in homes.

Deposits can also cause unclear water. Periodically check and clean your aerators (the small screens on most sink faucets). Mineral deposits can accumulate causing particles in the water or even reduce your water flow.

If you have questions regarding the appearance of your residential water, please call Public Works at (630) 823-5700.



# Ontarioville Church

Written by Lisa Mueller, Poplar Creek Public Library Local History Librarian

**The building currently called Community of Hope Church (at 7N728 Church Road) is one of the oldest buildings in Hanover Park. This building was originally called the Ontarioville Church or the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church and was built around 1871.**

The church and parsonage were not always in their present-day locations; in 1876, a team of horses moved the buildings from what is now Greenbrook Boulevard. A few headstones still remain in this old location. In the church's early years, the church services and parochial school services were held in German.

The original bell from the bell tower moved with the congregation to their new location in Bartlett, but the cemetery still remains next to the church, providing a window into the past.

You can learn more about the church and historic Hanover Park by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's always-expanding Digital History Collection ([pclib.org/localhistory](http://pclib.org/localhistory)), which shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. Email [history@pclib.org](mailto:history@pclib.org) with any research questions regarding local history.



## 2022 Development Year in Review

**2022 was an active year for development in Hanover Park. Some of our biggest projects include:**

**Village Center Zoning** – The Board has approved an innovative new form-based zoning code to facilitate a mixed-use walkable downtown around the Metra station. Stay tuned for upcoming developments!

**Proposed Arby's at 1311 Irving Park Road** –Arby's is looking to build a new restaurant. The sale of the property has been approved and permitting is under way.

**NEC of Lake & Bartels** – the former Regal Mall property is now home to a Starbucks, Range USA, and Rocky Patel Cigar Lounge, with more retailers coming soon. This project redeveloped the former Regal Mall, including demolition of half of the building.

**H2O Auto Spa Expansion** – New vacuums and landscaping have been added to the property as part of an expansion. Changes in access should improve traffic safety.



**Townhomes at Wise & Farmstead** – Construction is almost complete for the first building in the 20-unit townhome development behind the Olde Salem Shopping Center. Construction on the remaining 3 buildings is underway.

**NWC Lake & Gary** – Permitting is under way for a Thornton's gas station. The developer will also install a new "Welcome to Hanover Park" sign at this gateway location during the final

phase with the construction of a retail building.

**Verandah** – 3 more townhouse buildings were completed with 14 additional units. Only 3 townhome buildings remain. Still to come is the condo and assisted living phase.

**Taco Bell Remodel** – The Taco Bell on Barrington Road underwent a major refresh. Improvements include a façade upgrade, an interior remodel, and new signage.

### New Businesses

**Restaurants:**

Zen Ramen & Grill  
1553 Irving Park Rd.

Kannibal's Burger/Grill  
7215 Olde Salem Cir.

El Nayarita  
6602 Barrington Rd.

**Retail:**

Rocky Patel Cigar Lounge  
1051 Lake St.

**Manufacturing:**

Elite RF  
1700 Tower Dr.

**Services:**

Anika Spa  
7235 Olde Salem Cir.

Kavya Hair Salon  
2422 Army Trail Rd.

Vohra Tax & Accounting  
6602 Barrington

**Health Services:**

PT Solutions Physical Therapy  
7458 Barrington

LA Testing  
2442 Army Trail Rd.

Rock Testing  
7450 Barrington Rd.

**Entertainment:**

The Art of Shooting  
1981 Devon Avenue

# Updated Illinois Smoke Alarm Law

Did you know 3 out of 5 home fire deaths resulted because the home did not have any working smoke alarms?

Starting January 1, 2023, Illinois will have an updated law regarding smoke alarms. Any new smoke alarm being installed within a single or multi-family home will require an alarm that features a 10-year sealed battery. If you still have removable battery-operated smoke alarms, you will be required to install new alarms that feature the 10-year sealed battery. Smoke alarms installed in single or multi-family homes prior to January 1, 2023, may remain in place until they exceed the 10 years from

the date of being manufactured. Should the existing smoke alarm(s) fail to respond to operability tests or otherwise malfunction, it must be replaced with new alarm that features the 10-year sealed battery.

Optimally, to be proactive and comply with the new law it would be advised to replace all existing alarms with the new 10-year sealed battery type now.

Here are a few more smoke alarm safety tips:

- Install smoke alarms on every level and in every bedroom
- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Alarms don't last forever, remember to replace your smoke alarms every 10 years
- Plan and practice your escape route with your family at least twice a year
- If your smoke alarm does sound, leave the home immediately and call 9-1-1

For more information visit: <https://www.ifsa.org/smoke-alarm-law>

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## BENEFIT OF 10-YEAR SEALED BATTERIES



**HASSLE-FREE**  
No more climbing up the ladder to change batteries.



**NO LATE-NIGHT LOW BATTERY CHIRPS**



**MORE SAVING**  
No more costly battery replacements for the life of the alarm.

# Healthcare Provider CPR (BLS) Class Schedule



The following is the 2023 schedule for Healthcare Provider (BLS) CPR classes. All classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 15.

Jan 21, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Feb 18, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Mar 18, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Apr 15, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
May 20, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Jun 17, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
July 15, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Aug 19, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Sep 16, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Oct 21, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Nov 18, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)
Dec 16, 2023	HCP CPR (BLS)

If you have questions regarding this schedule, please contact the Fire Department at 630-823-5800.

**CPR Class Fees:**  
Resident \$30, Non-Resident \$50



**HCP CPR Class Fees:**  
Resident and Non-Resident \$65



# Shovel Smart This Winter!

After a snowstorm hits, here is a checklist of essential tasks after it warms up!

- **Check Your Pipes:** Your pipes may be frozen. Water pipes on exterior walls and in places that are subject to cold, like in the basement, attic, and under kitchen cabinets, freeze most often. Water expands as it freezes, causing pipes to burst. If they are frozen, first turn on the faucet. Water will drip as you warm the pipes. Heat the pipes using a space heater, heating pad, electric hair dryer, or hot water on a cloth. Never use an open flame. Continue until water pressure returns to normal or call a plumber if you have more issues.
- **Salt Your Walkways:** Once it warms up, it's important to shovel the snow from your sidewalks and driveway or sprinkle salt if there is ice. If there is a thick layer of snow on the ground you cannot move, salt the area so that the snow melts. You should also put down salt if there is ice on your stairs leading into your house.
- **Check In With Your Neighbors:** Check to see that your neighbors are okay after the storm, particularly seniors, disabled persons or others living alone. Carbon monoxide poisoning is one of the leading causes of death after storms, particularly when there are power outages. Cases of frostbite and hypothermia are also common for elderly people.
- **Refill Your Supplies:** This storm may be over, but there might be another one soon. Every storm is different, so it is important to always be prepared.

## SHOVEL SMART!

 Shoveling heavy, wet snow can cause back injuries and heart attacks. Don't push yourself!



**Dress warmly**, making sure to cover your head, fingers and toes.



**Stay hydrated**, but avoid heavy meals right before or after shoveling.



**Move only small amounts of snow** with each pass of the shovel.



**Take frequent breaks.** Stop shoveling entirely if you feel exhausted!

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## Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, January 7 and Friday, January 13. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these guidelines:



- Do not put trees in plastic bags.
- Remove the stand and all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails).
- Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.

Set your tree out on the above dates. However, if you miss the special collection dates, Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees along with your regular garbage and refuse collection. This service will be provided to the homeowners' associations regularly serviced by Groot.

Questions? Call the Village at 630-823-5700 or Groot Industries at 866-782-5161.

## Holiday Lights Recycling

The Hanover Park Environmental Committee, in cooperation with Elgin Recycling, Inc., will collect holiday lights and extension cords for recycling. Bring in your entire strands, including lights that no longer work, to the Hanover Park Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm.

A container will be placed outside the building for collection. The Village will accept these items January 1st through the end of March.

## Winter Season & Rock Salt Use

The Village would like to remind residents that rock salt use during the winter months damages our water supply. Use care and limit the amount of rock salt on your freshly shoveled driveway or sidewalk. When the snow and ice melt, the remaining salty slush drains into sewers and washes into rivers. Once in the water, it harms the region's streams and lakes. Excess salt should be swept up and thrown away to avoid damaging grass, trees, or our waterways.

# Resident Mailboxes and Wintertime

The Village's snowplow drivers make every effort to closely plow near mailboxes in order to make enough room for your postal carrier to reach your mailbox.

While Village snowplows use every precaution around mailboxes sometimes damage may occur. If you believe that your curbside mailbox was damaged by a Village snowplow, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700.



Upon notification of the damage, a Village worker will inspect the mailbox and you may be eligible for repair or

replacement. Every attempt is made to repair the mailbox first. However, if the mailbox is damaged beyond repair, a resident can choose: 1) replacement of the needed mailbox in the spring with a Village supplied post or new box if needed, or 2) residents can be reimbursed up to \$75 towards a purchase of their preferred mailbox.

Please note, the Village is not responsible for mailboxes that don't meet Village Code, installed improperly, or if they are damaged by non-Village vehicles.



## Snow Removal on State or County Roads

Winter is here and that means snow and icy conditions. The Department of Public works is prepared to get the streets cleared and motorists on their way as safely as possible.

Please note, during snowstorms in our area, IDOT handles the snow removal on Barrington Road, Irving Park Road, and Lake Street.

The DuPage County Highway Department is responsible for the snowplowing on Greenbrook Boulevard, Army Trail Road, County Farm Road, and Schick Road east of County Farm Road.

# Hanover Park Receives 2022 Hire Vets Medallion Award from the U.S. Department of Labor for the 3rd time



U.S. Secretary of Labor Martin J. Walsh recognized the Village of Hanover Park as one of the 835 recipients of the 2022 HIRE Vets Medallion Award during a virtual award ceremony presented by U.S. Department of Labor. Hanover Park earned the gold award after applying earlier this year. The Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act (HIRE Vets Act) Medallion Program is the only federal award program that recognizes employers who successfully recruit, hire, and retain veterans.

"In Hanover Park, we are committed to supporting Veterans. Recruiting, hiring and retaining their skill set is a priority of the Village. I am so proud the Village is receiving this award," said Village President Rodney S. Craig.

Hanover Park joins 834 other companies from 49 states, plus the District of Columbia, who have shown a commitment to hiring veterans, but also ensuring that they have a long-term career and growth plan that uses the diverse skills they acquired through their military service.

Recipients of the 2022 HIRE Vets Medallion Award meet rigorous employment and veteran integration assistance criteria, including veteran hiring and retention percentages; availability of veteran-specific resources; leadership programming for veterans; dedicated human resource efforts; pay compensation and tuition assistance programs for veterans. More than 1,400 employers have earned a HIRE Vets Medallion Award since 2018.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is earned by businesses that demonstrate unparalleled commitment to attracting, hiring and retaining veterans.



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## Elected Officials

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