

New Electronic Bill Payment on Website

On November 16th, the Village Board authorized Village participation in the State Treasurer's Office electronic bill payment program.

As of January 1, 2001, residents will be able to proceed through a direct link in the Village website to a site where they can authorize the State Treasurer's Office to accept payment on their behalf with a credit card. The State Treasurer's Office will deposit these payments into the Village's account and the

resident's water account or parking ticket will be credited.

Residents interested in using this service will be charged a nominal service fee by the State Treasurer's Office for this service.

Residents will need to know the amount of the bill they are paying and their account number. The link can be found at the Village website www.HanoverParkIllinois.org under the Finance Department section called "Direct Pay."

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Happy Holidays!

The Village of Hanover Park elected officials and staff
wish all of you a happy, healthy holiday season!

Holiday Lights Tour

Wednesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM starting at the Village
Police Department. Registration form is on Page 3.

Come Trim the Village Tree!

Sunday, December 10th at 2:00 PM in front of Village Hall.

Come greet Santa, sing Christmas carols, and decorate the Village Christmas tree. Residents are encouraged to bring a weatherproof ornament to hang on the tree. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall Council Chambers, and a magician will entertain children! This event is sponsored by the Hanover Park Lions Club and the Village.

Minute with the Mayor

This year the Village of Hanover Park has seen a major change in the structure of services offered to our residents. The Village Board has overcome some sizeable obstacles in achieving one of their goals for many years. That is, the unification of fire service from a Fire District to a Municipal Fire Department operation. The only noticeable change is the different name on the fire trucks. The excellent service provided by our firefighters and paramedics continues.

The levying of taxes in any village is a very complicated issue. What makes it more difficult in Hanover Park is that the Village is located in two counties (Cook and DuPage) with each county having different regulations. The simplest way to illustrate to you what will occur is as follows. The Fire District levy will disappear and only the standard Village of Hanover Park levy will appear on your real estate tax bill. This combination of services in 2000 will only increase your tax rate by an average 4.6% for all Village services. For a more detailed explanation, please see the article on page 5.

During the next several months, many events will take place in our Village. The first will be the Food and Gift Drive for our less

fortunate residents. I hope you will find it in your hearts and give to this worthwhile program. More information can be found in the Clerk's Corner.

The second event is the Village's

annual Deck the Halls Program. This program recognizes those residents that get into the spirit of the holidays by decorating their homes. Residents can decorate their homes or cast their ballot for their favorite house. (See page 3 for further details.) Please show your community spirit by participating in one of these programs.

As part of community spirit and involvement, all residents have the opportunity to serve as volunteers on one of the committees or commissions. The Village is always in need of help and appreciates your input. If you are interested in serving on a committee or commission, please contact my secretary, Mary Plansky, at 372-4218, and she will send you the necessary information.

Clerk's Corner

Holiday Village Hall Hours

The Village Hall will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25th and 26th, and on Monday, January 1st for the holidays. The Police and Fire Departments will remain open throughout the holidays.

Toy Drive for Needy Children

Village employees will be working with the Hanover Park Lions Club to provide local needy children in Hanover Park with Christmas gifts.

New, unwrapped gifts (for infants through teens) should be delivered to Village Hall no later than December 11th. If you would like to contribute, please contact Sonya Crawshaw at 837-7799 or Mary Plansky at 372-4218 for more information.

Holiday Food Drive

The Village will also be working with the Lions Club collecting food for food baskets to be distributed before Christmas. Nonperishable food items and cash donations are welcome. The food baskets will be distributed to needy Hanover Park families. The deadline to drop off food is December 11th. Drop-off boxes are located in Village Hall, right outside the Village Clerk's Office.

Election Information

Residents interested in running for the Village offices of President, Clerk, or Trustee can stop by the Village Clerk's Office to pick up nominating petitions. The municipal election will be held on April 3, 2001.

Special Recognition

Village Trustee Recognized for Heroism



At the November 2nd Village Board meeting, Mayor Bock recognized Trustee Wayne Roberts (above, center) for his heroic, life-saving efforts at a Notre Dame football game on September 16th. Trustee Roberts performed CPR on a fellow spectator who suffered a heart attack during the game. Trustee Roberts, who is trained as a paramedic, performed CPR until medical assistance arrived. Mr. Tom Flavin of Darien recovered, and he and his family attended the Board meeting to personally thank Trustee Roberts.

Food Pantry Needs Your Support

While the Hanover Park Food Pantry needs support all year, the holidays are a special time of need.

Any nonperishable items (canned or dried foods) are needed. Cash donations are also welcome and used to buy milk, fresh fruits, and vegetables.

Donations for the Food Pantry can be made in the Hanover Park Police Department.

Holiday Lights Tour and Deck the Homes Contest!

Register now for a night of holiday cheer with the Hanover Park Police Department. On December 20th, the Police Department will host a Holiday Light Tour and take residents around the Village to see the holiday lights. Participants will also have the opportunity to act as judges for the annual "Deck the Homes" holiday decorating contest.

After the tour, refreshments will be served at Village Hall along with plenty of carolling! The tours will take place from 6:30-9:00 PM.

This event is FREE, but a donation of a canned good for the Food Pantry is appreciated. The deadline for registration is December 13th!

Holiday Lights Tour Registration

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number Attending: _____ adults _____ children

(Please clip and mail to the Department of Public Relations & Special Events, 2121 W. Lake St., Hanover Park, IL 60103)

DECK THE HOMES CONTEST REMINDER... Don't forget to start preparing for the "Deck the Homes" contest. Call 372-4280 for more information or to nominate a home! All homes will be judged on December 20th and awards and prizes will be given at the January 4th Village Board meeting!

Trees Planted Honoring Public Safety

This fall, the Parent-Teacher Association of Horizon Elementary School created two outdoor seating areas dedicated to public safety honoring the Hanover Park Police Officers and Firefighters. On October 25th, Mayor Bock, Fire Chief Dick Parker, and Police Chief Ron Moser, along with several police officers and firefighters, joined Horizon Principal Bill White, PTA President Larry Marciniak, and sixth graders for a tree dedication ceremony. The Village donated two trees for the seating area.

Crime Prevention Unit Recognized

At the October 19th Village Board meeting, Mayor Bock and Police Chief Ron Moser recognized Police Department personnel who participated in Crime Prevention programs, such as the COPS Days picnics, the Police and Children Together (PACT) Camp, National Night Out, and a variety of other educational programs. From left: Police Chief Ron Moser, Lieutenant Ed Tepper, Deputy Chief Ken Felbinger, Officers Ken Herman and Cindi McCoy, and Mayor Bock.

Police Officer Assists in Delivery of Baby Girl

Mayor Bock and Police Chief Ron Moser recognized Police Officer Terrence Sherrill with a Police Department Commendation at the October 19th Village Board meeting. On September 18th, Officer Sherrill responded to an ambulance assist call on a report of a woman in labor. Upon his arrival he found that the woman was already in the process of delivering the baby. Officer Sherrill assisted in the delivery until paramedics arrived. A female infant was delivered without complications, and mother and baby were transported to the hospital.

Village Estimates Tax Levy for 2000 with Tax Bill Changes

The Village, after several years of discussion and planning, took over the duties of fire protection for the Village and surrounding areas from the Hanover Park Fire Protection District on July 1, 2000. This merger did indeed take place and has been going very smoothly since. Residents should not have noticed anything except the change in name from the Hanover Park Fire Protection District to the Village of Hanover Park Fire Department.

In prior year tax bills, residents would have seen a separate tax for the Hanover Park Fire Protection District and the Village of Hanover Park. From now on residents will not see an amount for the Hanover Park Fire Protection District, only for the Village of Hanover Park.

In 1999 the owner of a \$150,000 home would have paid \$305.00 to the Hanover Park Fire Protection District and \$398.00 to the Village of Hanover Park for a total of \$703.00. For the year 2000 that

same \$150,000 home adjusted for inflation is estimated to pay a total of \$735.00, an increase of only 4.6% over the 1999 total for the District and the Village combined.

Technically, the Village's Tax Levy is increasing by 76.9% but in actuality the total taxes for fire protection and regular Village services are only going up an estimated average of 4.6%. The graph at the bottom of the page depicts the change.

The Finance Department welcomes inquiries from the public. A public hearing was held on December 4th to answer any questions. Residents can also call the Village Finance Director, Don Mazza at (630) 372-4232 for further explanation.

The Village hopes that this explanation clearly outlines the effect of the Village's takeover of the Hanover Park Fire Protection District on the 2000 property tax bill.

Lake Street Lighting Grant

The Village was recently notified that a federal grant has been awarded to Hanover Park to provide roadway lighting along Lake Street. This surface transportation program grant, in the amount of \$534,100, will allow the Village to install roadway lighting as part of the larger Illinois Department of Transportation project which will widen and reconstruct Lake Street from the Elgin/O'Hare Expressway to East Bartlett Road. This major project is tentatively scheduled for 2002 or 2003.

Metra Bridge Reconstruction

A preconstruction meeting was held in October for the reconstruction of the Metra bridge over Lake Street. A contract was awarded with a completion date set for April, 2002. The contractor will begin construction in January although some utility relocation may begin prior to that date. The contract amount is approximately \$6.5 million and will provide a 136-foot opening for the future widening and reconstruction of Lake Street.

Street Light Program

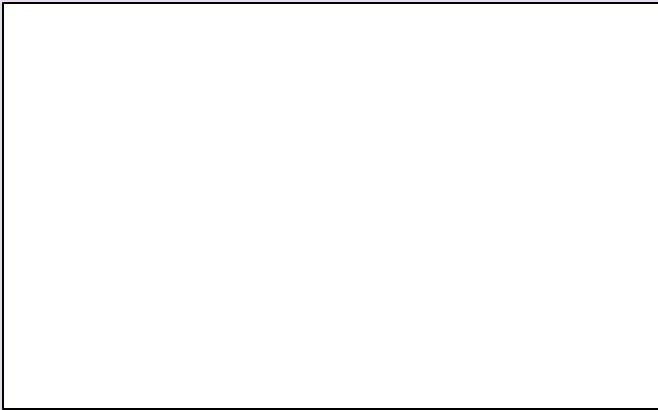
The Village will be adding five new street lights at the following locations:

- South side of Greenbrook Boulevard at Seafari Springs,
- 3955 Nautilus,
- Corner of West and Cherry,
- 2400 Larch, and
- 7992 Kensington.

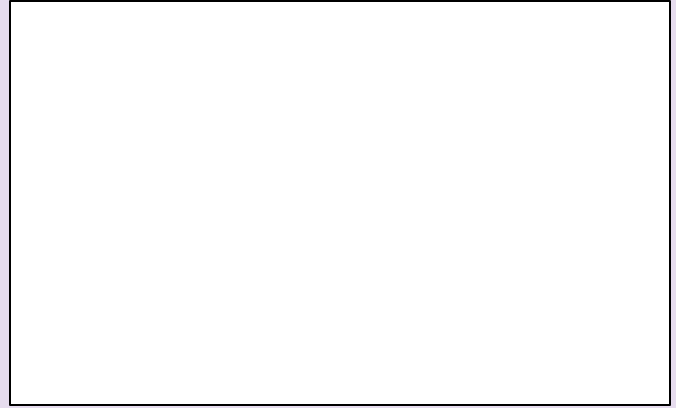
The street lights are being installed by Fulton Contractors and is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Fire Department Hosts Fire Safety Expo!

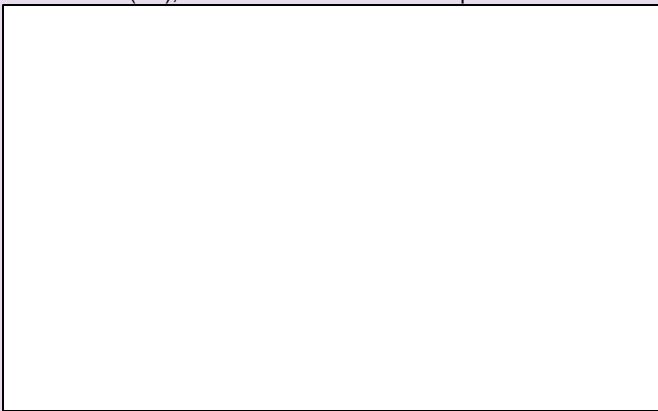
In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, the Hanover Park, Bartlett, and Streamwood Fire Departments hosted a "Fire Safety Expo" on October 7th in the Hanover Park Commuter Lot. Despite chilly weather, several area fire departments participated in this exciting community event which was enjoyed by hundreds of residents.



"Fire Pup", the National Fire Safety Mascot, admires a quilt made by Adele Pikora (left), which was raffled off at the Expo.

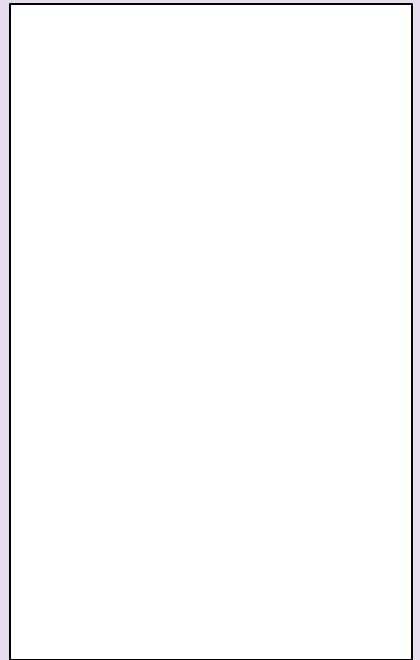


Kids got a chance to sit "behind the wheel" of the various fire engines!

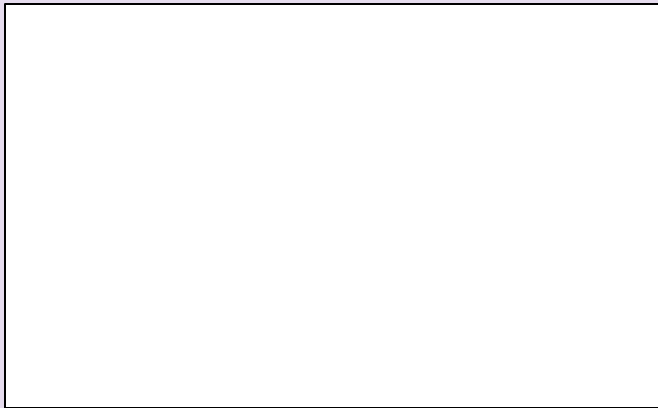


Future firefighters braved the cold to check out all the fire equipment!

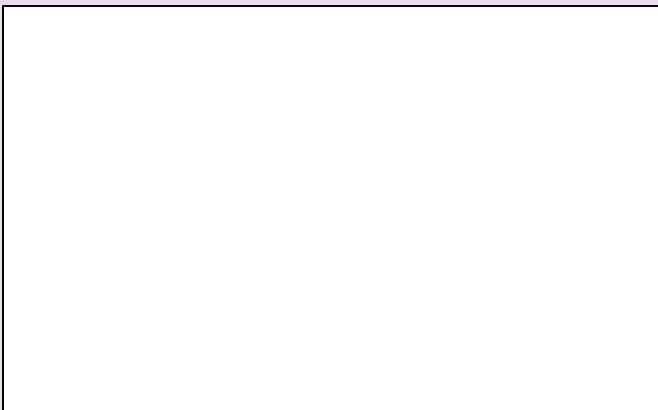
Hanover Park Firefighter Bill Stoike found the warmest spot was at the grill!



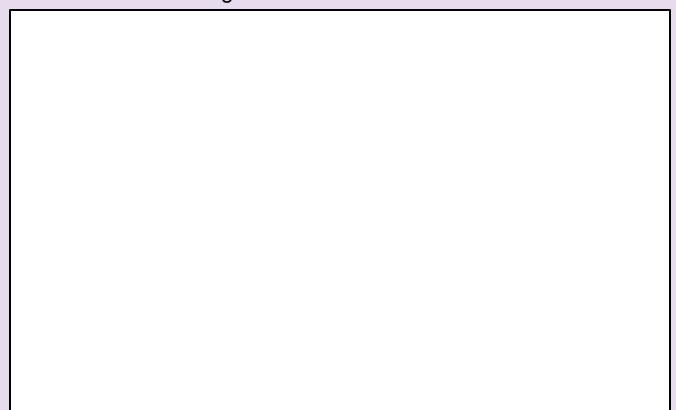
From left, Hanover Park Firefighter Larry Pikora, Village Trustee Bill Manton, and Firefighter Jim Larson.



Rides in the basket of a 100' ladder truck were a thrill... and not for the faint of heart!



Fire extinguisher demonstrations were fun and educational!



Fire Department News

Holiday Safety Tips

When decorating for the holidays, please keep in mind the following safety tips:

- Choose a fresh tree. The branches should bend easily and not break. Bounce the trunk on the ground two or three times; only a few needles should fall.
- Cut two inches off of the tree's base. This will help the tree absorb more water.
- Use a stand that holds plenty of water and put the tree in the stand as soon as possible. Water the tree daily.
- Place the tree away from any wood stove, fireplace, heater, or heat register.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Put the tree close to an outlet so as not to require extension cords.
- Use only lights in perfect condition that are approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) for safety.
- Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving the house.

Fireplace Safety Tips

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.
- Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.
- Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.
- Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.
- Keep air inlets on wood stoves open and never restrict air supply to fireplaces.
- Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.
- Never leave a fire in a fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.

Firefighters demonstrated car extrication techniques.

The firefighters who demonstrated rappelling techniques "defied gravity" and thrilled the crowd!

Special Thanks...
to **Marriott Distribution Center, Water One, and Pepsi-Cola**
for donating the food and beverages for this event!

The Fire Department took delivery of a new 2000 Alexis fire engine at the end of September. This engine will be used at Fire Station Number One

Youth News

Mayor Bock presented Hanover Park fourth-grader Ben Crosby (pictured here with his family and Mayor Bock) with a Certificate of Recognition at the November 2nd Village Board meeting. Ben received the Nicholas Green Distinguished Student Award given by the National Association for Gifted Children for his academic achievements and for writing a *symphony* when he was in the third grade at Elsie Johnson School! Ben was the ONE student selected for the entire state of Illinois! Congratulations Ben!!

STAARS*

Shine at Village Hall

Artwork from Albert Einstein Elementary School students (left) was displayed in the STAARS Gallery at Village Hall from October 12th through November 8th.

From November 9th through December 13th, artwork from Hanover Highlands Elementary School students (right) is displayed in the STAARS gallery.

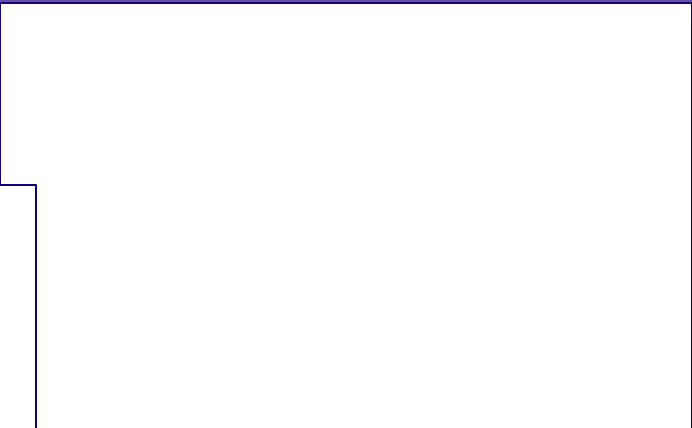
Stop by Village Hall during regular business hours and check out the creative work of Hanover Park's youth!

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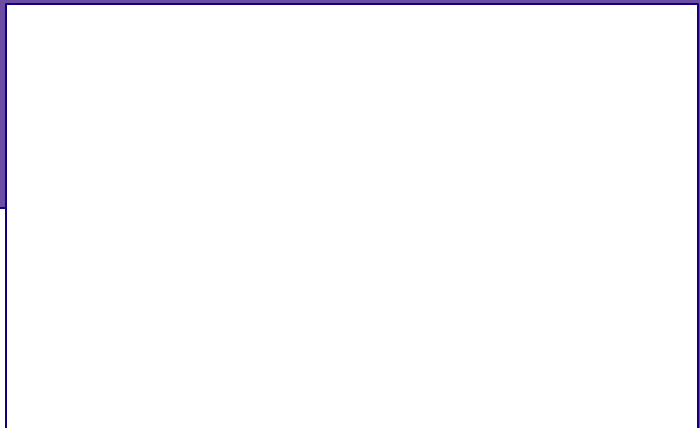
Congratulations to the 2000 Community Appearance Award Winners!



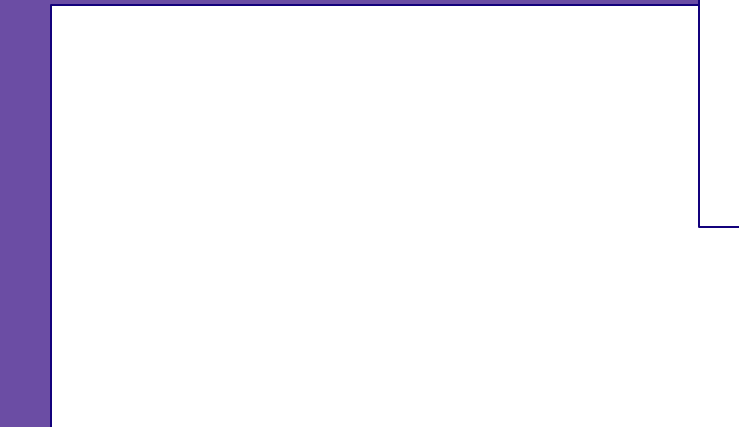
The Fascia Residence at 2150 Arbor Vitae won first place in the Single-Family Category.



Mrs. Patricia Fascia was presented with the 2000 Community Appearance Award at the September 21st Village Board Meeting.



Mr. & Mrs. Bergos were presented with the 2000 Community Appearance Award at the September 21st Village Board Meeting. The Bergos residence at 4553 Jefferson Street won in the Multifamily Category.



At the November 1st Tanglewood Homeowner's Association meeting, Mayor Bock presented a Certificate of Appreciation to residents Ellen Cole and Barb and Mike McNeill in special recognition of the extraordinary landscaping they did in the Court P common area.

Snowy Weather Reminders

Parking

A Village ordinance prohibits parking on Village streets for 24 hours following a two-inch or more snowfall.

Sidewalks

A Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared of snow within 24 hours of a two-inch or more snowfall. This allows safe access for pedestrians.

Garbage Pickup

Place garbage out two hours before pickup on or close to the driveway to minimize garbage containers becoming snow covered due to the plows.

Village Contact

* Except in an emergency, avoid calling the Village or Police Department during a snow storm so that emergency calls can get through.

* In emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

* Following a snowfall, non-emergency calls can be made to 372-4440 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM; call 372-4400 after 4:30 PM.

Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

* When inside plumbing is on an

outside wall, let the faucet drip slightly during very cold nights.

* If the water meter is located near a broken or cracked window, fix the window immediately.

* Don't turn the thermostat down drastically when taking a winter vacation.

* Ask the Village to shut off your water if you're moving and listing the house with a real estate agent.

* When thawing frozen pipes, leave the faucet on. This allows the ice and water to pass through as the pipe thaws.



Snowplowing

* Main streets are cleared first, secondary (residential) streets are second, and cul-de-sacs are cleared last.

* Intersections are salted after snowplowing. In cases of severe icing, intersections and straight sections of road are salted immediately.

* Snowplow drivers are instructed to avoid stopping and talking to residents.

Children should not be allowed to play on or near the piles of snow near the curb. The snow plow drivers may not be able to see the children hidden by a snowdrift!

Watches, Warnings, and Advisories

Winter Storm Watch

Indicates severe winter weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible within the next day or two. Prepare now!

Winter Storm Warning

Indicates severe winter weather conditions are occurring, imminent, or highly likely. Stay indoors!

Heavy Snow Warning

Snowfall of six inches or more.

Ice Storm Warning

Heavy accumulations of ice will create extremely dangerous travel and damage trees and power lines.

Blizzard Warning

Snow and strong winds will combine to produce blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts, and life threatening wind chill.

Winter Weather Advisory

Indicates winter weather conditions will cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous...especially to motorists. Use caution.

Snow Advisory

Snowfall of three to five inches.

Wind Chill Advisory

Dangerous wind chills of 35 below zero or colder.

Blowing/Drifting Snow Advisory Poor visibility and hazardous driving conditions.

Community Development News

Buona Beef Opens on Irving Park Road



Mayor Irv Bock and Village staff welcomed Buona Beef to Hanover Park with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on October 25th. From left: Assistant Community Development Director David Leslie, Community Development Director John Said, Buona Beef owner Joe Buonavolanto, Jr., Mayor Irv Bock, Buona Beef Operations Manager Don Buonavolanto, and Village Clerk Sherry Craig.

Development News

The following businesses have recently opened in Hanover Park:

Mattress Giant
1625 Irving Park Road

Public Storage
2620 W. Lake Street

Gifts by Giles
1809 Irving Park Road

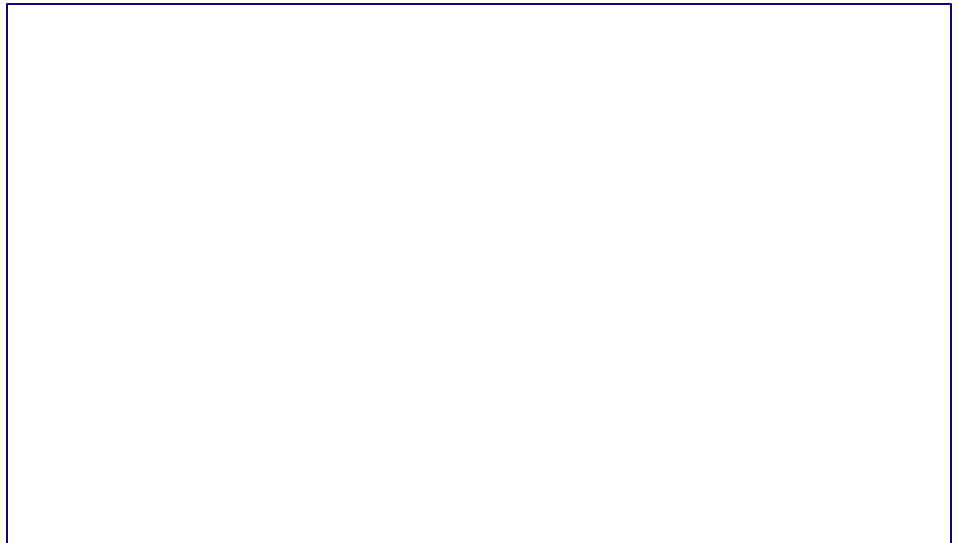
'Air So Pure'
7211 Olde Salem

The Community Development Department is available to assist any businesses or residents with their building proposals. Department staff can answer your planning, building, and zoning questions. Please call (630) 372-4260.

Spotlight on Local Business....Fabbrini's Flowers

Jim Fabbrini, owner of Fabbrini's Flowers, bought Mr. G's flower shop in the Hanover Square shopping center in June. This new shop at 6602 Barrington Road is the second location for Fabbrini's Flowers; Fabbrini's Flowers has been in business for the past 35 years.

Fabbrini purchased the flower shop in Hanover Square because it was the only full-service floral shop in Hanover Park. "Hanover Park is a great community with a lot of potential for a customer-oriented florist," according to Fabbrini. Fabbrini looks forward to adding more fresh flowers to the shop and will have a full-time designer on staff at all times. Fabbrini has extended store hours until 6 PM, Monday-Friday and until 5 PM on Saturday and hopes to add Sunday hours soon.



Jim Fabbrini, owner of Fabbrini's Flowers, brings a positive attitude and beautiful flowers to Hanover Park!

Fabbrini's Flowers is the largest florist by sales volume in the area, ranking 69 out of 22,000 nationwide, and has been recognized by *Floral Management Magazine* for outstanding customer service. "Our customers always have been

and always will be number one," according to Fabbrini.

Fabbrini's Flowers also offers wire service so that residents can place nationwide and international orders locally.

Municipal Meeting Schedule

Village Board meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month, at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Complex on Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Please call the Village Clerk's Office at 372-4220 for dates, times, and locations of the following regularly-scheduled meetings:

Development Commission
Economic Development Committee
Historical Commission
Human Relations Committee
Sister Cities Committee



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For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call 372-4200. Village Hall hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM; Thursday, 8:00 AM-7:30 PM.

Curfew hours for persons under 17 years old are 11 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 12 AM on Friday and Saturday.

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Sherry L. Craig, Village Clerk
Marc G. Hummel, Village Manager

Trustees:

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William J. Manton
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Robert D. Packham
Wayne H. Roberts

Village Hall 372-4200

Police Information 372-4400

Public Works Department 372-4440

Fire Department 837-7800

Village Information Hotline 372-4290

TDD 372-4430

Village Hall Fax 372-4215

Police Department Fax 372-4420

Public Works Department Fax 372-4462

Police, fire, ambulance 9-1-1



This newsletter is printed on recycled paper.

Christmas Tree Recycling Program

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, December 30th and Saturday, January 6th. BFI Waste Systems, the Village's residential scavenger, will be recycling the Christmas trees. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:

- * **Do not put trees in plastic bags as they will not be recycled.**
- * **Remove all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (for example, nails). Be sure to remove the stand.**
- * **Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.**
- * **Do not place artificial trees out for recycling.**

The Village requests your cooperation by setting your tree out only on the two dates previously listed. The regular Village yardwaste collection program is over for the year and will begin again in April. However, if you miss the special collection dates, BFI Waste Systems or your scavenger will collect Christmas trees with regular garbage and refuse collection.

This service is also being provided to the homeowner associations who are not regularly serviced by BFI Waste Systems. If you have questions, call the Village at 372-4210 or BFI Waste Systems at (630) 469-1036 or (847) 429-7370.

Elected Official Call-In Program

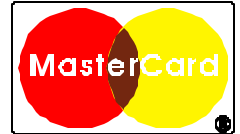
Two Village elected officials are available on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7-9 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns.

The phone number to call is 630-372-4205.

The next call-in dates are December 28th and January 25th.



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