

Hi-Lighter

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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 29th for Memorial Day.

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.



Hanover Park Builds New Fire Station

The Village is excited to begin construction of a new fire station that will be located at 2399 Schick Road. This new station will replace the current station which is located near County Farm and Army Trail Road. The Village has been working over the last 18 months to design the station with our design/build team of R.C Wegman and Dewberry Architecture.

In order to meet the 21st century needs, this new station will replace the outdated and inadequate station located at 3855 County Farm Road, which we have outgrown. In fact, the current station was built at a time when the Fire Department operated out of three locations and housed only 2-3 firefighters per shift.

This facility uses layout and physical features to decrease the exposure to carcinogens, products of combustion, and other pathogens by dedicating areas as green (clean), yellow (decontamination areas), and red (potential for contaminants). The firefighters will be able to

return from an emergency response and contain the tools, equipment, and uniforms in the red areas then be able to wash the tools, uniforms, and take a shower in the yellow, before entering the green living areas of the station. This is critical to separate the eating, sleeping, and office area from being exposed.

One of the yellow decontamination areas will include an ultrasonic cleaning device that will be new to the department. We will now be able to decontaminate equipment with a new level of precision and the area will be used for gear from both stations.

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Calendar of Events

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

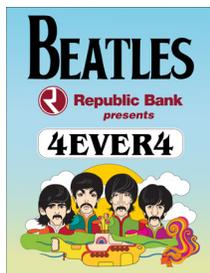
Family Concert Series

**Sunday, May 21
2 p.m.**
Kaleidoscope Eyes
(Beatles Tribute Band)

**Sunday, June 25
2 p.m.**
The Arlingtones

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts; registration is required. To register, please visit www.pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood, in Meeting Room 1.

Summer Market
Saturday, June 10 at 2 p.m.
Vendors will be on-site for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. Visit pclib.org/summer-market for details.



4Ever4 Beatles Exhibit May 1-31

Stop by the Main Library in Streamwood for a Beatles exhibit featuring photos, record albums, and other memorabilia.

Brought to you by the Republic Bank of Chicago. Browse our online Calendar of Events at pclib.org/events for details.

Summer Reading Challenge May 15-July 28

Take a "Reading Road Trip" this summer and join our all ages Summer Reading Challenge! Earn a prize for reading only 1,050 minutes. For details or to sign up, visit pclib.org/src.



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Report a Concern

Noticed an issue in your neighborhood? No need to worry - tap "Report a Concern" on the Village of Hanover Park mobile app and we'll make sure the appropriate department is notified right away!



for more information visit <https://www.hpil.org>

May

3	Special Events Committee.....	11:30 am / Room 212
4	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
5	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
9	Economic Dev. Committee....	12:30 pm / Room 214
11	Development Commission....	7:00 pm / Room 214
13	Market at the Metra.....	9:00 am / Commuter Lot
16	CIDC Committee.....	6:15 pm / Room 123
18	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
20	MLK Build Up Day.....	9:00 am / 1211 Catalina
21	Water Bills Due	
23	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
23	Environmental Committee....	7:00 pm / Room 214
25	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
29	Village Hall Closed - Memorial Day	
29	Memorial Day Ceremony.....	10:00 am / Village Hall

June

1	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
3	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
3	Apiary Open House.....	1:00 pm / 2500 Army Trail
8	Development Commission...	7:00 pm / Room 214
10	Touch a Truck Event.....	9:00 am / Commuter Lot
13	Economic Dev. Committee..	12:30 pm / Room 214
14	Wednesday Night Live!.....	7:00 pm / 1200 Sycamore
15	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
17	Juneteenth Event.....	Noon / Ontarioville Plaza
20	CIDC Committee	6:15 pm / Room 123
21	Water Bills Due	
22	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
23	Movie in the Park.....	8:00 pm / East Harbor Park
27	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
27	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214
28	Wednesday Night Live!.....	7:00 pm / 4001 Woodlake

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



I know we are all glad that Spring is here. It means we can start gathering with family and friends to enjoy outdoor activities. As usual, the Village of Hanover Park has you covered. We have some wonderful family-friendly events planned in 2023, including Movies in the Park, Wednesday Night Live, and Touch a Truck, plus many more as you will see throughout this newsletter.

I have been approached by the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce seeking to sponsor an event known as Hispanic Heritage Month as an annual celebration of the history and culture of the U.S. Latinx and Hispanic communities. The event spans from September 15 to October 15, and commemorates how our Spanish speaking community has influenced and contributed to American society at large. Watch our Facebook page and website for additional information.

I would like to congratulate Jim Kemper on his retirement from the Village Board. Thank you Jim for your many years of service to the Village of Hanover Park. Your work on our Board and with our Committees has been instrumental in helping to move the Village forward. You will be missed my friend! Returning to the Board as Trustee is Veteran Jon Kunkel, who will continue to support the Village's many initiatives. Welcome back Jon. I look forward to working with all of our Board members in meeting the goals and objectives we established in our Strategic Plan. We will make the people of Hanover Park proud!

The recent decision to approve the CPKC merger by the Surface Transportation Board was disappointing. However, there is an initiative element in the decision to meet with the Railroad on a reoccurring basis. We continue to fight for the well-being of our residents as the Railroad focuses on profits. The decision calls for mitigations and regular meetings with the railroad so the fight for our quality of life is not over yet.

This issue of the Hi-Lighter, on page 6, we are identifying a revenue situation with the State, in particular the Governor. Hanover Park is feeling the pain of revenue reductions since 2011, so please read the "Now is the time to invest in Communities" article. The Village

is short \$25 million dollars over that period and that directly impacts our ability to restore our streets and continue to keep our homeowner taxes flat. I am proud to say that we have not raised taxes on our homeowners for seven years. We have saved \$4.3 million dollars by not having to borrow with a 20-year bond at 5% to build a new Fire Station. *#investincommunities*

The Veteran's of VFW5151 will continue to sponsor the Monday night Cruise night at Caputo's on Lake Street. It will be a late start in May as the Shopping Center is having the lot repaved. I look forward to seeing our car enthusiasts there soon.



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!

Rodney S. Craig
Mayor Rodney Craig

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Yasmeen Bankole



Liza Gutierrez



Syed Hussaini



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter



Bob Prigge

Clerk's Corner:

Commercial Solicitors.... What to Look For



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

Commercial Solicitation will be increasing as Spring approaches. The Clerk's Office will be providing badges to solicitors whose application has been reviewed and accepted. Solicitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in our community. Please see badge example for a sneak peek at what they look like. If someone approaches your door without a badge and/or cannot produce a badge, please call 911 and let our Police Department know the location of the solicitor(s). Also, if you would like a No Solicitor sticker for your front door, please stop by Village Hall for one or contact the Clerk's Office at tclark@hpiil.org and one will be mailed to you.

To the right is what the solicitor badge will look like. A photo of the solicitor will be visible along with the company he/she represents and the expiration date.



TOUCH A TRUCK

Sand
Area for
Kids



Featuring vehicles from the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works & Pace

Saturday, June 10, 2023

9:00 a.m. - Noon

Metra Commuter Parking Lot



Visit www.hpiil.org for
additional information

FREE ADMISSION



WELCOME TO OUR HIVE!

Apiary Open House

Saturday June 3, 2023

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 honeybees, and learn how you can get started keeping honeybees in Hanover Park.



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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 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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Wednesday Night Live!

FREE CONCERT SERIES



Trabuco

June 14 - Afrocarribean & Salsa Beats



Breakfast Club

July 19 - Popular Hits from the 80s



Eliminator

August 2 - ZZ Top Tribute

Hanover Park Sports Complex (1200 Sycamore Avenue)



The Dynamix

June 28 - Ultimate Classics Cover Band

East Harbor Park - 4001 Woodlake Drive

All concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year

Named after Michael H. Coleman, a young Hanover Park resident who passed away in 2011, this scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the young people of Hanover Park. Students are selected based on academic initiative, career initiative, leadership initiative and community initiative. Each year, a high school senior is selected as the Hanover Park "Youth of the Year." Congratulations to the 2023 Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year, Ashly Diaz, who received a \$1,000 Scholarship.



Youth of the Year:
Ashly Diaz and family with Mayor Craig

Elected Officials Sworn In

On May 4, 2023, the Village of Hanover Park held a swearing in ceremony for three re-elected Village Trustees Liza Gutierrez, Jon Kunkel and Herb Porter.

Trustee Liza Gutierrez was elected in 2020 to fill a vacancy on the Board, and then re-elected in 2021 to fill the remaining two-year term. She is now serving her third term. Trustee Gutierrez serves as the Chair of the Village's Historical Committee, and is the Board Liaison for our Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee. She brings experience in government and non-profit organizations, and currently works for Partners for our Communities.

Trustee Jon Kunkel was elected in 2011 and served on the Board until 2019. He has been re-elected to a new four-year term. Trustee Kunkel will serve as Board Liaison on the Village's Veterans Committee, as well as Deputy Liquor Commissioner. He will represent the Village as Liaison for three airport commissions (the Suburban O'Hare Commission, Schaumburg Regional Airport Advisory Commission and the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission).

Trustee Herb Porter was elected in 2015. This will be his third term as Trustee. Trustee Porter serves as the Deputy Village President. He is the Board Liaison of the Sister Cities Committee, as well as Deputy Liquor Commissioner. He also serves as Board member for CEDA and the Alignment for Collaborative Education.

Congratulations to all!



Thank You & Farewell Trustee Kemper

The Village of Hanover Park would like to bid farewell and extend a sincere thank you to outgoing Elected Official, Trustee James Kemper, for his many years of service.



Village Trustee Kemper was elected in 2011 and served three terms in office. He served as the Board Liaison on the Hanover Park Sister Cities and Veterans Committees, and also served as a Deputy Commissioner for the Village's Liquor Commission.

Trustee Kemper has worked hard to represent the needs of the people of Hanover Park, and we thank him for his dedication and service!

Now is the Time to Invest in Communities

In addition to warmer spring weather, tax season is a common subject of discussion at this time of year. Hanover Park is joining forces with cities, villages, and counties across the state to urge state lawmakers to Invest In Communities by returning a greater portion of your taxes back where they belong, right here in our community.

What does that mean? When the State income tax was established more than 50 years ago, it was agreed that a portion of it should be returned to each community based on population. In the State budget, this funding is known as the Local Government Distributive Fund, or LGDF.

LGDF is an important revenue source for every local government in the state, not only because it is stable and reliable year after year, but because each community can use it wherever it is most needed to stabilize and improve the community. In Hanover Park, LGDF makes up 10% of our annual operating budget.

But here's the problem: in 2011, the State decreased the portion of income taxes that is returned to our community from LGDF. Rather than 10% of income taxes, Illinois lawmakers have allocated just over 6% to local governments in recent years.

Across the state, municipalities and counties have lost out on more than \$8 billion that could be used in lieu of property taxes or other revenues to train police officers, buy equipment for first responders, pay down public safety pension obligations, improve or repair infrastructure projects, and more. Our LGDF fact sheet shows the impact of this loss in our community and the importance of restoring this critical source of local funding.

With the State's financial condition the healthiest it has been in decades, now is the time for the General Assembly to prioritize funding for infrastructure, public safety, and community services in all

Illinois communities by restoring LGDF. In Hanover Park, additional funding could mean those dollars being spent on roads, water & sewer repair, and other infrastructure projects, without needing to raise the income tax or our local taxes.

As Illinois lawmakers prepare this year's State Budget, Mayor Craig and other local government leaders are urging the General Assembly to Invest In Communities and restore the Local Government Distributive Fund to 10%. Visit InvestInCommunities.org to learn more and make your voice heard by contacting your state legislators and posting on social media using **#InvestInCommunities**.



Code Enforcement

As Spring approaches, the Police Department's Code Enforcement Unit would like to remind residents about local Ordinances. As part of the Village's Curb Appeal Program, Code Enforcement officers may visit your neighborhood to identify issues of concern. Below are some common problems we may find.

Drainage Issues

The Village receives several calls about water drainage issues. The accumulation of water can be a result of several factors. Two of the more common factors are:

- Improper discharge of sump pumps. Discharge shall not be less than five feet from the property line.
- Obstructing water flow. This is often a result of a landscape modification or illegal structure that prohibits the designed flow of water.

If you have a drainage issue that cannot be resolved with your neighbor, please contact Code Enforcement at (630) 823-5570 or Engineering (630) 823-5700 for assistance.



Lawn Maintenance

Local ordinance prohibits weeds, grass, or plants (except ornamental trees, bushes, or flowers) to exceed eight inches in height. The following tips may assist in having a healthy lawn.

- Have your lawnmower serviced before the season starts.
- Keep your lawnmower blade sharp.
- Clean yard of debris that could be propelled out of the mower's discharge chute or that may damage your mower.
- Vary your mower pattern.
- Avoid mowing during the warmest part of the day.
- If you are leaving town for an extended time, arrange to have someone cut your lawn.

If you have any questions about the ordinance, please contact Code Enforcement at (630) 823-5570. Thank you for making Hanover Park neighborhoods a pleasant place to live.



small business SPOTLIGHT

Polished Punk 630-673-5757

Polished Punk creates and sells gentle products for kids and tweens with high-quality, organically grown plant-based ingredients. As a trained internal medicine physician, Dr. Umair Elahi's mission is to encourage and teach good skincare habits in kids and tweens while providing natural, organic and gentle skincare products so that a lifetime of beautiful skin is within everyone's reach. Their products are free from harmful chemicals and microplastics. All their products are organic, vegan, cruelty-free, paraben-free, mineral oil-free, and free from many other harmful ingredients.

Polished Punk offers natural skin care products like Popstar Pimple Patch – shrinks pimples overnight with hydrocolloid which helps absorb fluid and reduce inflammation. Try their Whipped Foaming Facial Cleanser which is all-natural and tear-free and will leave skin clean and feeling fresh. Trade in regular shampoo for their "Rock" Star Shampoo that creates a luscious lather with just one swipe and smells fantastic!

To learn about Polished Punk, their products and to place an order, go to their website: <https://www.polished-punk.com/> or email info@polished-punk.com



SmartrSkin 630-673-5757

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Try their Advanced 2 in 1 Vitamin C Serum for brighter and smoother skin. To help smooth out wrinkles hydrate your skin with their Anti-Wrinkle Super Cream, and for under your eyes try their Eye Treatment Cream to minimize the appearance of darks circles, sagging, bags and wrinkles. There is also Tea Tree Oil, Hair Oil, Beard Oil, Beard Balm and even Biotin supplements to keep your hair, skin and nails looking their best and healthiest! Give yourself a mini facial using the Jade Roller for Face to help reduce puffiness, smooth fine lines, and boost blood circulation or try the Microneedle Derma Roller to stimulate the healing system of the body to help produce collagen and give your skin a healthy glow.

All SmartrSkin products are available online at <https://www.smartrskin.com/> with free shipping in the U.S. Visit them today to learn more and get started with your smartr skin!



New Fire Station / Continued from Page 1

The new station incorporates formal work areas that are not currently present at the current location. A conference room/training area will allow the crews to stay in the station for meetings and daily training instead of traveling to the North station. The Lieutenant, who is the manager of the station, will now have an office to conduct their daily business, and multiple workstations are designed to allow more than one person to work on reports or a department project at the same time, which is not a reality in the current fire station.

Strengthening mental health and physical wellbeing through station design was a critical goal of our team. The new station incorporates a fitness facility for exercise with group driven programs, individual dormitory style sleeping quarters allow for more restful sleep; and a private area to decompress after a stressful situation. The station also incorporates an outdoor wellness area where, during the warmer months, an individual or the entire team can interact with each other or eat outdoors.

As our department has grown over the years so has the apparatus. We now house vehicles which are physically larger as each new model has more features to meet the growing needs of a modern fire service. The new station will have larger apparatus bays that are properly sized for our vehicles, into a three-vehicle bay design instead of the current two.

The station training components will be enhanced by realizing more area behind the station to maneuver vehicles and areas to set up and operate the tower ladder. We will also now be able to have an indoor training area where ladders can be raised and fire fighter safety drills, such as bail outs or ladder rescues, can be completed.

The property, which is well-located and adequate in size, was already owned by the Village, which provides for significant savings. In addition, the project has been designed to minimize the use of steel to reduce material costs. As we have been planning for this station replacement for many years, the Village is able to fund the project through budgeted reserves and will not have to issue bonds, resulting in a significant savings for the cost of the station.

The project construction will begin immediately and the new facility is scheduled to open in the spring of 2024. The current station located at 3855 County Farm will remain open until the new station is fully operational.



Saturday, May 20th

9am-12pm

1211 Catalina Dr, Hanover Park

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.

Contact Holly Pope at hpoppe@gohabitat.org with any questions.

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**THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK
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**Juneteenth
Celebration**

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Saturday, June 17, 2023 - 12:00 Noon – 5:00 p.m.

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sistercities@hpi.org

Park 'n Shop Shopping Center

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



One of the first shopping centers in Hanover Park was the Park 'n' Shop, which had its grand opening in 1963. The first two stores to go into this plaza were the Gromer Supermarket and the Pic-n-Pay Walgreen Agency. An August 1964 advertisement for the shopping center mentions free cream cones at Jack Sprat Snack Shop, hot dogs and Cokes for five cents each on Gromer's Saturday menu, and a twenty-pound bag of charcoal briquets for seventy-seven cents at Pic-n-Pay.

Park 'n' Shop Shopping Center is now referred to as Hanover Square shopping center, and is still located off Barrington Road in Hanover Park.

You can learn more about the shopping center and historic Hanover Park 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. Email history@pclub.org with any research questions regarding local history.



Established in 1985, WINGS provides a pathway to independence for people whose lives have been disrupted by domestic violence. WINGS got its start as a non-profit housing agency. They provide emergency safe shelter and transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. They also help families who are in crisis meet basic

needs for items such as food and clothing. WINGS has evolved over time, growing so that they are able to help a greater number of people.

Escaping the cycle of violence, however, requires more than just a safe place to live. WINGS has continued to expand so that they can address the specific needs of the individuals and families they serve. Many different kinds of support are needed to help them move away from violence and towards safety and self-sufficiency. Today, WINGS is able to connect clients with a wide range of services such as counseling, legal assistance, mentoring, life skills support and career services.

Making the courageous decision to leave an abusive relationship is the first step in a difficult journey. Their goal as an agency is to provide all of the tools and supports needed to ensure that families have what they need to move towards safety, independence and self-sufficiency. Thanks to WINGS, there is a way out. No one is alone.

The mission of WINGS Program, Inc. is to provide housing, integrated services, education and advocacy to end domestic violence. To get more information, or find out how you can help, visit their website at www.wingsprogram.com or call (847) 519-7820.



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Outdoor Summer Safety Tips

It is time again to start enjoying more outdoor activities with the summer season upon us. With the summer months comes a variety of outdoor activities such as grilling, recreational outdoor fires, and using gas-powered lawn equipment.

So you can enjoy a fun and safe summer season, the Fire Department and the National Fire Protection Association would like to share a few outdoor safety tips.

Grilling:

- All grills, including gas, pellet, and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railing, and out from under eaves or low hanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area
- Never leave a grill unattended.
- Always make sure that your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



Recreational fires and Outdoor Fire Pits:

- Only use outdoor fireplaces that are commercially manufactured and designed for outdoor burning.
- Always use dry seasoned firewood.
- Do not use accelerants to start a fire.
- A fire pit should be used a safe distance from your home, at least 10 to 15 feet away, and should be used on fireproof surfaces.
- Keep a garden hose or a bucket of sand nearby in case your fire spreads. These can help douse a fire if you do not have a portable fire extinguisher available.

Outdoor power equipment:

- Always use power equipment to manufacturer's recommendations.
- Never refuel equipment while the engine is running. Also, make sure that the engine is cool before refueling.
- Store gasoline in approved containers away from ignition sources and outside of your home.

For additional information on summer safety tips please contact the Hanover Park Fire Department at 630-823-5800.

For additional information about grilling and fire pit safety, please refer to the Hanover Park fires and outdoor burning ordinance.

https://library.municode.com/il/hanover_park/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CH66OFMIPR_ARTIINGE_S66-19FIOUBU

The Fire Department is Hiring!



ATTENTION! Is there a Fire in You? Hanover Park Fire Department is currently seeking both, Full-time and Part-time Firefighters.

Are you, or someone you know interested in a fire service career? Come join our team of highly professional and motivated Firefighters. We offer competitive pay, benefits, and the opportunity for education and training, including the Basic Operations Fire Academy.

The department currently operates from two fire stations, staffing two ambulances, one squad, one engine, and one shift commander. The department responded to approximately 4,000 emergency calls in 2022 with approximately 70% being EMS.

For a list of requirements, visit our website at www.hpil.org.

How to apply:

1. Go to www.hpil.org. On the main page, under online services, click the link "Apply for Jobs."
2. You will be directed to the Human Resources Page. Click "Job Opportunities" on the left side of the page.
3. Scroll down the job listing for Firefighter/EMT – part-time, or Firefighter/Paramedic.
4. Click the link associated with the job title.
5. Additional information about the position and requirements will be displayed.
6. Click "APPLY" at the top of the page to submit an application for a job.
7. To apply, you will need to create an account or sign in if you already have an account.
8. Remember to click the "submit" button to complete your application form.

How to take the written Exam:

1. Go to www.nationaltestingnetwork.com. On the main page, hover the cursor over "Find Jobs"
2. From there, click "Firefighter Jobs."
3. On the left side of the page, filter the results to "Illinois" and click Update.
4. After filtering, scroll down to find the Village of Hanover Park postings for both part-time and full-time.
5. In order to take the exam, you will have to create an account with the National Testing Network and schedule a time to take the exam.
6. Once completed, you can submit your results by visiting the posting for the desired position.

For additional information on the hiring or testing process, please reach out to Deputy Chief Dan Nicholson. He can be reached at 630-823-5802.

Seasonal Laborer Positions

Do you or someone you know enjoy a job involving working outdoors? If so, the Public Works Department may have an opportunity for you to join our team. Seasonal laborer positions are often available to interested individuals during our warm months. Tasks could include pothole patching, weeding flower beds, assisting with utility repairs, and painting. Check the Village's Job Opportunities Page at www.hpiljobs.org for job openings.

2023 Construction Season

The Village of Hanover Park's engineering staff are currently preparing for this year's construction season. This year's street resurfacing program will include over 10 miles. In addition, other projects include sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs, pavement preventative maintenance, patching, arterial fence replacement, commuter parking lot maintenance, pavement crack sealing, and watermain replacement. Notices to impacted residents will be delivered during construction.

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 2023 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 always obey flagger's directions.
- Pay attention to construction signs and field conditions as driving conditions can change quickly.
- Use and follow detour signs.
- Give heavy vehicles room to adjust to conditions.
- Traffic backups can occur at any time.

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

Sanitary Sewer Back-Up Prevention

Have you experienced a sanitary sewer back-up into your home from floor drains or fixtures? The Village has a reimbursement program in place to assist homeowners who have had sanitary sewer back-ups in their homes. The projects are reimbursed on a first come, first served basis and dependent on the amount of Village Board approved funding for this program. There are two options in the program, and while the Village can help evaluate the options, it is ultimately up to the homeowner to decide which option works best for them.

Overhead Sanitary Sewer

The first device is the Overhead Sanitary Sewer. The Village will share the cost of installing an overhead sanitary sewer system in a home to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a sanitary sewer back-up. This type of system is typically the more expensive option but is the current plumbing standard for new construction. The Village reimburses 75% of the installation costs up to \$5,000 and the homeowner is responsible for the remainder of the installation costs and any costs associated with removal and

replacement of interior walls and finishes. Installation of an overhead sewer in an existing home can often exceed \$10,000.

Sanitary Check Valve

The second device is the Check Valve on the sanitary sewer line. With this program, the Village shares the cost of installing an exterior check valve on the sanitary sewer service to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a sanitary sewer back-up. This is typically the less expensive option. The Village reimburses 75% of the installation costs up to \$3,000 and the homeowner is responsible for the remainder of the installation costs. This option will require a little more maintenance on the part of the resident but is less expensive and will cause less disruption in the home during installation.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with Village staff to discuss the details of the program, please feel free to reach out to the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 or visit our website <https://www.hpil.org/916/Sanitary-Sewer-Back-up-Prevention> for the forms to begin the process.

Achieving a Safe and Beautiful Lawn This Summer

A safe and beautiful lawn starts with preparation and proper maintenance. Here are a few helpful tips to achieve a lush carpet of green grass in your yard that will be the envy of your neighbors and safe for kids and pets.

- Conduct a soil test every three to five years to evaluate how your soil has changed to give a sense of how to continue to keep it looking healthy and thriving.
- Avoid inorganic fertilizers that could be dangerous to you and integral parts of the soil, such as earthworms. Organic fertilizers are made from plant or animal materials, so they prove to be safe and just as effective as fertilizers with potentially dangerous additives.
- Be sure to avoid overwatering your lawn. About an inch of water should be distributed across your lawn every week.
- When mowing your lawn, try to set your mower to have it cut your grass down to three inches. Do not mow your lawn too often. Excessively mowing your lawn will prevent the root system from strengthening.
- Hand pull or pursue natural formulas to use on your lawn if you're having issues with many weeds. Vinegar contains acetic acid, which acts as a natural herbicide and will kill weeds without using harsh chemical additives and is better for the environment.





Movie in the Park



Puss in Boots: The Last Wish

June 23, 2023
East Harbor Park
4001 Woodlake Dr.



The Bad Guys

July 21, 2023
Community Park
1919 Walnut



Selena

August 11, 2023
Community Park
1919 Walnut Ave.

Be sure to bring your family and friends, along with lawn chairs and blankets for our Movie in the Park series. Games and activities start at 8:00 p.m. with the movie kicking off at dusk. Snacks & refreshments for sale. Visit www.HPIL.org for updates.

Elected Officials

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Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

Yasmeen Bankole, Trustee
Liza Gutierrez, Trustee
Syed Hussaini, Trustee
James Kemper, Trustee
Herb Porter, Trustee
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