

# Hi-Lighter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025



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

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### Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed  
November 27 & 28 for  
Thanksgiving, as well as December  
24 & 25 for Christmas.

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  
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# WINTER WONDERLAND



Join us for a magical evening of dancers,  
Santa's Toy Shop, tree lighting ceremony, mini  
train rides, hot cocoa, S'mores, face painting,  
photos with Santa, and reindeer!

Bring new or gently used /  
clean coats, hats or gloves  
for our POC Winter  
Coat Drive!

**1900 Ontarioville Rd.  
Hanover Park, IL**

**DECEMBER 5, 2025  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM**



# Calendar of Events

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

**Dinosaur Discoveries  
with T-Rexplorers**  
**November 9 • 12:45 PM**  
T-Rexplorers will be at the Library with five different types of dinosaur fossils, including everyone's favorite: coprolites! This event will take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

**Holiday Market**  
**December 6 • 12 PM**  
Local vendors will be on-site for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. This event will take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

**Winter Reading Challenge**  
**December 7 • 1 PM**  
All aboard the Poplar Express! Join Poplar Creek Public Library's Winter Reading Challenge and win awesome prizes for reading just 700 minutes.

**Jolly Jingle Fest**  
**December 7 • 1 PM**  
Join us for a fun, family-friendly winter celebration. There will be games for kids, prizes, photo ops, and even a visit from Santa (1-3 pm)! This event will take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

**Family Concert Series:**

**Jack Wilson**  
**November 16 • 2 PM**

**Random Ringers  
Handbell Choir**  
**December 14 • 1:30 PM**

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



**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.

**Drop-In Social Services Hours**  
**November 8 • 1:00-3:00 PM**  
A licensed social worker will be available during scheduled office hours to assist community members in need of guidance and resources.

**Diabetes and Nutrition  
Education**  
**November 13 • 1:00-3:00 PM**  
In recognition of Diabetes Awareness Month, join registered dietitians Daria Zajac, RD, LDN, and Vanita Achar, MS, RD, LDN, CDCES, for an informative session on understanding and managing diabetes. Discover evidence-based guidance on how diabetes impacts the body, prevention strategies, healthy eating tips, and ways to navigate the holiday season with balanced blood sugar.

**Family Storytime  
with the Mayor  
(0-5 years with caregiver)**  
**December 9 • 10:30 AM**  
Drop in with the whole family for fun with stories read by Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig, plus songs and a simple activity.

**Drop-in Family Games**  
**December 10 • 4:30-5:45 PM**  
Adults, teens and children ages 5 and up with a caregiver. Join us to play board games with your neighbors and library staff.

**Movie Showings –  
Enjoy a movie with us!**

**November 8 • 9:30 AM**  
Fly Me to the Moon (PG-13)

**November 19 • 6:30 PM**  
Free Birds (PG)

**December 10 • 6:30 PM**  
The Chronicles of Narnia - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe (PG)

## November

- 1 Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 6 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11 Economic Dev. Committee.... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 11 Veteran's Day Event..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 13 Development Commission..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 18 CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 20 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 25 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 25 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 27 Thanksgiving - Village Hall Closed
- 28 Day After Thanksgiving - Village Hall Closed

## December

- 4 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 5 Tree Lighting Ceremony..... 5:30 pm / Ontarioville
- 6 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
- 16 CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 214
- 18 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 23 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 23 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 24 Christmas Eve - Village Hall Closed
- 25 Christmas Day - Village Hall Closed

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**SAVE THE DATE:**  
The Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee is hosting the 2026 Black History Month Celebration on February 21, 2026!

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Happy Holidays and warmest wishes for a holiday season that is filled with cheer! What better way to kick off the holidays than attending our annual Tree Lighting event on December 5th at 5:30 p.m. in Ontarioville Plaza. I invite you to join in the fun. Come and take a mini train ride, roast s'mores by the fire, and bring your children to meet Santa and receive a toy....there is truly something for everyone to enjoy.

As we head into the holiday season, I encourage everyone to take advantage of the coupons and special offers from our local businesses featured in this newsletter. Shopping locally not only supports our neighbors and strengthens our community, but it also keeps our tax dollars within our Village. Every purchase you make helps sustain the small businesses that make our town unique—so shop local, save money, and make a difference!

A special thank you to our Veterans! Their service and sacrifice is so greatly appreciated here in Hanover Park. We owe them our deepest gratitude, not only for their courage in times of conflict but for the values of service, sacrifice, and commitment they embody every day. I encourage all residents to take a moment to recognize and thank a veteran in your life. We hope you are able to join us in remembering them at our Veterans Day Ceremony taking place on Tuesday, November 11th at 7 p.m. at Village Hall. Lt. Col. Andrew V. Salmo will be this year's speaker.

What a whirlwind construction season we had this year! Approximately 4 miles of roads were resurfaced, and over 7 miles received a pavement rejuvenator treatment to extend the lifespan of the pavement. The Village replaced over 54,000 square feet of sidewalk that was either not ADA-compliant, a trip hazard, or was damaged. That is almost two and a half miles of sidewalk! Additionally, approximately 7,880 feet of watermain was replaced and 158 fire hydrants painted! We are also thrilled that the long-anticipated Arlington Bridge replacement is set for completion in late November, weather permitting! We appreciate our residents for their patience throughout these projects. A big thank you goes out to our staff and contractors for their hard work completing these many improvements to our community.

Let us not forget the power of community connections. Reaching out to neighbors, attending village events, or simply sharing a kind word can make a big difference. Together, we can continue to build a community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and safe.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Take the 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 that 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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Troy Albuck



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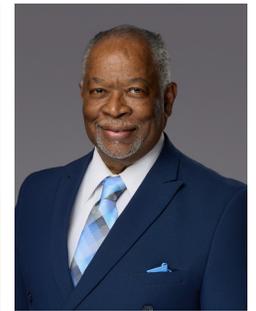
Jenni Broccolino



Liza Gutierrez



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter

# Clerk's Corner:



Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk

## Youth Scholarship Program

The Clerk's Office has a Youth Scholarship Program to assist families who are in financial need. This program helps the youth of Hanover Park participate in extra curricular activities in our community. The Village of Hanover Park will provide financial assistance to those residents who meet the eligibility requirements. The Clerk's Office will approve \$75.00 per child/per calendar year. Financial Assistance funds can be utilized for Park District classes and camps, Gymkhana, A & A Music & Art Academy, baseball, youth football & cheer. Other options may be available. Please contact the Clerk's Office to inquire.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Hanover Park
2. Must demonstrate financial need
3. May be used for Park District classes and camps, Gymkhana, baseball, youth football & cheer. Must bring in program guide with class information (dates, times, and pricing)
4. May submit only one application per child living in the household per calendar year and receive up to \$75 towards the program or class

**2025**

**MICHAEL H. COLEMAN**  
**YOUTH OF THE YEAR**  
**SCHOLARSHIP**

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

- ✓ Must be a resident of Hanover Park;
- ✓ Must be a member of the graduating class of 2025;
- ✓ Must plan to continue your education at a university, community college, or technical school

**DEADLINE:**  
**12/5/25**

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630-823-5609 [www.HPIL.org/scholarship](http://www.HPIL.org/scholarship)

**THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK**

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE

**VETERANS DAY**

*Ceremony*

**HONORING ALL WHO HAVE SERVED**

**NOVEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> ★ 7:00 PM**

VILLAGE HALL BOARD ROOM (214)  
2121 W. LAKE STREET

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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

Are you interested in serving on one?  
Call 630-823-5609.

**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)

# JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING!

The Village of Hanover Park is looking for new members on our various Committees and Commissions. Monthly meetings are held at Village Hall.

For more information, including a summary of committees & commissions, their various activities, or to complete an application, please scan the QR Code below or contact Sue Krauser at [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org).



## Know Before You Ride: E-Bike Rules in Hanover Park



### WHAT?

 **E-bikes Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3**



-  Low-speed electric scooters
-  Motor-driven scooters
-  Motor-driven cycles



### WHO?

-  **Must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-bike with motorized assistance.**
-  **Age restriction does not apply when using Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike under manual power.**

### WHERE?

-  **E-bikes (Class 1, 2, & 3) may be operated only on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.**
-  **Riders may use e-bikes in manual (pedal-only) mode on bicycle paths and multi-use paths.**

 **E-bikes (Class 1, 2, & 3) may not be operated with motorized power on:**

-  **Public sidewalks**
-  **Bicycle paths**
-  **Multi-use paths**
-  **Any other public property or roadway where motor vehicles are not permitted**



**Violations may result in fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 based on offense.**

It is unlawful for a parent or guardian to knowingly allow a minor under their care to violate these regulations. The Village encourages all riders to operate responsibly, wear helmets, and follow the Rules of the Road at all times.



ABC Toon Town

1970 Army Trail Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-893-6180  
ABCToonTown.com

**ABC Toon Town  
Childcare & Preschool**

**50% OFF Registration fee**

(up to a \$75 value) when  
presented upon enrollment

Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



7203-B Olde Salem Cir.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-3514  
@ssecrets\_hairsalon

**Ssecrets Hair Salon  
New Owners!**

**10% OFF  
Any haircut or color  
service**

Valid only with coupon  
Expires  
April 30, 2026



1300 Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
847-855-6991  
LaMichoacanaPremium  
nw.com/Home

**La Michoacana  
Premium**

**\$5.00 off any purchase  
Of \$20.00 or more**  
With this coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026

Coupons cannot be combined  
with any other dollar amount



7205 Orchard Ln  
Hanover Park, IL  
224-236-2875  
powerkickstkd2023.  
wixsite.com/academy

**Powerkicks  
Tae Kwon Do Academy**  
**2 Weeks + FREE uniform  
and a 1-on-1  
Session**

Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



5537 County Farm Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-289-4840  
GentleDentalSmile.com

**Gentle Dental Smile**

**FREE exam & ortho  
consultation**  
**\$250 off for ortho treatment,**  
**40% off any treatment,**  
**\$399 Zoom Whitening  
special - limited time only**

Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



5678 Arlington Dr.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-6727  
RakiRestaurants.com

**Raki Restaurant  
Fine Greek Dining**

**FREE Baklava dessert  
(crispy walnut baklava, with  
honey and vanilla bean  
gelato)**

**For all dine-in customers**  
Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



1641 Irving Park Rd.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-823-8015  
MilisHairSalon.com

**Mili's Hair Salon**

**20% discount  
On any color service**

Valid only with coupon

Expires April 30, 2026



Backstreet BBQ & Sushi  
1555 Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-6598  
BackstreetBBQsushi.com

**Backstreet BBQ  
& Sushi**

**\$15.00 OFF any order  
of \$60.00 or more**

Dine-in only  
One coupon per table

Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



A&A Music & Art Academy  
1975 E. Devon Ave  
Hanover Park IL  
630-837-7484  
AAMusicAcademy.com

**A & A Music & Art  
Academy**

**Buy 3 Get One FREE  
Private music lessons or  
Art/Drawing classes**  
**NEW STUDENTS ONLY**  
**(\$35.00 value)**

Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2026



Tiger Chicken  
7452 Barrington Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-3851

**Tiger Chicken**

**ANY Tiger soda—3 for \$10**  
**ANY Tiger dogs—3 for \$10**  
**Mix & Match — pick 3 for \$10**

(choose chicken sandwich,  
cheese fries, chicken fried rice,  
cup of Bop soup)

Offers Valid 10:30am-4:00pm  
Expires April 30, 2026



1509-A Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-4566  
SBspirit.com

### SB Wine & Spirit

**10% OFF**  
**ALL wine & spirits**

**Must be 21 years of age**  
**Valid I.D. required**

*Valid only with coupon.*  
*Expires April 30, 2026*



1505 W. Irving Park Rd  
630-246-2153  
1804 Army Trail Rd  
630-504-6633  
Hanover Park, IL

### Midas

**\$49.99 Full synthetic oil change**  
Includes oil and filter change  
and up to 5 quarts of oil on  
most vehicles

**BONUS: \$25 off \$100, \$50 off \$200**  
**\$100 off \$500 (off of regular prices)**  
Excludes tax, tires, batteries, and  
oil changes.  
*Expires April 30, 2026*



Serving Hanover Park  
Businesses  
335 S. Main Street  
Bartlett, IL  
630-830-0324  
BartlettAreaChamber.com

### Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce

**\$20.00 Registration fee waived**  
with this coupon  
*Expires April 30, 2026*

YOUR chamber, working to help  
businesses in Hanover Park and  
the surrounding area grow,  
develop, and reach new customers



1005 Irving Park Rd.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-528-2068  
KamphausAutoCare.com

### Kamphaus Auto Care

**\$25 off of \$100 repair service**  
**\$50 off of \$300 repair service**  
**\$100 off of \$750 repair service**

Valid with coupon only. Offer  
does not include oil change,  
tires, or 12V battery service

*Expires April 30, 2026*



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2121 Lake St.  
Hanover Park IL  
HPIL.org

Imagine YOUR business  
here next time!

**Increase awareness of**  
**your business and**  
**your customer base**

*Community Development*  
*is here to help you and your*  
*business succeed*  
**630-823-5780**

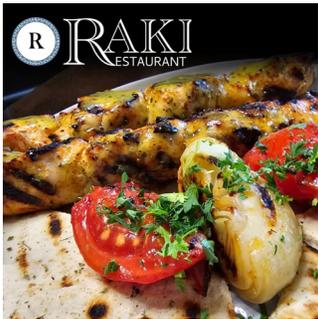


7000 Barrington Rd.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-837-3051  
CarsmartinHanoverPark.com

### Carsmart Vehicle Improvement Specialists

**\$30 off your \$200 purchase**  
**\$20 off your \$100 purchase**  
**\$10 off your \$50 purchase**

*Valid only with coupon*  
*Expires April 30, 2026*



5678 Arlington Drive  
630-855-6727  
Rakirestaurants.com

Discover the perfect blend of  
traditional Greek flavors and modern  
culinary artistry at the recently opened  
Raki Restaurant. Their menu features  
traditional recipes passed down  
through generations reimagined by  
master chefs with decades of Greek  
culinary experience. They also offer a  
catering menu and a beautiful banquet room for larger parties.

Each modern Greek dish is a work of art and carefully created by  
their master chefs to be both visually appealing as well as delicious!  
Their menu features items such as chicken/beef/shrimp/pork  
kabobs, several full size entrees, seafood dishes, cold meze dishes  
(Sea Bass Carpaccio, Salmon Ceviche, Tzatziki, Kafteri Feta, Hummus,  
Melitzanosalata), hot meze dishes (Calamari Tiganito, Charred  
Octopus, Zucchini Fritters, and Shrimp Saganaki), plus salads, soups,  
and of course desserts!

Step inside this beautiful restaurant for either a lovely lunch, a night  
out, a dinner date, or host a family & friends event in their banquet  
space. You are bound to enjoy the upscale touches everywhere, a  
beautiful bar and enjoy the finest modern Greek cuisine right here in  
Hanover Park!



Nominate your favorite Hanover  
Park business for our 2025

## BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

To submit a nomination,  
scan the QR code or visit  
our website at:

<https://www.hpil.org/658>

**Deadline:**  
**DECEMBER 5, 2025**





# Hanover Park Police Department to Host Annual "Shop with a Cop" Event on December 13th, 2025

The Hanover Park Police Department, in partnership with the Roselle Police Department, is excited to announce the 9th annual "Shop with a Cop" event, happening on Saturday, December 13th, 2025. This special holiday tradition brings smiles and support to local children while fostering positive relationships between our youth and law enforcement. We look forward to once again participating alongside our brothers and sisters at the Roselle Police Department.

Last year marked a milestone as we matched 12 elementary-aged children, our largest group yet, for a memorable day of shopping and celebration. With the generous support of our sponsors and a meaningful donation from Meijer, the event was a resounding success. This year, we hope to extend the experience to even more young residents in need.

The day begins with officers meeting their assigned child, followed by a festive police vehicle parade to the Meijer store in Bloomingdale. Once there, the children shop for gifts for themselves and their families, creating lasting holiday memories in a safe and supportive environment.

After shopping, the group enjoys lunch together and a visit from Santa Claus, who helps spread even more cheer! Thanks to Maddie's Mitten March, every child also receives a new coat and hat to stay warm throughout the winter.



This event is a favorite among our officers, who cherish the opportunity to give back and make a positive impact. If you're interested in sponsoring a child or supporting this meaningful cause, please contact Sergeant Ted Crawford at 630-823-5500. With your help, we can continue making the holidays a little brighter for Hanover Park families.

## Water Rate, Sewer Rate, and Infrastructure Service Charge Increase Effective January 1, 2026

On December 1, 2022, the Village Board approved a 5-year Water Rate increase, a Sewer Rate increase, and a change to the Infrastructure Service Charge.

### Current Rates:

- Water Rate: \$10.67 per Tgal
- Cook County Sewer Rate: \$2.36 per Tgal
- DuPage County Sewer Rate: \$6.36 per Tgal

### Infrastructure Service Charge (Based on Meter Size):

- 3/4-inch meter and less: \$23.30/month
- 1-inch meter: \$41.48/month
- 1.5-inch meter: \$93.22/month
- 2-inch meter: \$165.70/month
- 3-inch meter: \$372.87/month
- 4-inch meter: \$662.78/month
- Discounted rate for 3/4-inch meter and less: \$7.87/month
- Discounted rate for 1-inch meter: 26.05/month

Effective January 1st, 2026, with the bill due January 21st, an increase will take place to the water rate, sewer rate and infrastructure service charge.

### New Rates Effective January 1st, 2026:

- Water Rate: \$11.15 per Tgal
- Cook County Sewer Rate: \$2.47 per Tgal
- DuPage County Sewer Rate: \$6.64 per Tgal

### Infrastructure Service Charge (Based on Meter Size):

- 3/4-inch meter and less: \$25.17/month
- 1-inch meter: \$44.80/month
- 1.5-inch meter: \$100.68/month
- 2-inch meter: \$178.95/month
- 3-inch meter: \$402.70/month
- 4-inch meter: \$715.81/month
- Discounted rate for 3/4-inch meter and less: \$8.50/month
- Discounted rate for 1-inch meter: 28.13/month

These increases are crucial for the Village to continue providing high-quality water services, ensuring the upkeep of infrastructure, and meeting the demands of our growing community. The adjustments have been carefully considered, keeping in mind both the sustainability of our water resources and the financial implications for our residents.



# Do You Remember... The Rose for Pasadena

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

On October 15th, 1981, at Tradewinds Shopping Center at Irving Park and Barrington Roads, an enormous covering was removed to reveal a gigantic statue of a rose. The statue was 25 feet tall, weighed 27,000 pounds, and was carved from a 35-ton log.

Hanover Park artist Buck Warren created the rose, which was also called the J. Stanley Coyne rose after the creator of an American textile service and a namesake foundation. The artist was inspired by the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, and the statue was sent to stand in front of the stadium. Warren was a gifted artist and a poet. One of his sculptures was on display at the White House and now belongs to the Gerald Ford museum.

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



## Winter Parking Regulations

There is no on-street parking in the Village at any time within 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred.

On streets, where late night parking is permitted (odd/even designated streets), within 24 hours after a snowfall of two or more inches vehicles shall be parked only on the side of the street on the day during which late night parking is permitted.

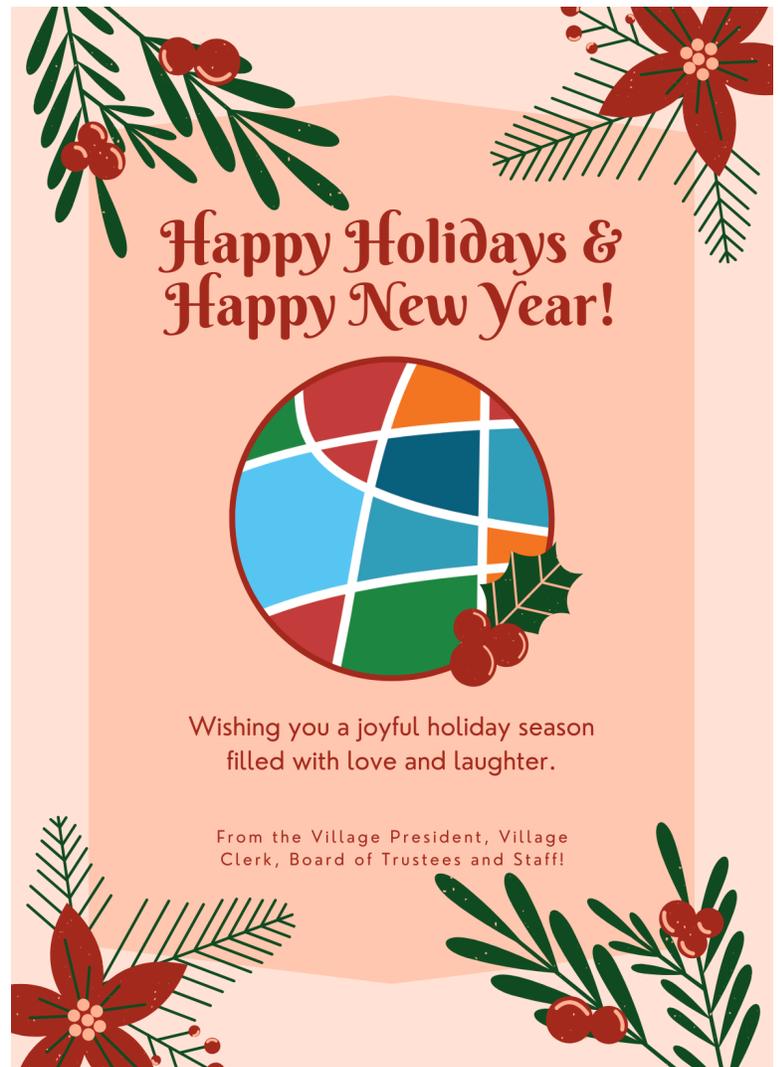
Illegally parked cars may be ticketed and towed!

## Winter Snow Removal Regulations

Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared for pedestrian traffic within 24 hours of a snowfall of two inches or more. This ordinance is for the safety of school children walking to and from school or their bus stop. Many adults also use the sidewalk during the course of their day.

Be a good citizen and shovel your sidewalks. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please keep it clear of snow accumulation in case of an emergency.

Remember to be careful when shoveling. Don't overdo it – take frequent breaks and don't try to lift too much. If you have elderly neighbors – be neighborly and help them clear their walks as well.



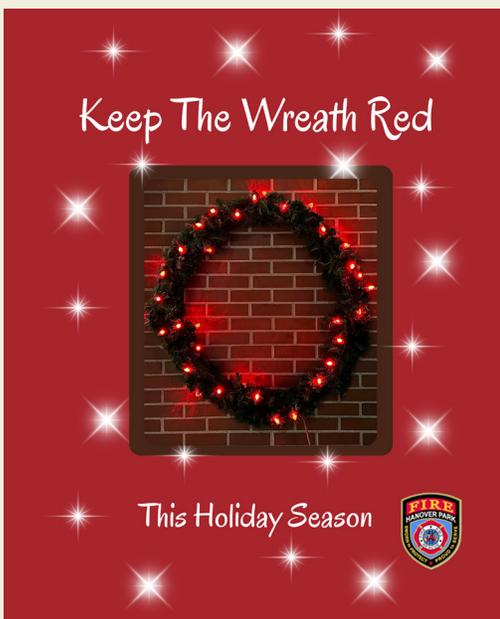
**Happy Holidays &  
Happy New Year!**

Wishing you a joyful holiday season  
filled with love and laughter.

From the Village President, Village  
Clerk, Board of Trustees and Staff!

# Keep the Wreath Red This Holiday Season

Have you ever wondered why there is a wreath with red lights hanging outside our fire stations during the holiday season? It is not just for decoration. In fact, it is a display to bring awareness about fire safety. The "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign originated in Naperville, Illinois in 1954 and was adopted by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association in 1980. The wreath is to stay illuminated with red bulbs 24 hours a day during the holiday season. If a fire occurs and is determined to be caused by holiday decorations, a white bulb will replace a red bulb.



Here are a few safety tips to "Keep the Wreath Red" this holiday season.

- **Have your furnace checked.** It is worth the money to hire a professional to inspect and service your furnace once a year.
- **Test smoke detectors.** Make sure the batteries are fresh and place detectors in the kitchen, laundry room and bedrooms.
- **Have your chimney and vents checked.** Fireplaces produce creosote which can ignite. If you light fires frequently, you need a chimney sweep service once a year. When you burn wood, make sure it's dry and seasoned so that it produces more flame than smoke.
- **Pay attention to lighted candles.** Candles can be forgotten or knocked over. Make sure lit candles are placed in stable holders. Never leave your house with candles burning.
- **Be cautious with space heaters.** Space heaters need space. People and pets should not be allowed to sit any closer than 3 feet. Do NOT put space heaters near curtains, tablecloths or other fluttering fabrics. Make sure the space heaters you buy have automatic shutoffs for safety from reaching high temperatures or being knocked over.
- **Do not let a live Christmas tree dry out.** Make sure they stay fresh and located away from any fire source. Old trees should be hauled away or recycled – never burned in a fireplace or wood burning stove inside the house.
- **Inspect holiday lights each year.** Look for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets and excessive wear or kinking before putting them up. Do not link more than 3 light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe.
- **Have a home escape plan.** Set a meeting place for emergencies and practice that escape route with your family. Teach your family to crawl to the nearest exit from every room. Show them how to stop, drop and roll if their clothes were ever to catch on fire.

Everyone can do their part to "Keep the Wreath Red. We hope you have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

## Holiday Fire Safety: A Look at the Data



As the winter holidays approach, new data from NFPA's Applied Research highlights key fire risks associated with festive decorations and activities. Understanding these trends can help ensure a safer holiday season for everyone.

Home fires involving decorations, excluding Christmas trees, account for an estimated average of 835 incidents annually, resulting in 3 civilian deaths, 30 injuries, and \$14 million in property damage nationally.

Christmas tree fires, though less frequent, present specific hazards. Electrical distribution or lighting equipment is implicated in more than two in five (41%) of these fires, with lamps or bulbs initiating nearly one in five (20%). Candles are also a significant factor, starting 11% of Christmas tree fires. A notable 40% of home Christmas tree fires originate in the living room, emphasizing the need for caution in this central gathering space.

Candle-related fires see a distinct spike in December and January, with each month accounting for 11% of all candle fires. Throughout the year, candles are responsible for one-third (32%) of home decoration fires, a figure that surges to almost half (46%) in December. Cooking also contributes to decoration fires, starting 20% of such incidents.

In the kitchen, Thanksgiving stands out as the peak day for home cooking fires, closely followed by Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. These statistics underscore the importance of vigilance when preparing holiday meals.

By being aware of these common fire hazards, individuals and families can take proactive steps to prevent tragic incidents and enjoy a safe and joyous holiday season.

For more information visit:  
<https://www.hpil.org/1043/Fire-Department>

<https://www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/home-fire-safety/winter-holidays>

Source: NFPA's Applied Research

# Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Hanover Park, in cooperation with Elgin Recycling, Inc., is collecting used 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 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Village will accept these items from November 1st through the end of March. No lawn ornaments or decorations will be accepted. For further information, please call Public Works at (630) 823-5700.

# Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

As the holiday season approaches, it is essential to note that garbage collection days may be affected by the placement of the holidays on the calendar.

Holiday	Collection Date
Thanksgiving	Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025
Christmas	Saturday, Dec. 27, 2025
New Year's Day	Saturday, Jan. 3, 2026

Please call Groot at (630) 469-1036 or Public Works at (630) 823-5700 with any questions.

# Hydrant Marker Replacement Program

This fall, the Village will initiate a project to replace all existing fire hydrant markers with new, reflective, hydrant-mounted markers. The Village has over 1,500 hydrants that are critical for protecting homes and businesses in the event of a fire. These new markers will significantly improve the Fire Department's ability to quickly locate the nearest hydrant, especially at night or during inclement weather when visibility is reduced.

Residents will begin to see these new markers being installed throughout the community in the coming weeks. We kindly remind residents with a fire hydrant in front of their home to help ensure easy access during an emergency by keeping the hydrant clear of snow and other obstructions. Emergencies strike without warning, so it is up to everyone to stay vigilant.

# Plows Are On The Way!

With snow on the way, the Village wants to make sure residents know what to expect during a winter storm. Here are the answers to some common questions about snow removal.

## Why do plows block my driveway with snow?

Plows are designed to clear streets quickly and efficiently for cars and emergency vehicles. To do this, plows push snow to the side of the road. Unfortunately, this often results in a pile of snow at the end of your driveway. The driver has little control over this and cannot stop or lift the plow for each driveway. Doing so would leave a pile of snow in the street, which would then freeze and cause dangerous icing.

After a plow has cleared your street, that's the best time to shovel your driveway and mailbox area. Plows may make multiple passes on a street, so waiting can save you from having to do the work twice. Please remember that clearing your driveway and mailbox is the resident's responsibility.

## When will the plow be on my street?

During a storm, our plows operate in a safe and orderly manner to clear all streets. Since they can't be everywhere at once, they follow a priority system:

- Principal intersections are cleared and salted first.
- Primary collector streets are next to allow for two-way traffic.
- Feeder streets, cul-de-sacs, and dead ends are plowed last.
- Cul-de-sacs are cleared by a contractor, so they may be plowed at a different time than Village streets. Once all roads are cleared, crews will make repeat passes to clear them completely, from curb to curb.

## What are some important safety reminders?

Don't shovel or blow snow into the street! This can cause dangerous ice to form after the road has been cleared.

Avoid parking on the street for 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more; please keep your car off the street to allow plows to clear the roads safely and completely.

Keep children away from snow piles at the curb. Snowplow drivers may not be able to see children playing or hiding in snowdrifts, which can be extremely dangerous.

# Hanover Park's Wastewater Treatment Plant Wins Plant of the Year!



We are thrilled to announce that the Village of Hanover Park's Public Works Wastewater Treatment Plant has been honored as the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Plant of the Year by the Fox Valley Operators Association. This incredible achievement is a testament to our team's hard work and unwavering commitment to excellence in wastewater management.

This prestigious award celebrates the plant's long-standing tradition of upholding the highest standards in its operations. We couldn't be prouder of this well-deserved recognition!

In addition to this outstanding plant award, we'd also like to extend a huge congratulations to Lance Winterland, our dedicated Sewer Treatment Plant Operator. Lance received the 2025 Operator of the Year Award for his exceptional contributions to the Village over the last 29 years. His expertise and dedication are truly an inspiration.

Please join us in celebrating the entire Public Works team and Lance Winterland for these remarkable achievements!



# Santa's Coming to Town!

Meet Santa in Hanover Park!

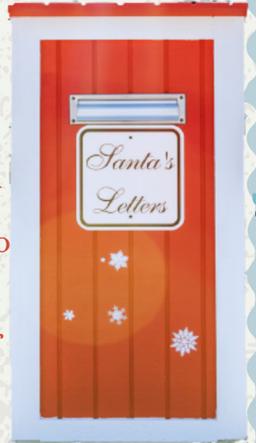
Monday, December 8th &  
Monday, December 15th  
From 6pm to 7pm

1900 Ontarioville Rd. (in the gazebo)



# LETTERS TO Santa

Starting December 1, 2025, Santa's Mailbox will be next to the gazebo in our downtown area at 1900 Ontarioville Road. Children of all ages can place their letters to Santa in the mailbox and the letters will be taken back to the North Pole with Santa each week. Please remember to include your child's name and address to receive a letter back from Santa!



**Elected Officials**

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