

# Hi-Lighter

JULY/AUGUST 2025



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

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## Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed Friday,  
July 4th for Independence 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.



# Summer Soirée

with a  
*Disco Beat*

## Saturday, August 16

Ontarioville Park  
1900 Ontarioville Road, Hanover Park

Starlight City | 5:30pm to 7:15pm  
The Disco Circus | 8pm to 9:45pm  
Disco laser light show to follow

**Disco Attire Encouraged!**

Free Parking in Metra Lot.  
Bring your lawn chairs & blankets.

More info at: [www.hpil.org/disco](http://www.hpil.org/disco)

**Food Trucks | Craft Beer | Wine | Refreshments**

# Calendar of Events

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

**Family Concert Series**

**Reality Bytes**  
July 20 • 2 p.m.

**Nostalgia Entertainment  
Presents: "I Feel Good! Hits of  
the 60s"**  
August 17 • 2 p.m.

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts. To register, visit [pclib.org/events](http://pclib.org/events) or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.



**Summer Market**  
Saturday, July 12 • 12-4 p.m.

Local vendors will be on-site for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. Please note: Some vendors take credit cards but most are cash-only.

**Summer Reading Challenge**  
June 1-August 1

Power Up at your library with a Summer Reading Challenge.

- Register online beginning June 1 or register via the READSquared mobile app.
- Choose a prize when you complete 1,000 minutes.
- All reading counts, including books, magazines, audiobooks, graphic novels, etc.
- Finish by August 1 to receive your final prize.

**Hanover Park  
Branch Library**  
1266 Irving Park Road  
Hanover Park  
630-372-7800

Visit [www.schaumburglibrary.org](http://www.schaumburglibrary.org) for the latest updates.

**The Happy Invention: History  
and Significance of Picture  
Postcards**  
Thursday, July 10  
6:30-8 p.m.

Katherine Hamilton-Smith, a museum and archives professional, discusses the significance of picture postcards, the role Illinois played in the history and development of postcards, and the picture postcard as a cultural icon. Register

**Level Up Summer Challenge**  
Sign up now through Friday,  
August 1  
Read and Earn Prizes!

Join the Summer Challenge for a chance to win awesome prizes! Sign up for a fun reward (while supplies last), and complete the challenge to unlock an even bigger prize. All ages.

**Free Summer Meals**  
Mondays-Fridays  
June 9-August 8  
12:00-2:00 p.m.

Hanover Park Branch Library has partnered with the Greater Chicago Food Depository to be a summer meals distribution site. Stop by for a free, nutritious lunch. Meals are available to all children 18 and under.

This Summer Meals program requires that children eat their meals on site. During meal distribution, children can enjoy activities in the Library. The program is funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and administered by the Illinois State Board of Education.



## July

- 4 Independence Day - Village Hall Closed**
- 5 Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm**
- 8 Economic Dev. Committee.... 12:30 pm / Room 214**
- 9 Special Events Committee..... 12:30 pm / Room 212**
- 10 Development Commission..... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 15 CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 123**
- 17 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 18 COPS Day Picnic/Movie..... 5:00 pm / 1919 Walnut**
- 21 Water Bills Due**
- 22 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214**
- 22 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 24 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm**
- 31 Village Board Workshop ..... 5:00 pm / Room 214**

## August

- 1 Movie in the Park..... 8:00 pm / 1919 Walnut**
- 2 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm**
- 7 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 12 Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214**
- 14 Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 16 Summer Soiree..... 5:00 pm / Ontarioville**
- 19 CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 123**
- 21 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 21 Water Bills Due**
- 22 HP Culture Through the Ages 6:00 pm / Room 214**
- 26 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214**
- 26 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214**
- 28 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm**

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# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Summer is in full swing, which means we can all enjoy our community together at one of our outdoor events. On July 18th, the Police Department is hosting our 27th annual COPS Day Picnic! I hope you join us for this great event. We will have a touch-a-truck, police canine demonstration, a D.J., as well as a Resource Fair with numerous local social service agencies. The night will end with a Movie in the Park. This year's movie is Dogman! COPS Day is one of my favorite events of the year!

Get out your platform shoes and start practicing The Hustle because we are bringing you Summer Soiree With a Disco Beat on August 16th. You won't want to miss this event which will feature live music, food trucks, wine and beer, and even a laser light show! Watch our Facebook page for more details and other upcoming events!

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the joy it brought me to spend time in our classrooms this year. One of the most rewarding experiences for me was the opportunity to read to our students—it's always a pleasure to see their curiosity, energy, and love for learning. I also want to extend my deepest appreciation to the incredible teachers and staff who work so hard every day to support, guide, and inspire our young learners. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to shaping the future of our community.

I am also enthusiastic to share that the Boys and Girls Club program is now up and running at Greenbrook Elementary School, bringing valuable after-school support, enrichment, and mentorship to our students. This partnership provides a safe and engaging environment where kids can

learn, grow, and thrive beyond the classroom. Even more exciting, the Club is actively working to establish similar programs at two additional schools in our community. We are proud to support these efforts and look forward to seeing the positive impact they will have on our youth.

At the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference's recent Annual Dinner and Recognition Event, I was pleased to see that Congressman Krishnamoorthi was honored as the 2024 Governmental Leader of the Year for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of local communities, particularly those impacted by the Canadian Pacific-Kansas City Southern Railway merger. The award, presented by outgoing DMMC President Mayor Scott Levin of Elmhurst, recognized Congressman Krishnamoorthi's partnership with DuPage County mayors and first responders in elevating public safety concerns stemming from increased freight traffic, particularly the potential for blocked emergency routes and delayed response times.

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

Mayor Rodney Craig



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## Commercial Solicitors...What to Look For

Commercial Solicitation will be increasing as warmer weather 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@hpil.org](mailto:tclark@hpil.org) and one will be mailed to you.

This 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.

## Garage Sales

Garage sales are permitted in the Village of Hanover Park. Homeowners may place 1 garage sale sign per frontage at the garage sale location, up to 6SF in size and 4 ft. in height. This sign must be displayed on private residential property and must identify the address and dates of the sale. Off-site signs are permitted on private property with consent of the owner of the property where the sign is placed. Signs may be displayed 1 day prior to the sale and must be removed at the end of the sale.



Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk



## Hanover Park Cultures Through the Ages Event

Friday, August 22nd 6-8pm  
Village Hall Room 214

As the Village of Hanover Park celebrates our 67th year of incorporation, come take a walk down memory lane and embrace the cultural heritage of the Village throughout those years.

Growing from an original population of 305 residents, Hanover Park has grown, prospered and changed into the diverse, culturally rich community today that speaks over 80 different languages!

Event presented by the Historical Committee and the Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee.

Mark your calendars! Look for further details on the Village website and social media.

## Remembering Benner's Cash & Carry Grocery in Ontarioville

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

The building that is currently Raíz Salon on 1971 E Devon Ave (and previously belonged to A&A Music & Art Academy) was built around 1926. From the 1940s to the 1970s, Ontarioville residents could purchase groceries and other necessities from Benner's Cash & Carry Grocery, located in this building. The store was run by Fred and Merva Benner.



Fred reminisced about the heydays from 1944 to 1958, when dairy farmers coming into town would stop in to get groceries, and customers would come from Roselle to purchase specially cut meats. The building later belonged to a news agency, and kids would line up early in the morning outside the side door to pick up papers to deliver.

You can find more Hanover Park history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's collection at [pclub.org/localhistory](http://pclub.org/localhistory). Email [history@pclub.org](mailto:history@pclub.org).

[pclub.org](http://pclub.org) or call (331) 808-3535 with any research questions. Our website shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. If you are interested in helping preserve Hanover Park history, the Historic Committee meets at Village Hall every fourth Tuesday of the month.



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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.

[www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)



The Human Resources (HR) Department consists of 4 employees including the HR Director, 2 HR Generalists and an HR Analyst. The Human Resources Department is a service department, which has a wide array of diverse customers including the leadership team, departmental managers, employees, peers, legal and regulatory agencies, vendors, applicants, retirees, and families of employees.

One of the primary functions of the HR Department is recruitment and retention of all Village employees who provide residents with cost-effective services. Maintaining proper staffing levels is key to maintaining quality Village services.

Compensation, salary administration and position classification are important functions to ensure the Village is competitive in hiring and maintaining an exemplary workforce. Job analysis, maintenance of job descriptions and compensation studies are duties the department performs under this function. The Human Resources Department is also responsible for the administration of salary increases per collective bargaining agreements, performance management and merit increases for non-union employees. The Village also has a Language Proficiency Pay Program for employees who demonstrate proficiency in communicating in a foreign language. America's Global Village is proud to have many bilingual employees to meet the various needs of all our residents.

Human Resources is responsible for establishing, administering, and effectively communicating sound employment policies, rules, and practices that treat employees with dignity, respect, and equality, while maintaining Village compliance with all employment and labor laws, management directives, and labor agreements. The department is involved with ongoing collective bargaining negotiations, and labor contract administration for six labor unions. Employee Handbook and Collective Bargaining Agreement language interpretation is led by the department, in collaboration with other departments.



The Human Resources team provides risk management services through the coordination of servicing and payment of claims for all Village risk management insurance programs including workers' compensation, automobile, property, and liability insurance. The Department works closely with all departments in identifying and addressing safety issues, developing safety policies, conducting safety training, and developing accident prevention programs. In addition, the HR Department coordinates the Village's random drug testing program for all employees required to hold a commercial driver's license.

HR performs benefits administration including health, dental, and life insurance, deferred compensation, pension administration, unemployment, and flexible spending accounts. Additionally, the team administers the Village's vacation and other leave policies, including the Family and Medical Leave Act and Disability cases.

HR coordinates various employee events, such as wellness events, the annual Employee Appreciation Picnic, Employee Holiday Luncheon, and Service Recognitions.

The Human Resources Department of Hanover Park is always recruiting new team members so if you are interested in joining America's Global Village, please check out our Job Opportunities at [www.hpiljobs.org](http://www.hpiljobs.org).



# Taste Something New... New Restaurants Bring Bold Flavors to Hanover Park!

There's a delicious buzz in the air—and it's coming from the kitchens of several exciting new restaurants that have recently opened in Hanover Park! Whether you're in the mood for a quick bite, a family dinner, or a cozy night out, there's something new waiting to be discovered. Here are the newest additions to our dining scene:

## Backstreet BBQ & Sushi 1555 Irving Park

This spot is already turning heads with its sizzling tabletop grills and flavorful Korean barbecue dishes. Backstreet BBQ offers a fun, interactive dining experience where you can grill your own marinated meats right at the table, paired with tasty banchan (side dishes) and savory sauces.



## The Halal Steakhouse 2020 Army Trail

For premium cuts and mouthwatering steaks prepared with halal standards, The Halal Steakhouse is the place to be. From ribeye to tenderloin, this upscale yet welcoming restaurant delivers quality and flavor in every bite – and a unique experience.

## BBQ Land 1234 Lake

True to its name, BBQ Land is a haven for BBQ lovers. Expect smoky ribs, pulled meats, tangy sauces, and hearty sides that bring the taste of Southern-style barbecue right to our neighborhood.



## La Michoacana Premium 1300 Irving Park

Treat yourself to a sweet escape at La Michoacana, where you'll find a colorful array of homemade ice creams, paletas (Mexican popsicles), fruit cups, and traditional snacks. It's the perfect place for a family outing or a refreshing break on a warm day.

These new restaurants are more than just places to eat—they're bringing fresh energy and diverse flavors to Hanover Park. Let's show our support by stopping in, trying something new, and welcoming these businesses to our community.

Bon appétit, Hanover Park!

## Muller CHIROPRACTIC

6602 Barrington Road, Unit C  
630-483-7246

[www.hanoverparkchiropractor.com](http://www.hanoverparkchiropractor.com)

Don't let pain stop you from living your best life! Dr. William Muller offers a unique combination of chiropractic (includes spinal manipulation and soft tissue therapy) and naturopathic (using nature's remedies and the body's self-healing abilities) to provide proven pain relief without relying on drugs. Dr. Muller offers general chiropractic care as well as gentle pediatric and safe pregnancy chiropractic care.

The team at Muller Chiropractic will learn your goals and after a thorough exam, which may include x-rays, will create a treatment plan tailored to your needs. They also offer guided physical therapy with specialized equipment, sports injury treatment and prevention strategies, balance training, nutritional advice, and posture improvement guidance – all for improved daily function and stability.

Multiple payment options are available and many types of insurance are accepted including Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO and Medicare. Even underinsured and uninsured patients will find affordable rates available. Speak to a team member for more details.

Office hours are Monday – Thursday 10am-1pm and 3pm-6pm, and Friday 10am-1pm.

Call for an appointment today and begin your path to becoming pain free. Visit their website for more details and to read testimonials from current patients.





Just come by—no sign-up required!!

# FREE

# SUMMER DROP-IN

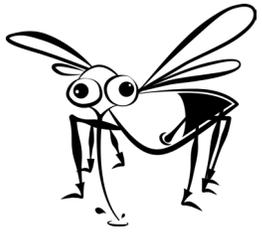
Open to teens in grades 5-12!

Kick back with us! Try out cool new hobbies, snack on your favorites, play awesome games, dive into fun activities, and make friends in a super welcoming space!

TUE & THUR 1:00-5:00 PM

 1211 Catalina Dr.  
Hanover Park, IL
Inside Greenbrook  
Tanglewood  
Community Center

# Day of Service Notifications for Village Mosquito Control Applications



The Village of Hanover Park is implementing enhanced notification procedures to keep our community informed about pesticide applications. It aims to improve public awareness about pesticide use in shared spaces and give residents time to take precautionary measures if needed.

The Village's mosquito control service, Clarke Mosquito Control, offers a "Day of Service Notification" that provides timely updates to residents about upcoming mosquito control applications. Simply visit [www.clarkeportal.com/hotline](http://www.clarkeportal.com/hotline) to register for this alert at any time.

The 2025 mosquito control application schedule runs between May 1, 2025, and October 15, 2025. Its purpose is to manage mosquito populations and prevent disease outbreaks. Larvicide is applied from dawn to dusk, while Adulticide is used from dusk to dawn.

The EPA-registered mosquito larvicides and adulticides can be safely applied in residential areas. According to the product labels, residents may remain outside during the application, and no special safety precautions are required.

For questions or concerns, you can contact Clarke Customer Care at 1-800-942-2555.

The Village of Hanover Park remains dedicated to maintaining effective mosquito control while ensuring transparent communication with our residents.

## Lawn Irrigation Systems and Backflow Devices

Protecting the Village's water from contamination is everyone's responsibility. Property owners should be aware of their responsibilities associated with having a lawn irrigation system. This will ensure that everyone is compliant with the Safe Water Drinking Act, EPA guidelines, and any other state's governing agency.

Due to the bacterial and chemical contaminants found on lawns, irrigation systems are considered high hazards with the potential to backflow into the public water distribution system. For this reason, these systems must have an approved backflow prevention assembly installed and tested annually. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that cross-connections do not exist and that the backflow prevention device is installed and maintained.

Property owners may choose to discontinue using their lawn irrigation system for various reasons, but backflow prevention requirements are still in effect and enforced unless the system is permanently disconnected. If the backflow device is still on the irrigation system and connected to the water supply, it must be tested annually.

If a resident wants to permanently disconnect their irrigation system, a Village permit is required, and a final inspection is also needed.

Contact the Village of Hanover Park's Public Works Department with any questions (630) 823-5700.

## The Hidden Hazards of Neglected Trees: Why Maintenance Matters

When thinking about public safety we often don't think of the dangers regarding trees. Falling trees can cause severe injury and thousands of dollars in property damage. The key is to identify and eliminate potential hazards before they happen.

The Village of Hanover Park has an ordinance addressing property owner's responsibilities regarding trees. (Article III- 102-51)

- Owners are required to trim trees that impede sidewalks and public ways.
- Any limb or branches that will likely fall into a public way shall be removed.
- Any tree that is dead, dangerous, untreated or hazardous shall be removed.
- Please contact the Public Works Department if a parkway tree needs trimming.

Once a dead or dangerous tree is removed it can be replaced with a healthy one for years of enjoyment. Thank you for keeping your neighborhood safer.

## Metra Station Safety Blitz

Recently, Metra conducted Operation Lifesaver Safety Blitzes at 47 train stations across the six-county region as part of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness about the importance of safe behavior around its trains and tracks.

During a safety blitz, Metra employees visited one of the railroad's many stations during the morning rush hour, distributing educational materials about train and grade crossing safety, answering questions, and listening to riders' safety concerns. A short video about grade crossing safety was also available for customers to view while they wait for their trains. Local police, fire and other public officials participated in the event.

The safety blitz program's primary purpose is educational. Metra Police conducted additional enforcement blitzes at locations throughout the region, where citations and warnings will be issued to pedestrians and drivers who ignore gates and warning devices.



# Hanover Park Police to Host Community Engagement Event at Green Valley Golf Range



## COPS & CONES



HANOVER PARK POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOIN YOUR NEIGHBORS AND POLICE OFFICERS AT OUR 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER ART MEETING TO ENJOY AN ICE CREAM CONE AND CONVERSATION!

**WEDNESDAY  
JULY 16TH  
7:30-8:30PM**

**GREEN VALLEY  
GOLF RANGE**

26W101 LAKE STREET,  
HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS  
60133



The Hanover Park Police Department is proud to invite residents to its 3rd Quarter Area Response Team (ART) Meeting, a community outreach event designed to strengthen the relationship between the police and the public they serve. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 16th, from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Green Valley Golf Range, offering a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for meaningful engagement.

This family-friendly gathering is more than just an opportunity to enjoy a free ice cream cone—it's a chance for residents to meet the officers who patrol their neighborhoods, ask questions, and gain insight into local crime trends and police activity. Attendees will have the unique opportunity to explore a police squad car, learn about the tools and technology officers use every day, and hear directly from law enforcement about ongoing efforts to keep Hanover Park safe.

The ART meeting format allows for open dialogue and encourages residents to share concerns, feedback, or ideas that can contribute to safer, more connected neighborhoods. Community involvement is critical to effective policing and these meetings help build trust, transparency, and collaboration between our officers and the residents they serve.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, all are welcome to attend. By creating informal, approachable events like this one, the Hanover Park Police Department continues its commitment to proactive community policing and fostering strong partnerships throughout the village.

Come for the conversation, stay for the ice cream—and help shape the future of public safety in Hanover Park.

**Join Us for the 27th Annual COPS Day Picnic!**  
Friday, July 18, 2025 | 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Hanover Park Park District – 1919 Walnut Avenue

The Hanover Park Police Department is excited to host our 27th Annual COPS Day Picnic! The evening kicks off with a warm welcome from Chief Johnson, followed by a variety of fun activities for all ages.

Highlights include:

- Emergency Vehicle Show & Touch-a-Truck
- Petting Zoo
- DJ & Mascots
- Games & Activities
- Community Resource Fair
- K-9 Demonstration featuring Officer Wiebe and our newest team member, K-9 "Doc"

Enjoy free hot dogs, chips, beverages, and snacks prepared and served by the Hanover Park Police Administration—available while supplies last.

As the sun sets, get comfy with your blankets and lawn chairs for a Movie in the Park! This year's feature film is Dog Man. Popcorn and beverages will be available for purchase.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled summer evening with your community—see you there!

**27<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
HANOVER PARK  
COPS DAY**

**PICNIC & MOVIE IN THE PARK**

**July 18 Starting at 5pm**



**Picnic Activities**  
5–8:30 PM

- 🚒 Emergency Vehicle Car Show and Touch-a-Truck
- 🐾 Petting Zoo
- 🎮 Mobile Gaming Unit
- 🎨 Artistic Face Painting
- 📷 Photography Station, and Games
- 🎵 Live Music with a DJ
- 📋 Community Resource & Information Fair
- 🌮 Complimentary Hot Dogs, Chips, and Lemonade
- 🍦 Food Vans, Kona Ice, Milkhouse, Kernal Dan's
- 🚓 6:30 PM: Demonstration of Police K9s
- 🎰 8:00 PM: Raffle Drawing
- 🔥 8:30 PM: Fire Variety Show by RC Juggles
- 🎬 Dusk: Movie Begins

**HANOVER PARK PARK DISTRICT  
1919 WALNUT AVE.**

**FREE MOVIE AT DUSK**  
POPCORN & DRINKS FOR SALE!



## Great News for Our Water! Village Upgrades Wastewater Treatment System

The Village of Hanover Park is thrilled to share some exciting news from our Sewer Treatment Plant! We've successfully completed a major upgrade to our Ultraviolet (UV) Disinfection System. This project was a significant undertaking, transforming what was the oldest operating UV system in Illinois into a modern facility!

So, what does this mean for our community? Think of UV disinfection as the final polish in our wastewater treatment process. It's the last crucial step that ensures the water released back into the environment, specifically the West Branch of the DuPage River is treated and released into the environment, meeting all IEPA regulations.

This vital improvement wouldn't have been possible without incredible support. We were fortunate to receive a \$600,000 grant from the State of Illinois Clean Water State Revolving Fund. We owe a huge thank you to Congressman Krishnamurthi, who championed this funding. His continued efforts on behalf of Hanover Park residents and the environment we all share are truly appreciated!

Our Sewer Treatment Plant handles an average of 1.3 million gallons of water every single day, discharging it into the DuPage River. Ensuring this treated water is exceptionally clean before it re-enters the environment is a top priority for the Village.

We are incredibly excited about this project and the positive impact this treatment system will have on our environment and community for decades to come!



# 2025 ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING

**The Public Works Department will conduct its annual flushing of fire hydrants throughout the Village starting Monday, August 25th through Wednesday, September 10th between the hours of 6:00 am and 2:00 pm.**

Hydrant flushing is vital to the routine maintenance of the Village's water system. It improves water quality and flow, lubricates the hydrant's internal mechanisms, and helps identify any deficiencies to ensure that the hydrant performs when needed for an emergency.

Please do not wash laundry during the flushing hours as rust staining of the clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not generate during this period.

The flushing schedule is as follows:

### **COOK COUNTY**

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#### **August 25, 26, 27**

South of Irving Park Road, North of Lake Street, West of Barrington Road

#### **August 28, 29**

South of Irving Park Road and East of Barrington Road - (Hanover Highlands and Longmeadow South Areas)

#### **September 2, 3, 4**

North of Irving Park Road

### **DUPAGE COUNTY**

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#### **August 25, 26, 27, 28**

South of DuPage County Line, North of Stearns Road

#### **September 2, 3, 4**

South of Stearns Road, North of Schick Road

#### **September 5, 8, 9, 10**

South of Schick Road

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The schedule is subject to change due to weather conditions or emergencies. If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700.



# Stay Cool, Stay Safe This Summer!

The summer is finally here! Time to “have fun in the sun”! According to FEMA, “Heat waves are growing more intense and frequent, taking a toll on health across the country sending tens of thousands of people to the emergency room” (FEMA, 2024). Many people are being rushed to the hospital for heat related emergencies that can be easily prevented. However, “Heat does not affect all populations the same way. Outdoor workers, children, older adults, people with underlying health conditions and underserved and overburdened communities are especially at risk from the dangers of extreme heat” (FEMA, 2024).

Here are a few safety tips from FEMA to remind us how to “Be Safe During Extreme Heat”:

- Never leave people or pets in a closed car on a warm day.
- If air conditioning is unavailable in your home, go to a cooling center.
- Take cool showers or baths.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing.
- Use your oven less to help reduce the temperature in your home.
- If you are outside, find shade. Wear a hat wide enough to protect your face.
- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.
- Avoid high-energy activities or work outdoors during midday heat, if possible.
- Check on family members, older adults and neighbors.
- If your pet is outside, ensure they have plenty of cool water and access to shade. Asphalt and dark pavement can be very hot and can injure your pet’s feet.

Heat cramps, heat exhaustion and heat stroke are serious medical conditions. Here are some signs to watch for and how to respond if you think you’re experiencing one of these emergencies.

## Heat Cramps

Signs: Muscle pains or spasms in the stomach, arms or legs.

Actions: Go to a cooler location, remove excess clothing, and take sips of cool sports drinks with salt and sugar. If cramps last more than an hour, get medical help.

## Heat Exhaustion

Signs: Heavy sweating, paleness, muscle cramps, tiredness, weakness, dizziness, headache, nausea or vomiting, fainting.

Actions: Go to an air-conditioned place and lie down. Loosen or remove clothing. Take a cool bath. Take sips of cool sports drinks containing electrolytes like salt and sugar. Get medical help if symptoms get worse or last more than an hour.

## Heat Stroke

Signs: Extremely high body temperature (above 103 degrees) indicated by an oral thermometer, red, hot, and dry skin with no sweat, rapid, strong pulse, dizziness, confusion, and unconsciousness.

Actions: Heat stroke is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or get the person to a hospital immediately. Cool down with whatever methods are available until medical help arrives.



## Preparedness Pointers: Lightning Myths & Facts

Lightning is one of nature’s most unpredictable and dangerous forces, capable of causing injury, fires, and widespread power outages in an instant. Whether you’re at home, at work, or enjoying the outdoors, being prepared before a storm strikes can greatly reduce your risk. In this article, we’ll share practical tips and essential safety measures to help you stay protected when thunder rolls and lightning threatens.

Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Fact: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it’s a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit an average of 23 times a year.

Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, you should seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Fact: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties.

Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100% safe from lightning.

Fact: A house is a safe place to be during a thunderstorm as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. This means staying off corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows.

Myth: If trapped outside and lightning is about to strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

Fact: Lying flat increases your chance of being affected by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, you keep moving toward a safe shelter.

Myth: If it’s not raining or there aren’t clouds overhead, you’re safe from lightning.

Fact: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside the rain or thunderstorm cloud.

Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing</li><li>• Sip cool water</li><li>• Seek medical help if symptoms don't improve</li></ul>	<p><b>ACT FAST</b></p> <p><b>CALL 911</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Move person to a cooler area</li><li>• Loosen clothing and remove extra layers</li><li>• Cool with water or ice</li></ul>
<p>Dizziness</p> <p>Thirst</p> <p>Heavy Sweating</p> <p>Nausea</p> <p>Weakness</p>	<p>Confusion</p> <p>Dizziness</p> <p>Becomes Unconscious</p>
<p><i>Heat exhaustion can lead to heat stroke.</i></p>	<p><i>Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if emergency treatment is not given.</i></p>



Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Informed!



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## Watch out for Mosquitoes

As warmer weather arrives, we all look forward to spending more time outdoors. However, summer also brings out the mosquitoes. Protecting yourself and your family from mosquito bites is an important part of enjoying the season safely.

To minimize your exposure, remember to use an insect repellent when heading outside, especially during dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active. Covering up with long sleeves and pants when possible also adds a layer of protection. To reduce mosquitos around your home eliminate standing water where they breed. Regularly empty water from flower pots, bird baths, tires, and clogged gutters. Check that screens on windows and doors are in good repair to keep mosquitoes from getting inside. By taking these simple steps, we can all help make our summer in Hanover Park more comfortable and bite-free. Enjoy the beautiful weather and outdoor activities safely!

## Stay Cool, Stay Safe This Summer!

Enjoying summer in Hanover Park means being smart about the heat. High temperatures can be dangerous, so please take precautions to stay safe!

- Drink plenty of water. Stay hydrated all day.
- Find shade. Limit time in direct sun, especially midday.
- Wear light clothing. Choose loose, light-colored items.
- Check on neighbors. See how elderly or vulnerable residents are doing.
- Listen to your body. If you feel ill, cool down immediately.
- NEVER leave people or pets in cars.

Find cool spots like the Poplar Creek Public Library or Safari Springs when needed. Let's have a safe and healthy summer!

## Give Your Trees a Drink This Summer! Watering is Key for a Thriving Canopy

As summer heats up, our trees, especially those newly planted in your yard or parkway, are working hard! Just like us, they need to stay hydrated to stay healthy and strong. Proper watering during the warmer months is crucial for their survival and long-term growth. Newly planted trees are particularly vulnerable. Their root systems are still developing and haven't yet spread out enough to efficiently find water deep in the soil. Without adequate water, they can easily become stressed, making them susceptible to diseases and pests. Even mature trees benefit from watering during dry spells. Deep watering encourages roots to grow deeper, making the tree more resilient to future droughts and strong winds.

Simple Watering Tips:

- Water Deeply, Less Often: Instead of frequent, shallow watering, which encourages weak surface roots, water thoroughly so the water reaches the deeper root zone.
- Check the Soil: Stick your finger about 2-3 inches into the soil near the tree's base. If it feels dry, it's time to water.
- Focus on the Root Zone: Water the area around the base of the tree, extending out to the drip line (the edge of the branches), not just the trunk.
- Slow and Steady: Use a hose on a low trickle, a soaker hose, or a watering bag to allow water to soak in slowly and reduce runoff.
- Timing is Everything: Water in the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation. Avoid midday watering.
- Mulch is Your Friend: Apply a 2-4 inch layer of mulch (keeping it a few inches away from the trunk) to help retain soil moisture and regulate temperature.

Let's all do our part to help our community's trees flourish this summer. A little water can go a long way in ensuring our urban forest remains a beautiful and healthy part of Illinois life for years to come!

## The 2024 Consumer Confidence Water Quality Report

The Village of Hanover Park is dedicated to providing our residents with safe drinking water. As part of this effort, we have prepared the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). This report is a requirement of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water Act amendments. It summarizes where your water came from, what it was made of, and how it compared to the standards established by regulatory agencies

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants-viruses and bacteria that may come from septic systems, livestock, or wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants – salts and metals that may be naturally occurring or result from stormwater runoff, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides – these chemicals come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants – by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production.
- Radioactive contaminants – can be naturally occurring or a result of oil and gas production.

One important item to realize is that these materials can be found throughout nature to some degree. Their presence does not necessarily mean that there is a health risk associated with our source water. The most important factor to consider is how much of the contaminant is found in the Village's water supply.

To view the CCR report go to <https://www.hpil.org/327/Water-Quality-Report> or for a paper copy please feel free to contact the Village of Hanover Park's Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700.

# Movies in the Park



## Dogman

July 18, 2025  
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1919 Walnut



## Inside Out 2

August 1, 2025  
Community Park  
1919 Walnut



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