



# Hi-Lighter

One Village - One Future

Village of Hanover Park

January - February 2012

*The mission of the Village is to provide responsive and effective municipal services toward the goal of maintaining a good quality of life for residents and businesses within the community.*

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## Village to place Referendum on March 2012 ballot seeking lower electric rates for Residents and Small Businesses

19 communities in Illinois are buying their electric power from suppliers other than ComEd, with ComEd continuing to bill each resident and repair outages.

The Village will place a referendum on the March 2012 ballot to determine if residents would like the Village to seek competitive bids for lower electric rates with a possible savings of \$150 to \$200 per year for the average resident.

If approved, the referendum would allow the Village to solicit bids on behalf of residents and small businesses to buy electric power on the open (deregulated) energy market. The goal is to secure lower electric supply rates for residents and small business customers.

Since the State of Illinois deregulated electric power providers, 75 percent of all commercial accounts switched to buy power from suppliers other than ComEd.

Conversely, few residents moved to

lower cost energy suppliers. As a result, the State of Illinois created legislation allowing communities to leverage residential accounts by engaging in a process of "Municipal Aggregation," thus enabling municipalities to solicit competitive bids from suppliers on behalf of the entire community. This is similar to the way a Village sets rates for garbage collection or cable suppliers.

To engage in the Municipal Aggregation process, residents must approve a resolution on the March 2012 ballot. The Municipal Aggregation process should provide us with a "win-win" scenario.

If the resolution passes, the Village is under no obligation to switch suppliers. The resolution simply gives the Village the right to solicit competitive bids. The Board can determine whether bid terms and pricing are compelling enough to move residents' accounts to a new, lower cost, supplier. If not, all residents will remain with ComEd for the next 12 months.

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# Minute with the Mayor . . . . .



Mayor Craig and Village Clerk Corral with Elvio Mazzei of Dino's, Chamber Executive Director Andrea Fox and La Ley 107.9 Radio Personalities

**Welcome to 2012:** A new year of great expectations for Hanover Park.

The Village Board continues to manage its affairs within a **balanced budget**. We passed our Levy for the upcoming fiscal year seeking no new dollars for operations. We have asked for an additional dollar amount to capture the additional EAV marking the end of the TIF at Barrington Road and Irving Park Road. Overall, a job well done by staff saving dollars.

The continued inability of the State to manage within the dollars provided by the residents and the businesses is having an effect on municipalities.

**Illinois has the greatest debt per person in the country.** We cannot tax our way out of debt, and the state cannot push mandates onto the backs of municipalities. Cities and villages all around are cutting back in a serious way modeling what the State must do.

The **Police Department Building** is nearing completion. We have managed to save a tremendous amount in the construction process. We have constructed a facility that will be efficient and functional in managing the day-to-day business of police work. We have designated a Community Room where Village Associations and groups can come and meet to discuss their affairs. It is an exciting time for all residents to see their hometown develop and grow.

Recently approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission, **Municipal Aggregation** is seen as an effective way to lower residents' electric costs. By aggregating the total power usage within the municipality, the Village can create the scale needed to reduce supply costs while ensuring the same reliable delivery service continues by ComEd.

Hanover Park is **providing residents a choice** for lower electric rates. I encourage residents to vote to approve this opportunity.

### How Electric Aggregation Works

1. The Village has approved a Referendum to be placed on the March 2012 ballot.
2. The Village has chosen contract aggregator NIMEC to assist in creating the Referendum, notifying residents, negotiating with suppliers, transitioning residents, coordinating with ComEd, answering community questions, and finally managing the process.
3. Residents will vote on the March 20, 2012 Referendum during the municipal election.
4. If the Referendum is approved, NIMEC will negotiate rates with the multiple national and regional suppliers. NIMEC represents numerous municipalities thereby assuring a lower rate.
5. If the negotiated rate comes in lower than that offered from the electric suppliers, NIMEC will transition residents.
6. NIMEC then monitors supplier and utility performance and renegotiates the rate at contract renewal.

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 town**, at the schools, churches, or assisting on the playing field. We are a Village that believes all youth will achieve and have hope for success without exception. Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth, and together we are making a difference in Hanover Park.

Sincerely,  


Rodney S. Craig, Village President

Mayor Craig reading for RIF (Reading is Fun) distribution at Greenbrook Elementary



## Village Referendum *(continued from page 1)*

**ComEd service will not change:** ComEd will continue to manage and maintain the network (of stations and wiring) that delivers electric power. Residents will continue to call ComEd in the event of a power outage. Residents will still be customers of ComEd’s delivery system and receive bills from ComEd with the only difference being the name on the line item for power supplier.

Should the Village choose a new energy supplier, the supplier will contact each electric account to offer them the opportunity to “opt out” of the new plan. The resident can return a short form provided by the energy supplier stating their desire to “opt out” and continue to purchase power from ComEd.

Residential electric rates are set once annually by ComEd. ComEd earns no income from the sale of electric power, they simply distribute it. As such, they are “indifferent” from what supplier a community chooses to buy its power.

If the majority of voters concur, the Village can seek lower electric rates for its residents and small retail commercial customers.

Sample of Referendum to appear on March 2012 ballot.

Should the Village of Hanover Park have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program?

YES  
NO

## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q** How can the Village purchase electric power at a potentially lower cost?

**A** The State of Illinois has deregulated energy markets, allowing competing companies to offer electric power. Municipalities can leverage residents’ electric accounts to seek competitive bids for lower electric rates.

**Q** Who do I contact if there is a power outage or downed lines?

**A** Call ComEd: by State Law, ComEd will continue to be paid to deliver electric power to homes and businesses and handle all emergency repairs.

**Q** What if I don’t want a governmental entity to choose my electric power?

**A** A government agency (The Illinois Power Agency) has already been doing that for you. Now, with deregulation, you have more options and the choice to “Opt Out.”

**Q** What if I don’t want to participate in the program?

**A** Residents will have multiple opportunities to “Opt Out” of the program, which will be your right by law. You can remain with ComEd.

**Q** What happens if the Village cannot obtain bids for better rates than ComEd offers?

**A** Your account would stay with ComEd, who would continue to be your power provider and the local distribution company. Either way, ComEd will remain your distributor. By voting YES on the referendum, ComEd will compete with power suppliers throughout the Midwest to provide your power.

**Q** Why is this opportunity available?

**A** This is the last part of the deregulation process. Until this Act was amended, only large industrial, commercial and governmental entities could seek competitive bids for lower rates, and three-quarters of them do. Now residents can, too.

**Q** Why is the Village of Hanover Park doing this?

**A** The Village remains neutral on who provides electric power. As a governmental organization, we want to take advantage of the new law that was enacted to benefit our residents and small businesses. If a savings of \$150 to \$200 per household can be achieved per year, that money could be spent on other businesses benefitting our community. Other municipalities are taking advantage of this legislation, and we hope to engage in the process for competitive rates early on.

**For additional questions, please contact Finance Director Rebekah Young at 630.823.5788 or email at [ryoung@hpiil.org](mailto:ryoung@hpiil.org)**

# Village of Hanover Park HiLighter Newsletter Survey

The Village supports appropriate green initiatives and stresses the importance of being fiscally responsible and transparent. In an effort to accomplish this, the Village is considering sending out their *Hi-Lighter* newsletter electronically instead of a mailed, printed copy. Your input is important to us and will help determine if this is something the Village should pursue.

Please take a moment to complete this survey, and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

- Where do you access the internet:
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Home	<input type="checkbox"/> Friends'/Family's Home
<input type="checkbox"/> Work	<input type="checkbox"/> Library
<input type="checkbox"/> No internet Access	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile device
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
- Are you currently subscribed to the Village's eNews (electronic newsletter)?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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- How do you prefer to receive the Village's Hi-Lighter newsletter?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> In printed form via mail	<input type="checkbox"/> On-line / Electronically
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- Do you read the Village's Hi-Lighter newsletter on a regular basis?
 

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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Completed surveys can be mailed to: Village of Hanover Park, Attn: Manager's Office, 2121 West Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133 or you may fax to 630.823.5607, email to [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org), or complete online at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)



## Fire Department Winter Safety at Home

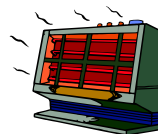
Take a few minutes to make sure your home is safe for all ages. Don't forget to keep your sidewalks and driveways clear of ice and snow for your family, arriving guests and friends in your neighborhood.



**That's Alarming:** Install smoke detectors on every floor of your home and carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas. If already installed, test them. Replace the batteries twice a year.

**Childproof:** Check your local library or online for complete lists of childproofing suggestions. Areas of particular danger include outlets, appliances, electronics, stairs and windows.

**Avoid Overload:** Check for overloaded extension cords – usage should not exceed the recommended wattage. Cords should not be placed under rugs or heavy furniture, tacked up or coiled while in use.



**Portable Space Heater:** All portable heaters should be placed at least three feet from beds, curtains or anything flammable. Please do not leave them unattended.

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## Fire Department



**Keep Extinguishers Handy:** Place all-purpose fire extinguishers in key locations in your home – the kitchen, bedroom and basement. Be sure to check expiration dates regularly and know how to use them safely.

**Create a Safe Exit Plan:** Along with alarms and extinguishers, consider an escape ladder if your home has two floors. Keep emergency numbers and contacts readily available by the phone. Create an exit plan and practice it so your family can escape in case of a fire. Every good exit plan includes a family meeting place outside the home to ensure everyone is out of the house.



**Put Away Medications:** Take medications and medical supplies out of your purse, pockets and drawers, and put them in a cabinet with a child safety lock.

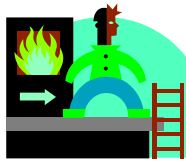


Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries. The leading cause of fires in the kitchen is unattended cooking. It's important to be alert to prevent cooking fires.

Here are some basic safety tips:

- \* Stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you leave the kitchen for even a short time, turn off the stove.
- \* Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- \* Teach your kids to stay in the other room when opening the oven. Mark off a “safe zone” with an area rug as well.
- \* Wear close-fitting or short sleeves.
- \* Keep pots and pans on the back burners when practical. Turn handles inward (or sideways) so they don't get accidentally bumped.
- \* Get in the habit of doing a visual sweep to see that the knobs are in the OFF position when you walk away from the oven.

## Winter Safety at Home



**Welcome guest:** If you have family and/or friends staying at your house, don't just show them where they will be sleeping during their stay or where to hang their coat.

Take a few minutes to show them what to do in case an emergency should occur. Show them two ways out in case everyone needs to evacuate the home. Let them know where your “Family meeting area” is outside of the home. Show them where the fire extinguishers are located and how to operate them properly.

You can find these tips and more at the Underwriters Laboratories® web page. Just go to <http://safetyathome.com/> and click on the Home Safety or Community links or National Fire Protection Association <http://www.nfpa.org/> to get more ideas and to make this a safe winter season.

## Safety in the Kitchen



## Police Department Receives IACP Webber Seavey Award

The Hanover Park Police Department was awarded a top ten finalist for the International Association of Chiefs of Police IACP/Motorola Webber-Seavey Award for Quality in Law Enforcement in 2011.

The Webber-Seavey Award is the highest award bestowed on a police agency by the IACP. The Hanover Park Police Department is honored to have been a finalist. Chief Webb stated, " It is great to see our department's hard work recognized by the IACP. It is an honor to receive this award."



Third from left: Deputy Chiefs Mark Gatz and Tom Cortese with Chief David Webb and members of IACP/Motorola Webber-Seavey Award Committee.

The Hanover Park Police Department was a finalist based on implementing the Area Response Team (ART) initiative to supplement its current intelligence-driven style of policing. The ART initiative is a community policing strategy geared to focus individual officers within specified areas. All the information gathered by officers is recorded on a web-based program called SharePoint and used to deploy department resources. SharePoint was developed by our department as a communications tool to give officers in the field all the information possible via their laptop computer in the squad car.

As a result of implementing the Area Response Team, and combining that with the other initiatives, the Hanover Park Police Department reported its lowest Part I crime rate ever in 2010. The Police Department believes that these reductions are due to the refocusing of existing resources to where they are needed the most in order to increase community involvement and information sharing to better identify problems.

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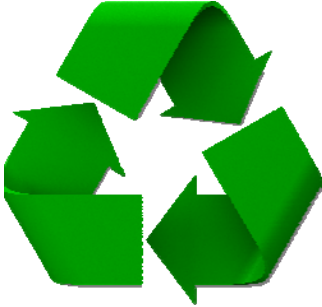
## NO PARKING on Village streets after a TWO inch snowfall



*62-11-1323. Limited parking for snow removal. It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the Village at any time within 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, except on those streets where late night parking is permitted in Section 62-11-1327(b), that 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.*

# Public Works Department—Reminders

## Statewide Electronics Landfill Ban



Effective January 1, 2012, the following items are no longer to be placed at your curb with your household waste for disposal: Computers, computer monitors, printers, laptops, televisions, keyboards, fax machines, recorders, MP3 players, video consoles, DVD players, computer mouse, scanner, digital converter boxes, cable boxes, DVRs.

These electronic items can be dropped off, for free, at the Public Works building located at 2041 Lake Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 630.823.5700.



## Christmas Tree Recycling

### Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, January 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these guidelines:

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



If you miss the special collection dates, Allied Waste Services will collect Christmas trees with your regular garbage and refuse collection. This service will be provided to the homeowners associations not regularly serviced by Allied Waste Services.

Questions? Call the Village at 630.823.5700 or Allied Waste Services at 630.469.1036 or 847.429.7370.

## Holiday Light Recycling

Recycle old holiday lights and extension cords at the Public Works Department Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. These items will be accepted through Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.



## Human Resources

### New Hires



*Police Records Clerk  
Maria Melendez  
11/29/11*



*Inspectional Services  
Permit Coordinator  
Sarah Schukay  
11/28/11*

# Community Development



Happy New Year from Director Patrick Grill

As we start this new year, we have much to be thankful for and to look forward to.

The new Police building is nearing completion, and plans are being finalized to open in February. This building adds to a string of new developments along this stretch of Lake Street that started with Church Street Station, followed by a “green” Suburban Tire, and the Claremont Assisted Living Center. A majority of this development has taken place during a less than ideal financial backdrop. I believe this is a testament to Hanover Park and our desire to “get things done.”

Turnberry Lakes Industrial Park will soon have a new business opening. Ampac is finishing the last of its build-out requirements at 825 Turnberry Court. Hanover Park has one of the lowest vacancy rates for industrial properties in the northwest suburbs. In addition, Round Ground Metals, an existing company in Turnberry Lakes, is finishing up plans for a significant expansion on property adjacent to its existing facility.

A new 100,000 square foot plus building is proposed for the property south of Fuji along Gary Avenue. Round Ground Metals manufactures round metal rods to very precise tolerances for a variety of national and international companies. Round Ground Metals was one of the first businesses in Turnberry Lakes and we are excited they have chosen to stay within the community.

Lastly, the Village is working on plans that will change the look of one of our major corridors. Barrington Road, a significant commercial corridor for Hanover Park, is slated for a major landscaping overhaul in front of the Westview Shopping Center. Slated to begin in the spring, this work will include a new Village entryway sign. The sign will include changeable copy and will advertise Village events.

Another project could have an even greater impact on how we perceive Barrington Road, but I can't reveal anymore at this point. However, I will have more details in the next *Hi-Lighter*.

Needless to say, there are some very exciting things set to occur in 2012. I hope you're staying warm and enjoying much success.

## Available TIF Properties



**Lake Street & Church Street**  
7.7 acres  
Commercial  
across from Metra

**Irving Park Road & Barrington Road**  
1.12 acres  
in front of Menards



**Lake Street & Barrington Road**  
5000 sf retail  
build-to-suit

For more Information about these and other available properties contact Community Development Director Patrick Grill, 630.832-5781 or email at [pgrill@hpil.org](mailto:pgrill@hpil.org)

# Village Committee Happenings



## Spotlight on Business

The Eye Place at Hanover Park, LLC  
 1156 Lake Street  
 630.855.5542



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The Eye Place is a new private practice providing comprehensive eye exams for the entire family ranging from pediatric to geriatric patients.

Since their opening on October 2, 2011, Dr. Achyut Desai and Dr. Snehali Upadhyay have been busy examining patients while providing preventative healthcare. They believe early diagnosis and treatment of vision and eye problems is important to maintain good vision and eye health through a comprehensive eye exam. Age related Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, and Glaucoma are just some of the eye conditions that, without proper care and treatment, can lead to permanent vision loss.

Walk-in's are welcome for exam, as well as medical emergency office visits that may be needed for ocular injury/trauma. Their on-site optical lab allows most prescription glasses to be ready for pick-up in one hour.

The Eye Place offers a wide selection of eyeglasses, an onsite optical lab, a variety of lens options and specialty coatings. Rebates are available with purchase of annual supply of certain contact lenses and they accept most medical and vision insurance plans.

Through word of month, Money Saver coupons, and their own postcard advertisement, more people in the community are starting to notice this new neighborhood practice.

## Register your Licensed Business for Shop Hanover Park

This service is FREE and provides licensed businesses the ability to build their website, or link to an existing website by clicking on the Shopping Cart icon located on the homepage of our web site.



### To Participate in this Program:

- a. Access the Village's web site @ [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)
- b. Click on "Shop Hanover Park" link on homepage
- c. Click on "Register My Business"
- d. Enter your business name and email address and Click "Submit"
- e. Enter your first and last name and Click "Submit"

To see the full potential of this ShopsQA marketing tool, sign up for a brief Webinar. Webinars are held Tuesday and Thursday. Log on to <http://info.shopsqa.com/?meeting=4644725> and Click "Register" and fill out the required fields. Once registered, an email will be sent to you providing your Attendee Code and Conference Line to dial into. For Questions contact: Community Development at 630.823.5780.

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# Village Committee Happenings

## Welcome New Business



Royal Camera Service  
1094 Lake Street  
877-360-9307

## CONNECT Committee to Host

Hanover Park Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2012**

Visit our website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org), our Cable Channel, or enews for more details, or contact Community Development at 630.823.5780.



1130 Lake St.  
630.213.1006



1519 Irving Park Rd.  
630.372.8130  
Dine in/Delivery/Drive thru

### PRAIRIE STATION PUB AND GRILL



1951 Ontarioville Rd.  
630.483.2100



2184 Lake St.  
630.736.9694

**"Dine in Hanover Park" and SAVE!**

**Coupon must be redeemed at time of purchase to receive the discount.** For additional coupons go to [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) or visit the Municipal Building.

If interested in participating, please contact Community Development at 630.823.5780.



6602 Barrington Road  
630.823.8774



2402 Army Trail Rd.  
630.830.6089



7219 Orchard Ln.  
630.483.9600



2192 Lake St.  
630.736.7889



1380 W. Irving Park Rd.  
630.837.2206



1816 Irving Park Rd  
630.372.6094



2021 W. Irving Park Rd.  
630.483.8924

VALID NOW THROUGH 02-29-2012

### DINE IN HANOVER PARK

Redeem this coupon for:

- \$2 OFF any purchase of \$10 or more
- \$5 OFF any purchase of \$25 or more
- \$10 OFF any purchase of \$50 or more
- \$20 OFF any purchase of \$100 or more

**Hanover Park**

Valid at participating establishments. Not valid on holidays. Cannot be used with any other coupon, discount, promotion, or to purchase gift cards. Cannot be used for happy hour specials. Excludes tax, tip and alcoholic beverages. Coupon must be redeemed at time of purchase to receive the discount.

## Village Committee Happenings



### *Environmental Committee Accomplishments of 2011*

The Environmental Committee accomplished the following projects this past year:

- Received the Governor's Home Town Award for their Community Apiary in the spring.
- Marked over 100 storm inlets with the "Dump No Waste – Drains to River" stencil.
- Participated in the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual DuPage River Sweep.
- Conducted the Third Annual Recycling Event with a 100% increase in vehicle participation.

- Began recycling Holiday lights. Bring your holiday lights to the Public Works facility through Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee is currently working on obtaining a grant for a rain garden and continue recycling electronics, batteries and CFL light bulbs.

For information, or to volunteer for an upcoming event, call 630-823-5706, or you can attend one of the Environmental Committee meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

### ***Veteran's Committee Overview of 2011***

The Veteran's Committee was established as a full Village Committee in 2010. To date, they have recognized over 100 Veteran residents, employees, and active-duty military personnel on Veteran Honor Roll plaques.

Throughout the year, the Committee is involved with troop supply events such as "Operation Air Lift" out of V.F.W. Post 5151 in Streamwood and the Hanover Park Township.

They work with local veterans' support groups throughout the state of Illinois, including Cook and DuPage counties. Yearly events honoring Veterans include holding a Memorial Day and Veterans' Day service, as well as a free Veterans' breakfast.

Committee members attend various events throughout the area to promote the values of those who have served their country in the

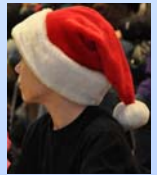
military, coordinate activities that bring merit to residents who have served their country, and cooperate with the local VFW and other groups who represent the interests of the veterans.

The Veterans' Committee has an Honor Roll Plaque displayed in the lobby of our Municipal Building honoring those who have serviced our country.

If you are an honorably discharged veteran, interested in being recognized on this plaque, please complete an Application available at the Municipal Building or on the Village's website @ [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)

For further information, contact Village Trustee Rick Roberts at 630.823.5901 or email at [rroberts@hpil.org](mailto:rroberts@hpil.org)

# Village and Residents celebrate the holidays



The spirit of a Winter Wonderland was shared with local community groups that decorated trees at Village Hall. Santa came by in a fire truck to “flip the switch” and light up the town. After caroling with the Elsie Johnson Carolers, residents came in to warm up with hot chocolate and treats provided by the Lions Club of Hanover Park. Entertainment was provided by the Hanover Park Park District School of Dance Allegro Dance Troupe.

Boys and girls of all ages traveled around the world with the Kidsworks Theater “Holidays Around the World” performance sponsored by the Schaumburg Township Library.

The ceremony was closed with a Piñata and a balloon drop that awed kids and parents alike.



## *3rd Annual Youth Benefit Ball*

*Thursday, April 12, 2012  
6:30 p.m. to Midnight*

*Hosted by Mayor Rodney Craig*

*The Seville  
700 Barrington Road  
Streamwood IL*

***Dinner Tickets***

***\$55 per person***

***\$100 per couple***

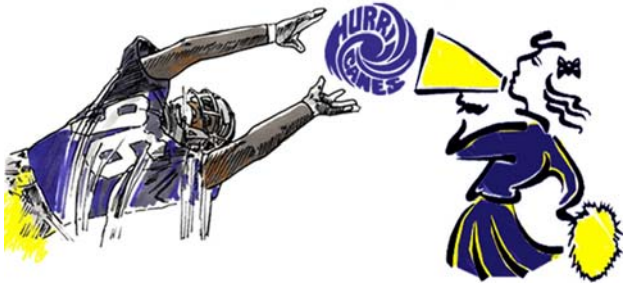
***\$450 per table of ten***

*To purchase tickets or to volunteer*

*hpparks.org/foundation.html  
foundation@hpparks.org  
Ph. 630.837.2468 ext. 203*

*The Hanover Park Park Foundation is dedicated to supporting the Hanover Park Park District in the development and enhancement of facilities and open space, as well as to assist in providing recreation and leisure opportunities for the residents of the Hanover Park Park District for present and future generations.*

# CATCH THE EXCITEMENT!!



## Stellar Season for the Hurricanes

*2011 was an amazing year for the Hurricanes*

In January 2010, the Board of Directors set out to increase registration by encouraging family and fun through football. They were successful in so many ways. Positive outcomes for this season was a 20% increase in registration, along with a well attended family picnic and pool party.

Amidst the fun, the Hurricanes promote a love of football, as well as good sportsmanship and fair play. Teaching the kids teamwork and discipline through practice and hard work paid off this year with their cheerleaders competing and placing first at all levels.

### Congratulations!

**2011**

### State Cheerleading Champions



Not to be outdone, their football teams were amazing and brought the final thrill to the season. This year, four teams made it to playoffs with two teams going all the way and winning the BGYFL Super Bowl.

We are so proud of all our children in the program!

If you want to be part of a winning program, come out to our Early Registration on Saturday, February 4, 2012.

The Board of Directors will be at the Hanover Park Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to answer any questions and sign kids up.

You can also find out more about this exciting program by visiting our website @ [www.hpcanes.com](http://www.hpcanes.com)

## STAARS

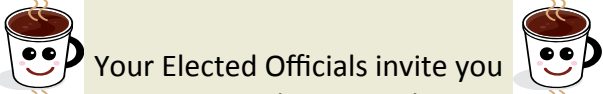


*Students at Hanover Highlands and Parkwood Schools displayed their artwork at the Municipal Building.*

### Municipal Center Closings:

Monday, January 2, 2012

Monday, February 20, 2012



Your Elected Officials invite you to attend a quarterly **Coffee with the Board.**



Any questions regarding Village services or policies will be addressed.



**Saturday, February 11, 2012**

9:00 a.m.

Municipal Building  
Room 214



### SPEAK OUT!

Making Hanover Park a great place for everyone and every business is important

to your Hanover Park Elected Officials and staff. You are our "eyes and ears" in your neighborhood, and your input and feedback is appreciated in helping us do the best job possible.

Please let us know what you think by faxing, mailing or emailing your advice, suggestions, or questions to:

Village of Hanover Park/Village President  
2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
Fax: 630.832-5786

## Village Calendar

### January, 2012

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
5	*Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
5	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
7	Veteran's Committee	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
7	Historical Preservation	9:00 a.m.	Room 212
10	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
10	Sister City Committee	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
11	STAARS	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Bldg.
12	Development Commission	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
17	**CIDC	7:15 p.m.	Room 214
19	Cook County Water Bills Due		
19	*Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
19	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
21	HCP CPR	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station #1
24	Environmental Committee	7:00 p.m.	Room 214

### February, 2012

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
2	*Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
2	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
4	Veterans' Committee	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
4	Historical Preservation	9:00 a.m.	Room 212
8	STAARS	6:00 p.m.	Municipal Bldg.
9	Development Commission	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
11	Coffee with the Board	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
14	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
14	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
16	*Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
16	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
18	Heartsaver CPR/ACD	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station #1
21	DuPage County Water Bills Due		
21	**CIDC	7:15 p.m.	Room 214
23	Citizen Corps Council	6:00 p.m.	Police
28	Environmental Committee	7:00 p.m.	Room 214

\***Board Workshops** are less formal meetings where Board and staff review objectives and direction. The public is welcome to attend.

\*\***CIDC**—Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee

## A bit of Hanover Park History The Marek House, 27W242 Ontarioville Road



The Marek House, located on Ontarioville Road in Hanover Park, was built around 1874 as two structures. These structures were home to two independently operated, competing, general stores. The second of the two buildings was sold by Paul and Edward Backhaus to Herman Lichthardt. Although the exact date is not known, Herman Lichthardt combined the two businesses to form one general store, and that is the structure that exists today. Herman Lichthardt was also the postmaster, and suitably, the post office for Ontarioville was located at this location.

Over the years there were various residents. One family living upstairs in the front section of the house was Hugh and Jeremiah Kirkland, with son Roger. Another family, the Feuerhokens, consisting of Fred, Jr. and Martha and son Harvey lived upstairs in the rear of the building.

The building was home to additional activities and enterprises as well. At one time, part of the basement was used as a jail. To this day, the ankle shackles are still attached to the piers which hold up the house. It was also the Drover Hotel and a house of ill repute.

The building was eventually purchased by Henry and Martha Marek, and their eight children.

Featured within the 7,000 sf house you will find the unique kitchen cabinets and other woodworking finished by Henry Marek and his son, John. Until recently, the building had been occupied by Anna D. Marek, one of the eight Marek children.

Anna was a graduate of Roosevelt University, and attended John Marshall Law School passing the bar exam on May 20, 1954. She practiced within Cook, DuPage and Kane County court systems and operated her law practice in the front entryway of the home, and used a backroom as her painting studio.

Although Anna took up personal residence in the house for over 50 years, this home is now listed for sale and looking for new owners to add to its historic past.



*Anna Marek with  
her mother  
Martha*



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## Important Telephone Numbers

### Police, Fire & Ambulance - 9-1-1

Municipal Building	630.823.5600
Police Information	630.823.5500
Public Works Dept.	630.823.5700
Fire Department	630.823.5800
Finance Department	630.823.5790
Water Billing	630.823.5799

### Code Enforcement Hotline 630.823.5570

Municipal Building fax	630.823.5786
Police Department fax	630.823.5499
Public Works fax	630.823.5704

### Village Board Workshops & Meetings:

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. respectively at the Municipal Building, 2121 W. Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Standing committee meetings:

Call the Village Clerk's office at 630.823.5601 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Development Commission
- Hanover Park CONECT Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Veteran's Committee

### Curfew hours:

For those under 17 years of age are 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

### Neighborhood Watch:

Interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch block captain? Contact 630.550.5050 for more information.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Concerns? Call 630.736.4200.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call 630.823.5600



## New Village Phone Numbers! Please Update your Records!

**Main Number: 630.823.5600**

**Fax: 630.823.5786**

### New Department Numbers:

<b>Clerk's Office</b>	<b>630.823.5602</b>
<b>Code Enforcement</b>	<b>630.823.5570</b>
<b>Code Enforcement Hotline</b>	<b>630.823.5572</b>
<b>Community Development</b>	<b>630.823.5780</b>
<b>Engineering</b>	<b>630.823.5700</b>
<b>Finance Department</b>	<b>630.823.5790</b>
<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>630.823.5800</b>
<b>Graffiti Hotline</b>	<b>630.823.5705</b>
<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>630.823.5660</b>
<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>630.823.5670</b>
<b>Inspectional Services</b>	<b>630.823.5860</b>
<b>Mayor's/Manager's Office</b>	<b>630.823.5608</b>
<b>Police Department</b>	<b>630.823.5500</b>
<b>Public Works</b>	<b>630.823.5700</b>
<b>Water Billing</b>	<b>630.823.5799</b>

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### Village Hall Hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

### Elected Officials:

**Village President** - Rodney S. Craig  
**Village Clerk** - Eira L. Corral

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Jon Kunkel, Trustee  
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