

Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

January/February 2005

Citizen Corps Provides Volunteers with Training To Assist in Disasters

After tragedy struck our nation on September 11, 2001 a number of recommendations were made to enhance the safety of all citizens from threats related to terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. Through these initiatives the Citizen Corps was created. The Citizen Corps is a community-based project enlisting all citizens to assist in homeland security as well as community and family preparedness.

In January of 2002, President Bush, in his State of the Union address, requested Americans to volunteer their services in their home communities in an attempt to improve and safeguard our country as a whole. The Citizen Corps attempts to accomplish this mission through education, training and volunteer service. Four areas which are overseen by the Citizen Corps are Neighborhood Watch, Volunteers in Police Services, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps.

The Village of Hanover Park has developed a Citizen Corps Council and is one of a growing number of Councils in the State of Illinois. Several citizens from the Village have been trained as CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team members. Their training prepares them to assist in most disaster situations performing a variety of functions. In cooperation with DuPage EMA/Homeland Security one of our CERT team members has already been deployed to an area of the country hit by the disastrous hurricanes.

For further information on the Citizen Corp and its programs you may visit the official web site at www.citizencorps.gov.

Construction to Begin Spring 2005 on New Headquarters Fire Station on Barrington Road



Artist's rendering of the new Headquarters Fire Station at 6850 Barrington Road

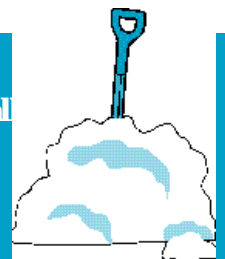
A new Headquarters Fire Station, to be located at 6850 Barrington Road, is scheduled to be under construction this spring. This new 26,278 square foot facility will replace the existing Fire Station Number 1 located at 1661 Maple Avenue.

The new fire station will house the Fire Department's administrative offices as well as a large apparatus floor and living quarters for on-duty personnel. Also included is a 100 seat state-of-the-art training facility to be located in the basement. This area will be used to train department personnel, as well as serve as a regional training site for State and MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) training.

The existing station on Maple Avenue was constructed when the Village was served by voluntary firefighters and did not have facilities suitable for the Village's full time fire suppression and emergency medical response personnel. The new station will have six drive through apparatus bays, as well as sleeping facilities for 12 firefighters. The station will also include a kitchen, dining room and day room.

The Barrington Road station will respond primarily to calls from the north side of town.

**Do children in your neighborhood walk to school?
If so, it is especially important to keep your sidewalk
shoveled and free of ice or other potential dangers.
Thanks for doing your part to keep the kids safe as
they walk back and forth to school.**





Minute with the Mayor . . .

Hanover Park Establishes Relief Fund To Aid Tsunami Victims

On December 26, 2004, a tsunami triggered by an undersea earthquake off the island of Sumatra, became one of the world's largest natural disasters in terms of casualties. At the latest count, 250,000 people have been confirmed dead in a dozen countries, and the United Nations has warned the death toll could double unless survivors receive clean water and other basic services to prevent diseases. In addition, 500,000 survivors have been left homeless in Indonesia alone, while the total across the affected countries has been estimated at 5 million persons.

The Village of Hanover Park, to help raise donations, has established a relief fund at Charter National Bank in Hanover Park. The Village is donating \$1,000 to establish the fund. The funds collected will be equally divided between the American Red Cross, UNICEF, CARE USA and the Salvation Army.

Hanover Park residents and others wishing to make donations may do so by sending a check to the Hanover Park Relief Fund at Charter National Bank, 1400 Irving Park Road, Hanover Park or by depositing cash or a check at the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall.

This is the first time the Village has established a relief fund for a specific purpose. We have donated to different agencies in the past. The primary thought was to select charities that would be effective for the children in the hard hit regions affected by the tsunami.

In so many places people are starting their lives over from scratch. Many of these people are also dealing with the loss of their family and friends. After the initial needs of food, clean water and sanitation, victims of this tragedy will require assistance in rebuilding their communities. Immediate relief efforts will continue and move toward long term reconstruction and rehabilitation.

I would like to thank the residents and businesses of Hanover Park for their support and compassion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irv Bock".

Irv Bock,
Village President

Clerk's

CORNER

▲ Primary election for Schaumburg Township residents:

A Consolidated Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 for Schaumburg Township registered voters. Polls will open at 6:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

▲ Consolidated Election April 5:

The Consolidated Election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2005. The ballot will include nominees for election to the positions of Hanover Park Village President, Village Clerk, and three Village Trustees, local Library Board, as well as Township, Park District and School Board representatives. Polls will be open from 6:00 AM until 7:00 PM.

▲ Register to vote by March 8:

The last day to register in order to be eligible to vote in the April 5 election in March 8. Hanover Park residents who will be 18 years of age or older by April 5, 2005 may register at the Village Clerk's office. Bring two forms of identification, at least one of which must show your current address.

▲ Absentee ballots: Absentee ballots will be available from on March 14 through April 4 for voters who will be away from their regular polling place on election day.

▲ Interested in serving as an election judge? Contact the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for further information.



'STAARS' Shine at Village Hall

(*STudents Artists and AuthoRs Program)

The work of young artists from Spring Wood Middle School was featured in the Village Hall from November 18 through December 15. The work of Anne Fox Elementary School's young artists was on display from December 16 through January 19.

Artists from Spring Wood Middle School included:

6th Grade:

Darrell Garrett, Ashley Gunnells, Gina Wiley

7th Grade:

Ivan Diaz, Diane Fru, Bernadette Herrera, Kiana McClelland, Matt Palmer

8th Grade: Ayesha Afsar, Staryln Howell, Brittaney Singleton, Jazz Singh

Art teacher: Christine Coburn

Artists from Anne Fox Elementary School included:

1st Grade:

Adam Canedy, Allyson Marlow

2nd and 3rd Grade:

Nicole Kasman

4th Grade:

Ariana Aranda, Jonathan Leiva, Cathy Serwin

5th Grade:

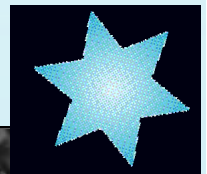
Natalie Duvall, Alicia Sanfillippo

6th Grade:

Melissa Donegan, Olivia Partyka, Nashmia Rizwan

Art teachers:

Jill Hoffman and Virginia Cavall



Proceeds from Hanover Park's Sister Cities Fundraisers Helps to Provide Medical Relief For Cape Coast Children

The Children's Ward of Cape Coast District Hospital received medical supplies delivered by representatives of the Metropolitan Chicago Fante Benevolent Society last month.

Funds for this gift were raised at the art auction and afternoon tea hosted by Hanover Park's Sister Cities Committee at the Illinois State Sister Cities Convention, held in Hanover Park in April 2004.

Many thanks are due to auction chair Carol Nevin for her tireless dedication to this event.

U.S. Grant Providing HIV/AIDS Education To Hanover Park's Sister City

Hanover Park was one of seven Sister Cities that was granted funds from the U. S. State Department to further HIV/AIDS education in cooperation with their African counterpart, Rhoda Quarcoo, Environmental Health Officer for the Cape Coast Municipal Authority, and the Reverend Dr. K. Bentsi-Enchill.

The Rev. Dr. Bentsi-Enchill and Ms. Quarcoo presented information at an HIV/AIDS awareness lecture to Cape Coast students. The initial phase of the educational project was targeted at young people.

Ms. Quarcoo helped develop age appropriate material and established a good rapport with the students.



The Rev. Dr. Bentsi-Enchill, director of the grant, is a medical doctor with a background in public health administration.

Ms. Rhoda Quarcoo, Cape Coast Municipal Environmental Health Officer, and Dr. K. Bentsi-Enchill, grant director, visit a Cape Coast classroom to deliver an HIV/AIDS educational program.

Be Safe on the Roads This Winter!

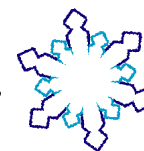
Winter is here and now is the time to make sure your vehicle is properly winterized. Winter weather requires a vehicle that is in peak operating condition and a driver who is alert for the challenges and dangers that come with inclement weather.

The National Weather Service offers the following suggestions:

1. Have your vehicle checked and serviced. This includes, but is not limited to, checking the battery, antifreeze level, wipers and fluid, lights, heater, brakes and oil level.
2. Make sure there is enough tread on the vehicle's tires for safe driving and stopping.
3. Maintain at least a half tank of gas during the winter driving season.



4. Dress warmly, with several layers of clothing, to help ward off hypothermia.



5. Always drive at a safely reduced speed when ice and snow are present on the roadway.

If you are trapped in your vehicle during a severe winter storm, stay in the car, unless help is visible within 100 yards. You may become disoriented and lost in blowing snow. Run the car's engine 10 minutes every hour and

beware of carbon monoxide poisoning.

For more information, check the National Weather Service website at www.crh.noaa.gov.

Congratulations 2004 Deck the Homes Contest Winners!



The Village of Hanover Park and Police Department rang in the holiday season by hosting their annual Holiday Lights Tour and Deck the Homes contest. On December 16th, 60 Hanover Park residents joined with Hanover Park Police Officers, boarded two trolleys and toured the Village, viewing holiday lights displays and acting as judges for the annual "Deck the Homes" contest. After touring the lights the group returned to Village Hall where they enjoyed hot cider, cookies and plenty of Christmas carols.

Congratulations to the 2004 Deck the Homes Contest winners:

Single Family Winner – The Perez Family, 6770 Peach Lane

Multi Family Winner – The Weberski Family, 1431 Bear Flag Lane



Hanover Park Police Department Receives Reaccreditation by National Agency

The Hanover Park Police Department originally received accredited status in November of 2001 from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies otherwise known as CALEA. Agencies that receive this award must undergo a reaccreditation every three years by the commission to ensure continued compliance.

Our Police Department underwent this intensive four-day on-site re-assessment beginning on August 14, 2004 by an accreditation team from CALEA. The team was comprised of assessors from similarly sized law enforcement agencies from Ohio, New York and Texas. These assessors, trained by CALEA, were to establish our department's continued compliance with more than 400 individual standards. These standards exemplify the best policing practices an agency must adhere to in order to achieve accredited status. The Hanover Park Police Department is one of only fifty municipal law enforcement agencies that have been awarded accreditation by the commission in the State of Illinois.

Once the accreditation team completed their assessment a final report was prepared and presented to the commission. A select group of commissioners reviewed our report for any deficiencies or outstanding accomplishments. Chief of Police, Ronald A. Moser and Accreditation Manager, Lt. Roy Hanold then appeared before this same panel of commissioners on December 4, 2004 for a hearing. The hearing took place at CALEA's Twenty-fifth Anniversary Conference in Austin, Texas. During the hearing Chief Moser and Lt. Hanold were questioned about the report and the findings of the assessment team. The commissioners then voted unanimously to reaccredit the Hanover Park Police Department. That night, during the presentation ceremony, Chief Moser and Lt. Hanold accepted the award.

The Hanover Park Police Department, under the direction of Chief Moser, is committed to the accreditation process and the level of professionalism it brings to policing. The Police Department will again undergo another assessment in August of 2007. Preparations have already begun for a new assessment team to evaluate our department at this time.

Hanover Park - Calendar of Events

Police 9-1-1 Fire/Ambulance 9-1-1 Village Hall (630) 372-4200

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 CONNECT Committee 12:00 p.m., Room 214 Sister Cities 7:30 p.m., Room 101	9	10 Development Commission Meeting 7:30 p.m. Room 214	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 Valentine's Day CERT, 7:30 PM, Room 214	15	16	17 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	18 CPR Class @ Station 1 Must register with Fire Department Cycles 1,2,5,6,7,8 Water Bills Due	19
20	21 President's Day Village Hall Closed	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Elected Officials Call-In Program 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 372-4205	25	26
27	28					

MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 CONNECT Committee	9	10 Development	11	12

					Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	Station 1, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Must register with Fire Department	
20	Cycles 3 and 4 Water Bills Due	21	22	23	24 Elected Officials Call-In Program 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 372-4205	25	26
27		28	29	30	31		

APRIL

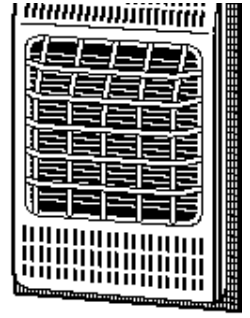
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Curbside Yardwaste collection resumes	2
3 Daylight Savings time begins - Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors	4 Brush collection for Area #1, 7:00 a.m.	5	6	7 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11 Brush collection for Area #2, 7:00 a.m.	12 CONNECT Committee 12:00 p.m., Room 214 Sister Cities 7:30 p.m., Room 101	13	14 Development Commission Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Room 214	15 CPR Class @ Station 1, 6:30 - 10:00 p.m. Must register with Fire Department	16
17	18 Brush collection for Area #3, 7:00 a.m.	19 Cycles 1,2,5,6,7,8 Water Bills Due	20	21 Village Board Meeting 7:30 p.m.	22	23
24	25 Brush collection for Area #4, 7:00 a.m.	26	27	28 Elected Officials Call-In Program 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. 372-4205	29 Arbor Day	30

Using a Space Heater? Be Sure to Give It Plenty of Space

With the colder weather upon us, we often turn to supplemental forms of heating for our home and work areas. One popular form of providing this heat is the space or portable heater. These units are designed to provide a safe method of heating; however, precautions need to be taken to ensure their safe use. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that more than 100,000 residential fires every year are associated with the use of space heaters.

Here are some important suggestions to help you safely use both electric and liquid-fueled heaters.

- ❑ Make sure that the type of space heater that you use is legal in your area and bears the label of an independent nationally recognized testing laboratory. Have them inspected annually by qualified persons to ensure that they are properly adjusted and clean.
- ❑ Purchase a heater that has automatic safety features, such as a tip-over switch and an over-heat cut-off device. Should one of these malfunction, do not use the unit until it is repaired by a qualified person. Replace missing guards and controls at once.
- ❑ Locate your heater on a level surface, such as the floor. Do not use electric heaters in moist or wet places such as bathrooms, as part of the heater might be damaged and a fire or shock hazard may result. Never touch an electric heater if any part of your body is wet.
- ❑ Locate your heater at least three feet away from things that could catch fire such as; draperies, furniture, or bedding. Never use heaters to dry clothes or shoes.
- ❑ Never use or store flammable liquids (paint, gasoline, etc) around a space heater. The open flame or open circuit of an electric heater could ignite the flammable vapors.
- ❑ Heaters used in a bedroom should be well away from the bed. Pillows and bedding could easily fall on the heater, causing a fire. Never use a space heater overnight in the room where you are sleeping. Dangerous levels of carbon monoxide could accumulate from fuel-fired heaters, or uncontrolled burning could cause a fire.
- ❑ Unplug your electric heater when not in use. When unplugging the heater, pull the plug – not the cord.
- ❑ Always use the proper fuel for liquid-fueled heaters, be sure that they are vented properly, refill them only in well-ventilated areas, and when they are completely cool. Never fill the fuel tank of a kerosene heater beyond the full mark because as the fuel warms, it expands and could spill and cause a fire. NEVER refuel with gasoline, only use 1-K kerosene. Keep kerosene stored outside in a sealed blue container labeled “Kerosene”.
- ❑ Do NOT leave your heater unattended around children, pets or the elderly.
- ❑ Remember to equip your home with at least one smoke detector on each floor.



Congratulations, Police Academy Grads!

For the past few months, the Hanover Park Police Department hosted its seventh annual Citizens Police Academy. This program serves as a link in constructing a working partnership between the police and the public. The twelve residents that participated in the program were exposed to various aspects of police work including organizational set up, operational functions, the officer selection process and hiring requirements, academy training and the Field Training Officer program. Also highlighted were crash investigations, traffic stops, officer safety and occupant control issues. The program also provided an introduction to the Investigative Division including an overview of the investigative process and evidence collection. Participants completed several practical exercises simulating actual traffic stop scenarios, baton techniques, and crime scene exercises.

In addition, the Gang Tactical Unit and Police Canine Units provided explanations of their duties along with demonstrations. The class also became familiar with the Police Department's Crime Prevention and Community Relations Divisions, and received an overview of the DARE and GREAT programs, COPS Day picnics, and National Night Out.



A dinner and graduation ceremony was held upon completion of the program and graduates are now eligible to become members of the Citizen Patrol.

The Class of 2004 Citizen's Police Academy graduates include: Hans Becker, Mary Boyes, Kimberly Brakeall, Maria Garcia, Veronica Garcia, Raymond Gardecki, Virginia Miedema, Charlotte Rhodes, Robert Wachsmuth, Eddie Wade, Kathy Weber and Melody Zimel.

Congratulations!

Do You Have Your Animal License?

Animal licenses are available at the Village Clerk's office. The fee is \$5.00 per animal; however the fee is waived for senior citizens 65 years of age and older.

In order to purchase an animal license, you must bring in a valid rabies certificate.

Commuter Parking Permits Available

2005 commuter parking lot permits can be purchased for \$20.00 per month. Permits through December 2005 are currently available.

There is a 10% discount when permits for three or more consecutive months are purchased at the same time.



Spotlight on Business

The Art of Flowers

Is there a special occasion coming up? (psst – Valentine's Day!). Would you like to say "I love you", "I'm sorry," or "Thanks" – in a special way? Then, say it with flowers. Make someone feel very special by sending them beautiful flowers from The Art of Flowers.



The Art of Flowers

The Art of Flowers, located at 1156 Lake Street in Hanover Park, offers a variety of arrangements to fit your occasion. The Art of Flowers uses only the freshest of flowers in their arrangements. They can custom make an arrangement for all occasions including weddings, parties, new baby, get well, congratulations, I love you, or just because.

The Art of Flowers also has a large selection of live plants to choose from in addition to their cut flower arrangements. You can dress up your arrangement with balloons and even pick up the perfect greeting card.

The shop is open Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM; and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They also offer delivery service.

So, for that next occasion, call The Art of Flowers at 630/483-2580. They'll make it special for you.



Customers can choose from a variety of fresh cut flowers, balloons, and greeting cards.



Hanover Highlights

ENJOY THOSE HOLIDAY LIGHTS . . . BUT REMEMBER TO REMOVE THEM WITHIN 90 DAYS

Holiday lights and decorations brighten the season for everyone. But, there is a time and a place for everything, and now is the time to place your holiday decorations in storage in readiness for next year. If your holiday decorations are still hanging from the rooftop and adorning the front lawn, this is a friendly reminder that Village ordinance specifies that holiday decorations must be taken down within 90 days following the holiday. Thanks for your cooperation.



Scott Weber and Larry Stahl are congratulated by Public Works Director Howard Killian.

LARRY STAHL, SCOTT WEBER, RECOGNIZED FOR COMPLETION OF PUBLIC SERVICE SUPERVISOR'S PROGRAM

The Village Board recently recognized Larry Stahl, Wastewater Treatment Supervisor, and Scott Weber, Street Supervisor, for their completion of the Illinois Public Service Institute Supervisor's Program. This class covered topics such as the role of public service in emergencies, successful team building, managing generational differences and problem employees, business etiquette, expectations and performance, conflict communication, creating an action plan, time management, creative problem solving as well as motivation. Larry and Scott attended three week long programs that began in October 2002 and ended October 2004.

THANKS, LIONS CLUB'S SANTA , FOR BRIGHTENING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

The Hanover Park Lions Club and the Village sponsored a tree-trimming party on December 12th for local children. Santa blazed into the Village, arriving on a fire engine. After the Village holiday tree was trimmed and carols sung, the party moved inside for hot chocolate, cookies, and a magic show!

REMEMBER: OVERNIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED FROM 2:00-6:00 AM

The Village of Hanover Park prohibits overnight parking on any designated Village street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., every day of the week unless otherwise posted. If a resident needs temporary parking due to emergency or out-of-town guests, call 630/372-4400 and receive permission to park on the street for a limited time.

The Village of Hanover Park restricts the time a vehicle may be parked on any sidewalk to provide for the safe movement of pedestrian traffic. Vehicles may be parked over the sidewalk between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. every day of the week.

BRUSH PICKUP RESUMES IN APRIL

The Village of Hanover Park's annual Brush Pickup Program begins on April 4. Be watching for the March/April edition of the Hanover Hi-Lighter for complete details on the program.

BFI YARDWASTE COLLECTION RESUMES APRIL 1

BFI resumes regular yardwaste collection on Friday, April 1, 2005. Yardwaste stickers are available at Village Hall in addition to several retail outlets at a cost of \$1.74 per sticker. A yardwaste disposal sticker must be affixed to each Kraft paper yardwaste bag or through the handle of each plastic or metal container left at the curb. Place the container so that the sticker is facing the street. Please consult your Solid Waste Services Newsletter for further information.



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Important telephone numbers

- Village Hall (630) 372-4200
- Police Information (630) 372-4400
- Public Works
- Department (630) 372-4440
- Fire Department (630) 736-6800

Village Information Hotline (630) 372-4290

Code Enforcement Hotline (630) 372-4262

- TDD (630) 372-4430
- Village Hall fax (630) 372-4215
- Police
- Department fax (630) 372-4420
- Public Works
- Department fax (630) 372-4462

Police, fire and ambulance 9-1-1

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.

Standing committee meetings:

Call the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Development Commission
- Hanover Park CONECT Committee
- Sister Cities Committee

Curfew hours for those under 17 years of age are 11:00 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 12 AM on Friday and Saturday.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call (630) 372-4200

Village Welcomes Three New Full Time Firefighters



Pictured left to right: Mayor Bock, Ricardo Ramirez, Larry Anselmo, Michael Fuscone, Marc Montalbano, and Chief Haigh.

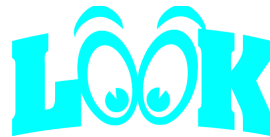
The Village Board swore in three full time firefighters at the December 16 Village Board Meeting. They include: Marc Montalbano, Larry Anselmo and Michael Fuscone. **Larry Anselmo** graduated from the Elgin Fire Academy in 2002 as a Firefighter II. He has completed a course in HazMat Awareness and technical rescue awareness and received his paramedic license in October 2004. **Marc Montalbano** is also a Firefighter II and has been with the Hanover Park Fire Department since 1997 as a part time employee. He became a Fire Investigator in March 2004 and received his paramedic certification in August 2004. He also completed a Technical Rescue Awareness course and is HazMat Operations Certified. **Michael Fuscone** has been a Paid on Call firefighter for Hanover Park for over seven years. He received his paramedic certification in 2000. He holds certifications of Fire Apparatus Engineer and HazMat Operations. Welcome to all!

Pay your water bill online!

www.HanoverParkIllinois.org

Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"

MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online. Visa may only be used when paying in-person at the Village Hall.



Got a question or concern? Elected officials hope you'll call to talk to them about it

Village of Hanover Park officials want to make it as easy as possible to talk to them about anything of special interest or concern to you. That's why they offer a special resident call-in program on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns. The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

The next call in dates are **February 24, March 24 and April 28**. We'd love to hear from you!

Playground at Glens Built With Cooperative Effort

The children living in the Glens of Hanover Park have an extra reason to be anxiously awaiting the arrival of spring. They have a new playground equipped with \$45,000 worth of the latest equipment to enjoy once the weather breaks.

The new playground is the result of a \$10,000 commitment by the Glens of Hanover Park Homeowners Association, a partnership with the KaBoom Company and the Home Depot in Schaumburg, an army of willing volunteers who installed the new playground equipment in less than a day, and several local businesses that made a variety of donations to the project.

"Our old playground was built in 1977," said Charlotte Miller, the Glens Treasurer and Playground Committee Co-chair. "Our homes are bordered by Lake Street, the railroad tracks, the Commonwealth Edison property, and Barrington Road, so our children didn't have safe access to any other parks in town."

Miller got the idea for the cooperative venture when she saw a sign that a playground near Cabrini Green was being funded through a partnership with the KaBoom Company. "I saw that and wondered, 'Why can't we have a new playground, too?'" Miller said.

KaBoom requires that the organization making the request come up with the first \$10,000 for the project, which the Glens funded by taking reserve money from their homeowners association's treasury.

More than 150 volunteers gathered at 8:30 AM on October 21, and had the playground completed before the children came home from school that afternoon. The new playground is equipped with a tube slide, spiral slide, bounce buttons, monkey bars, swings, chin up bars, triple shoot basketball, baby swings, and plenty of benches for Mom and Dad. Bright yellow, purple and teal are the dominant colors. The playground is handicapped accessible.

The playground also serves children living in Fremont Junction and Rainbow Pointe, although neither group contributed funds for the project. In all, Miller estimates that more than a thousand children will enjoy the park.

KaBoom officials told Miller that additional funding is available to other interested groups. For further information, contact Miller at (630) 289-7975.



Village of Hanover Park

2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133
(630) 372-4200

VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 AM-4:30 PM
Thursday 8:00 AM-7:30 PM

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Irwin A. Bock, Village President
Sheny L. Craig, Village Clerk

Rodney S. Craig, Trustee
Wesley E. Ely, Trustee
Lori A. Kaiser, Trustee

William J. Manton, Trustee
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