

# Hi-Lighter

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The Hanover Park Municipal Complex will be closed on Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.

Police and Fire will remain open 24/7.

Select the "Notify Me" icon on the home page of our website to stay informed of current events and happenings in the Village by signing up for our eNews.

## Hanover Park Is Here For You!

The Village of Hanover Park is continuing to serve our residents and the business community and are confident we will come out of this unprecedented situation stronger together! Though the Village Hall is closed to the public, the Village is providing all its essential services while observing safe practices for our residents and employees. Special informational flyers were sent to all of our customers in their last water bills. We hope that you have found the information posted on our Facebook page helpful. Given the evolving situation, please visit the Village's website often as we regularly update the information at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org). A special page, [www.hpil.org/HPCOVID19](http://www.hpil.org/HPCOVID19), has been created for the latest information on COVID-19, changes to Village services, and useful links for residents and businesses.

The Village has been reaching out to our businesses, providing information about financial resources and support services (see page 4 for additional business resources). Several regulations have been eased for our restaurants and food-related businesses. Did you know that the Village has a special newsletter for our business community called "Business Matters?" Business Matters is a monthly newsletter however, several special editions of the newsletter have been sent to our businesses with timely and pertinent information about financial help, webinars, and connections to many services at Federal, State and Regional levels.

**Now more than ever, we urge you to shop local and support Hanover Park businesses! Whether you are a resident or a business, the Village is here for you.**



*Hanover Park is proud of our first responders who are working hard to keep our community safe! Thank you to our Public Works, Police and Fire department first responders!*



In times like these, it is important to **SHOP LOCAL!** The dollars you spend in our community are reinvested in our community, so please shop at our local businesses.

There are several ways you can do this and support our local economy. One way is to buy your essentials (gas, groceries, etc.) from businesses located within Hanover Park. You can also buy gift cards from them now to use later.

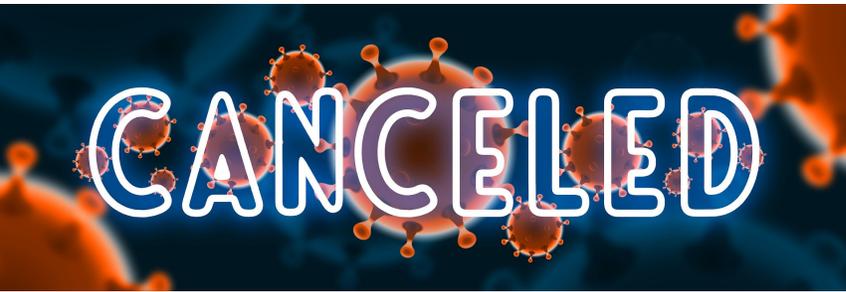
Another way you can support local businesses is to order take out or delivery from your favorite local restaurants. The Village of Hanover Park has produced a restaurant guide to help residents know which restaurants and grocery stores are still open and how they are service customers.

A list of our local restaurants, with information about their hours and any delivery/pick-up services they offer (such as Uber Eats, GrubHub, etc.) can be found on the Village's website. You can also see a map showing the location of all these restaurants, as well as a business directory of all Hanover Park businesses by name and category (such as grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, etc.).

When you do go out for essentials, wear a face covering, and please keep in mind that using credit or debit cards can help reduce the spread of the virus. In addition, use the self check-out lane to limit your exposure to others. Finally, be patient, as many businesses are working with a reduced capacity.

You can find the above resources by visiting us at [www.hpil.org/Shop-Local](http://www.hpil.org/Shop-Local).

# Calendar of Events



Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Governor's Executive Order to stay in place, and the social distancing guidelines, the following events have either been canceled, or will be rescheduled for later in the year:

- May 16- Market at the Metra- Canceled
- May 19- CIDC Stakeholders Meeting- Canceled
- May 25- Memorial Day Observation- Facebook Live Event!
- May 30- MLK Build Up Day- Postponed
- June 6- Touch A Truck- Canceled
- June 7- Community Apiary Open House- Canceled
- June 5- Movie in the Park- Canceled
- June 12- Relay for Life- Canceled
- June 17- Wednesday Night Live! Concert- Canceled

Please watch our Facebook page or website for additional information.

**Poplar Creek Public Library**  
1405 S. Park Avenue  
Streamwood  
630-483-4921

**Summer Reading Challenge**  
June 1-August 15



Join our Summer Reading Challenge and discover Hidden Treasures in Your Library! Earn prizes and raffle tickets along the way. Register online at [pclub.org](http://pclub.org), or download our app (search READsquared in App Store/iOS or Play Store/Android) and get your first prize just for signing up!

**Summer Newsletter - Important Info!**

The Poplar Creek Public Library's summer newsletter will only be available electronically.

To receive a copy of their June, July, & August eNewsletters, please visit [pclub.org](http://pclub.org) and click on the SUBSCRIBE button at the bottom of our homepage and check off the 'Library Programs' box, and any other topics which interest you! We will not share your email with any outside organization and you can unsubscribe at any time.

**Family Concert Series Presents:**

**The Stars & Stripes**  
June 28 at 2:00 p.m.

Bring the family to this FREE concert featuring patriotic songs with singer/songwriter Rick Pickren. Concert is held at our Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood. Register online or call 630-483-4910.



**Due to COVID-19, meeting and event dates are subject to change or cancellation.**

**Please follow our Facebook page or visit our website to be kept up-to-date on the latest information.**

## May

7	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
12	Economic Dev. Comm.....	12:30 pm / Room 214
12	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
14	Development Commission.	7:00 pm / Room 214
16	HCP CPR (BLS).....	8:00 am / Fire Station #1
19	CIDC Committee .....	6:15 pm / Room 123
21	Village Board Workshop .....	6:00 pm / Room 214
21	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
21	<b>Water Bills Due</b>	
25	<b>Village Hall Closed.....</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
25	<b>Memorial Day Ceremony ....</b>	<b>10:00 am / Facebook Live</b>
26	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
26	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214

## June

4	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
6	Veterans Committee .....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
9	Economic Dev. Comm.....	12:30 pm / Room 214
9	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
11	Development Commission ..	7:00 pm / Room 214
16	CIDC Committee .....	6:15 pm / Room 123
18	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
20	Heartsaver CPR/AED .....	8:00 am / Fire Station #1
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23	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
23	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Hanover Park is showing its resilience during this COVID-19 pandemic. I am proud of our Village staff for taking quick action to come up with a plan to keep our residents, businesses and employees safe. During these trying times, it is important to stay positive and follow the guidelines of medical experts and your government officials. We will get through this, and our community will be stronger than ever because of it. Stay up-to-date on current COVID-19 information by visiting [www.hpil.org/HPCOVID19](http://www.hpil.org/HPCOVID19).

It is uncertain where we will be and what will happen in the near future when this issue of the Hi-Lighter reaches your home. However, remember these tips when it comes to COVID-19. Wash your hands frequently (or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if you are unable to wash them right away), wear a facial covering when you visit grocery stores and pharmacies, and most importantly, practice social distancing. You should always keep 6-feet of space between you and others in public places. Finally, if we are still under a stay in place order, don't go out unless it is for essential business.

Have you completed your Census questionnaire yet? If not, I urge you to do so now. It is a quick, easy process and your information is kept completely confidential. It is so important for you to **Be Counted!!** Valuable state and federal dollars are at stake. Additionally, encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. Hanover Park needs every dollar that can be provided from the Federal Government and the State if we have an accurate count. Respond today at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov).

I commend all of our School Districts for the exceptional support they have given to the students. I continue to see the activity to support remote learning. A lot of learning is going on with interactive classroom productivity. I miss my visits to the classes and talking about the Village and reading books to the students. I get so much energy from the students during these sessions. I admire the dedication of our teachers and staff who believe in our students and their success.

The Hanover Park Veterans Committee encourages everyone to watch the Memorial Day Observance Ceremony on **Facebook Live**, in honor of our Veterans and to remember those who have lost their lives while serving our country. This year it is being held on Monday, May 25th, at 10:00 am. As part of the ceremony, two new remembrance bricks will be added to the Plaza.

See page two for a list of events and activities that have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Be sure to watch our Facebook page closely for additional information on future events.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful Village, at the schools, churches or assisting on the playing field. We are a community that believes "all children are capable of success, NO EXCEPTIONS." Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth and together we are making a difference in the Village of Hanover Park!

***"We will get through this and our community will be stronger than ever because of it!"***

Mayor Rodney Craig

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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# Clerk's Corner:

## No Solicitors

It is unlawful to solicit or peddle on premises where a sign is posted. Police will be called.  
Village of Hanover Park Code Sec. 58-393. 1

As the weather gets warmer and solicitors start knocking at your door, please note the following information:

**Permits Required:** All Solicitors are required to have a permit displayed at all times. If they do not have a valid permit, please call 9-1-1. Although this may not be an emergency, it is the best way to dispatch an officer to your area. Make note of the names of individuals, company, what they are wearing and direction they are heading in to better advise dispatch. Your call can be made anonymously.

**Consumer Protection:** Protect yourself as a consumer and research all products and review all contracts properly. If you are victim of fraud, please contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 1-800-386-5438 or [www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov)

**No Solicitation Program:** Please contact the Office of Village Clerk Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda at 630-823-5601. We will provide you with an application to add your address to the no solicitation program and will also mail a FREE sticker for your door.



**Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda**  
Village Clerk

## Yard Waste Collection

Although the Village's April brush pick-up was canceled, you are still able to get your yard waste picked up. You may put brush and branches out for pickup by Groot Industries on Fridays from April 3, 2020 through Friday, November 27, 2020.

The following are appropriate brush waste that Groot Industries will pickup:

- Bundles up to 48" long and up to 18" in diameter
- Individual branches that do not exceed 3 1/2" in diameter
- Brush that is tied with natural fiber twine



**Note:** You must attach a sticker on bundles of yard waste.

## Brush Pickup Program

The Brush Pickup Program provides free curbside pickup and chipping of branches, which are then reused as mulch. Last year, the program produced 1,765 cubic yards of mulch which was made available free to Village residents for use around shrubs and flower beds. Brush will be picked up in July and October according to the following schedule:

Areas 1 & 2:	July 6 & October 5, 2020
Areas 3 & 4:	July 20 & October 19, 2020

Visit our website for more information at [www.hpil.org/BrushPickupProgram](http://www.hpil.org/BrushPickupProgram)

## Business Resources

Many Hanover Park businesses, both large and small, were impacted by COVID-19 and the Shelter in Place order. However, there are many resources out there to assist your business to get back to where it was before this pandemic hit.

We have listed some of the resources available to you below.

- The Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) is providing grants and resources to various businesses to help them during the COVID-19 pandemic. DCEO and the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) have established the Illinois Small Business Emergency Loan Fund to offer small businesses low interest loans of up to \$50,000. Businesses located outside of the City of Chicago with fewer than 50 workers and less than \$3 million in revenue in 2019 will be eligible to apply. Successful applicants will owe nothing for six months and will then begin making fixed payments at a below market interest rate for the remainder of a five-year loan term.
- Congress has passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES), which includes assistance for individuals, employers, non-profits, and local governments. It offers programs such as Paycheck Protection Program Loans, Small Business Debt Relief Program, Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Emergency Economic Injury Grants, Small Business Counseling, Small Business Contracting, and Small Business Tax Provisions.

The Village's website, [www.hpil.org/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses](http://www.hpil.org/COVID-19-Resources-for-Businesses), has further information on these, along with many other resources and information. We encourage you to visit our website or call us for additional information.

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2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133

### Important Telephone Numbers: Police, Fire & Ambulance: 9-1-1

Main Number .....630.823.5600  
Police Information .....630.823.5500  
Public Works Dept.....630.823.5700  
Comm. Development...630.823.5780  
Finance Department.....630.823.5790  
Water Billing .....630.823.5799  
Fire Department.....630.823.5800  
Inspectional Services....630.823.5860  
Police Department fax..630.823.5499  
Public Works fax.....630.823.5704  
Municipal Building fax...630.823.5786

Code Enforcement Hotline  
630.823.5572

**Village Board Meetings:**  
Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2121 Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Call the Village Clerk's Office at 630.823.5601 or visit our website for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Development Commission
- Economic Development Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Historical Commission
- Sister Cities Committee
- Special Events Committee
- Veteran's Committee

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

**Neighborhood Watch:**  
Interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch block captain? Contact 630.823.5635 for more information.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call 630.823.5600.

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

## What Not to Flush!

The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Toilets Are Not Trashcans campaign is focused on protecting the pipes, pumps, plants, and personnel of wastewater utilities across the nation by reducing the materials that are inappropriately flushed or drained into the sewer system.

Products such as wipes, paper towels and feminine hygiene products should not be flushed, but often are, causing problems for utilities that amount to billions of dollars in maintenance and repair costs—costs which ultimately pass on to the consumer. Other consumer products contain ingredients, such as plastic microbeads and triclosan, which may harm water quality and the environment. Wipes that say they are “flushable” are not flushable and will cause obstructions in sewer lines.

Fats, oils and greases (FOG) and unused pharmaceuticals should also be kept out of the sewer system.

### Please only flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poop, and toilet Paper

Please visit <https://www.nacwa.org/advocacy-analysis/campaigns/toilets-are-not-trashcans> for more information.



visit [www.nacwa.org/toilets](http://www.nacwa.org/toilets)

**TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS™**

Only Flush the 3 P's: Pee, Poop, & Toilet Paper

## CHANGES TO YOUR RECYCLING PROGRAM

In an effort to reduce potential exposure to personnel, if you or someone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19, or is exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19, please bag your recyclables and place them in your trash/refuse cart. Please continue this practice until symptoms subside. If there are no signs of COVID-19 in your household, please continue to place your loose recyclables in your recycle cart.



## Property Owners Urged to be Mindful of Water Quality this Summer

In order to be mindful of water quality this summer, property owners may consider practicing natural lawn care and implementing green infrastructure projects to reduce pollutants reaching county waterways.

Commonly referred to as nonpoint source pollutants, these contaminants include fertilizer and pesticides, car oils, pet waste and litter. Once mixed in with stormwater runoff, they drain directly to streams and storm sewers off impervious surfaces, such as roadways, sidewalks and roofs.

Residents can reduce the amount of pollutants involved with lawn care by following natural practices, including:

- Use a simple and inexpensive soil test to determine what – if any – nutrients are needed.
- If nutrients are necessary, use natural compost instead of traditional fertilizer. Consider composting lawn clippings, leaves and other natural materials.
- Eliminate pesticide use by hand pulling any weeds.
- Allow grass to grow up to three inches before mowing, which improves its health by allowing roots to grow longer. These longer roots will also help remove pollutants from stormwater runoff.

In addition, residents may consider these green alternatives to common home improvement projects:

- Install a rain garden with deep-rooted native plants to filter pollutants from stormwater runoff.
- Use a rain barrel or larger rainwater harvesting system to capture rainwater for reuse, such as lawn irrigation.
- Instead of repaving driveways, consider installing permeable pavers or porous concrete that allows stormwater to permeate through instead of running off.

For more information on reducing nonpoint source pollution this summer, visit [www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater\\_Management/Water\\_Quality/45853/](http://www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater_Management/Water_Quality/45853/).

## Welcome New Businesses

The Village of Hanover Park would like to welcome the following new businesses to town!

Blue Raven Solar  
(solar panel equipment & installation)  
1300 Greenbrook Blvd., Suite 202  
855-205-2530

EFC International  
(distribution & wholesale auto components)  
4150 Chandler Dr.  
630-539-7000

Marc Austin Agency-American Family Insurance  
(auto, home, life, renters & business insurance)  
1060 Lake St., Suite 101  
630-582-2000

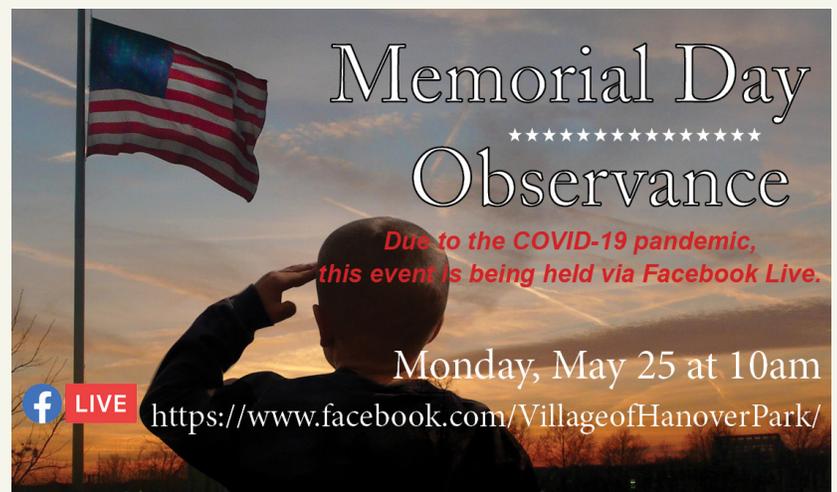
SP Marketing  
(product sourcing and full service marketing)  
1260 Bamburg Court  
847-551-5629

U.S. Tae Kwon Do Academy  
(martial arts & self-defense education)  
7233 Olde Salem Circle  
630-935-4098

## Memorial Day Observance

On Monday, May 25th at 10:00 a.m., the Hanover Park Veterans Committee will be holding a Memorial Day Observance through **Facebook Live**. This event is being held in honor of our Veterans and to remember those who have lost their lives while serving our country. As part of the ceremony, two new remembrance bricks will be added to the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Due to COVID-19, this event will not be open to the public. We encourage you to watch the event online through the Village's Facebook which can be found at [www.facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark](https://www.facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark).



# Inspectional Services: Be Aware of Storm Chasers

Storm chasers are responsible for a large portion of roofing scams. The out-of-town roofers travel around the country following the paths of storms, looking for homeowners to exploit. The Weather Bureau reports which areas have hail or wind damage. The chasers pay attention to those notifications and know the insurance companies will allow for roof replacement in those areas. The way the scam works is the storm chasers will blanket an area hit by hail or wind damage and look for unsuspecting homeowners in need of roof repairs. They'll pass out leaflets and even show up unannounced or offer a free inspection.

The storm chaser contractor knows how the insurance companies work, and based on the square footage of the roof, they can figure out how much it will cost to put on a cheap new roof. The homeowner gets burned because the storm chaser often only does the bare minimum to replace the roof, but doesn't address any other problems, or restore the roof to its original condition. The homeowner is then left with a poorly constructed roof, and the fraudulent company that was once so ready to help has vanished.



The storm chasers have no incentive to produce high quality work, and there is really no way for them to be held accountable because they will be gone by the time a problem arises. Aside from the inferior work, many of the storm chasers lack a valid license, don't hold insurance or will tell you they have insurance when in fact they have none. The best way to avoid the storm chaser is to do your own research. Ask to see proof of their State of Illinois Roofers License and their State of Illinois approved insurance.

Also, check their status with the Hanover Park Fire Department - Inspectional Services Division. Make sure that they have obtained a permit from the village and that they schedule the required inspections. They should also document their work progress with photos and copy both you and the village. You should also pay a visit to the roofer's office. If the company only lists a post office box, it's a major red flag. It's also smart to ask for a list of previous customers in your area, and you should visit the work sites to make sure the references are valid. Talk with the homeowner to verify that they were happy with the contractor's work.

Questions regarding this service may be directed to the Hanover Park Fire Department - Inspectional Services Division by calling 630-823-5860 or emailing [iservices@hpil.org](mailto:iservices@hpil.org)

## CEDA Women, Infants & Children (WIC) Program

**The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), is a supplemental nutrition program focused on healthy eating for moms, babies and kids.**

What WIC Offers:

- Health and Growth Assessment
- Vouchers for Nutritious Foods (including fresh fruits and vegetables)
- Breastfeeding Education and Counseling
- Individual Counseling
- Group Educational Sessions
- Internet Education
- Health Referrals
- Breast pump Referrals
- Breastfeeding Classes
- Breastfeeding Support Groups
- Breastfeeding Support Helpline
- Immunization Review and Referral
- Link to Early Intervention Services
- Link to the Family Case Management Program
- Referrals to Head Start
- Voter Registration Applications
- Other assistance and programs are available and vary with each site.

To be eligible for WIC, you must either be: pregnant, breastfeeding, have had a baby in the past 6 months, or have a child younger than five years old. You or your child must also have a health or nutrition risk and meet income guidelines.

Parents, legal guardians or caretakers who have medical and financial responsibility for a child may apply for WIC benefits. To see if you or your family is eligible, call the CEDA office listed below and speak to a WIC staff person.

CEDA HANOVER PARK  
1515 E. Lake Street, Suite 204  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
Phone: (630) 289-3800  
[www.CEDAOrg.Net](http://www.CEDAOrg.Net)

# CardioPulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)



**June 1-7 is National CPR and AED Awareness Week, spotlighting how lives can be saved if more Americans know CPR and how to use an AED.**

<https://cpr.heart.org/en/training-programs/cpr-and-aed-awareness/cpr-and-aed-awareness-week>

CPR increases the possibility of surviving sudden cardiac arrest. Cardiac arrest is when the heart stops beating. Some 350,000 cases occur each year outside of the hospital, and the survival rate is less than 12 percent. CPR can double or triple the chances of survival.

Seventy percent of cardiac arrests happen in homes, but for those that happen in a workplace, a recent American Heart Association survey found that most U.S. employees are not prepared for a cardiac emergency.

The most well-known names in CPR instruction are the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, and the National Safety Council. The Hanover Park Fire Department currently has six dedicated and passionate CPR instructors.

At the Village of Hanover Park, we teach our employees and public the American Heart Association guidelines. Our employees receive CPR training every two years.



Once a month the Hanover Park Fire Department teaches, BLS Provider CPR AED, Heartsaver CPR AED, and Bystander/Hands-Only CPR. Several businesses and schools have been trained with the AHA guidelines by the Hanover Park Fire Department. Due to COVID-19, please watch our website for when classes will resume.

At Hanover Park Fire Department, we provide the following CPR classes; ILHR Bystander CPR, AHA Heartsaver AED, and AHA BLS provider (HCP).

For information regarding CPR classes at Hanover Park Fire Department, please visit [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).

# Swimming Pool Safety

It will soon be the time of year when people like to go swimming. Swimming can be fun as long as you can avoid accidents. Here are some things to keep in mind:

1. Check that the fence around your pool is in good condition. Make sure that the gate swings out, is self-latching and that the latch is more than 54" above the walking surface.
2. You should have an alarm on any door leading to the pool so that you will be alerted if a small child tries to use the pool without supervision.
3. Diving boards are not recommended and often lead to injury.
4. Have a first aid kit on hand along with a phone to contact 9-1-1.
5. Take CPR training.
6. Check the pool daily for any slip hazards.
7. Check that drain safety covers are in place to prevent a person in the pool from drowning or injury.
8. Store pool chemicals safely.
9. Set pool rules and include the following:
  - Don't dive into shallow water,
  - Don't run on the pool deck
  - Don't push anyone into the pool, and
  - Don't hold anyone under water.
10. Teach kids how to swim and keep an eye on them.

Remember that a building permit is required for any swimming pool that is over 24 inches deep. Call, email, or stop by Inspectional Services, we are here to help.

# Outdoor Fire Safety

**The summer season is approaching fast. With warmer weather comes the grilling season.**

According to [usfa.fema.gov](http://usfa.fema.gov): Grill fires on residential properties result in an estimated average of 10 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$37 million in property loss each year. Almost half of grill fires on residential properties occur from 5 to 8 p.m.

The Hanover Park Fire Department would like to share these fire safety tips and would like to remind everyone to be safe around fire.

## Outdoor Fire Safety Tips:

- Move the grill away from siding, decking, and other things that can catch fire.
- Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking.
- Use long-handled barbecue tools when cooking on the grill.
- Use a metal screen over wood-burning fires to keep sparks from floating out.
- Turn off or put out fires before you leave the backyard.
- Build campfires at least 15 feet away from tent walls, shrubs or other things that burn.
- The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them.



## Mental Health Awareness

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Good mental health is fundamental to overall health, to personal well-being, and to the ability to lead a healthy, balanced, and productive life. Mental health refers to your overall psychological well-being and includes the way you feel about yourself, the quality of your relationships, and your ability to manage feelings and deal with difficulties. Good mental health isn't just the absence of mental health problems, but also the presence of positive characteristics that make you feel good.

### People who are mentally healthy have:

- A zest for living and the ability to laugh and have fun
- The ability to deal with stress and bounce back from adversity.
- A sense of contentment, meaning and purpose.
- The flexibility to learn new things and adapt to change.
- The ability to build and maintain fulfilling relationships.

In order to maintain your mental health, it's important to take care of yourself so you'll be better prepared to deal with challenges if and when they arise.

### Tips and strategies for taking care of yourself:

- **Take care of your body:** get enough rest, exercise (to relieve stress and elevate your mood), eat well, limit alcohol and avoid cigarettes and other drugs.
- **Learn or discover new things:** read a book, join a club, take an adult education class.
- **Connect with others:** limit TV or computer use, volunteer and help others, consider getting a pet.
- **Stay positive:** try to limit unhealthy mental habits like worrying or thinking negative thoughts.
- **Make leisure time a priority:** talk to a friend, go for a walk, listen to music, do things that feel good to you and that challenge your creativity.
- **Take care of your spirit:** think about the things you're grateful for, pay attention to what is good in your life, enjoy the beauty of nature or art, meditate.
- **Manage your stress levels:** achieve a balance between work and play, reach out to others for support, practice relaxation techniques.

If you have made consistent efforts to improve your mental health and you still don't feel good, consider seeking professional help. Mental health problems can impair a person's thinking, feeling, and behavior and can be serious and disabling. Overall quality of life is greatly improved when a person with a mental health problem receives appropriate treatment.

## Lock It or Lose It!

Although we pride ourselves on the fact that we are a safe community, over the past year we have experienced a rash of burglaries to unlocked vehicles and stolen motor vehicles. Very often these crimes are committed by non-residents who come through town looking for easy targets.



Since the beginning of 2019, 72 burglaries to vehicles have been reported. In only 4 of these cases, force was used to make entry. **This means that nearly 95% of our vehicle burglaries are to UNLOCKED VEHICLES!**

During the same timeframe, 16 stolen motor vehicles were reported. Eight of those vehicles were left unlocked with a key inside and five were left running and unattended. **THESE ARE ENTIRELY PREVENTABLE CRIMES!**

The Police Department encourages everyone to follow these simple tips:

- ALWAYS lock your vehicle before you walk away from it
- Take all vehicle keys with you. Don't keep spare keys in the vehicle
- NEVER leave your vehicle running with the keys in the ignition, even if the car is locked
- NEVER leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- If you must leave valuables in the vehicle, keep them out of sight or in the trunk
- Park your vehicle in a well-lit area

Following these tips will significantly reduce your chances of falling victim to these crimes. Please look out for your neighbors as well and call 9-1-1 if you see someone suspicious walking around looking into cars or pulling on door handles. Remember, **"LOCK IT OR LOSE IT!"**

# LOCK IT OR LOSE IT



## Be Smart. Stay Safe.

- Always keep valuables out of sight or in the trunk
- Never leave valuables in unattended vehicles
- Always lock your vehicle
- Notify the police of any suspicious activity

## Hanover Township

### Donate to the Hanover Township Food Pantry

The Hanover Township Food Pantry serves residents across the community facing food insecurity. Located at 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park, the pantry on average experiences 620 visits per month. Pantry shelves are stocked with donations from residents, local businesses and community organizations. Most needed items include: white rice, spaghetti noodles and sauce, pancake mix, syrup, instant potatoes, peanut butter and jelly, cereal, cooking oil, canned tuna and chicken, and canned vegetables and fruit.



Donations can be dropped off at the Food Pantry or at any Township facility.

For pantry hours and other information, please visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org), or call (630) 540-9085.

### Veterans Services at Hanover Township

Are you a veteran, or do you know a veteran who needs assistance in obtaining benefits? Cyndi Wollack, the Hanover Township Veterans Service Officer, is available to meet with veterans and their family members to help them navigate through the programs and forms for assistance.

As an accredited VSO with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Cyndi can help with issues as they relate to filing claims for medical care, hospitalization, medication, obtaining a DD214, ID Cards, state and local discounts, outpatient care information, pensions (veterans or widows), disability compensation, burial information and flags.

To make an appointment, please call (847) 888-8329 or email [cwollack@hanover-township.org](mailto:cwollack@hanover-township.org).



We all want our homes to be comfortable while still keeping our energy costs affordable. However, most homes waste a significant amount of energy, resulting in discomfort and high bills. The Village of Hanover Park is continually looking for ways to assist residents and businesses to live sustainably. Local nonprofit Elevate Energy helps connect homeowners with low- or no-cost energy assessments to help them find ways to be more energy efficient.

Additionally, the State of Illinois' "Illinois Solar for All" program funds nonprofits to encourage solar projects. Elevate Energy is part of this program. In addition to energy efficiency, Elevate Energy can help connect homeowners, businesses, and non-profits with state incentives to make solar installations more affordable.

Elevate Energy is a nonprofit organization that designs and implements programs that reduce costs, protect people and the environment, and ensure the benefits of clean and efficient energy use reach those who need them most. For more information, visit their website at [ElevateEnergy.org](http://ElevateEnergy.org).

To learn more about your options for energy efficiency and home energy savings, contact your local Elevate Energy advisor: Vetia Hill, Field Organizer (North Chicago/Northwest Suburbs), Elevate Energy T: 773-299-7652.

## Schaumburg Township

Registration required at 847-884-0030. Please visit their website to see if there are any event changes.

### May

Halim Time and Glass Museum and Baha'i Temple  
May 29 at 9:00am- 3:30pm  
\$37.00 required at registration  
Lunch included

Social Security Disability Presentation by Lawyer Jeffrey Rabin  
May 28 at 7 -8:30 p.m.  
Free; Registration required

### June

Secretary of State Mobile Unit  
June 5 at 10:00am – 2:00pm  
Walk-in

Rules of the Road  
Friday, June 5 at 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Free; Registration required

Music Night -Daniela Tereza  
June 9 at 6:00 – 8:00pm  
\$15.00 due at registration

Evita at Drury Lane  
June 10 at 10:30am-4:30pm  
\$75.00 due at registration

Four Winds Casino Trip  
June 16 at 8:00am – 6:00pm  
\$39.00 per person due at registration

Ticket To Work Presentation by Disability Representatives of America, LLC  
June 23 at 10 -11 a.m.  
Registration required

## Spring Projects

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Spring of 2020 will be a busy time for the Public Works Department.

Street sweeping began in April. Every street in the Village will be swept once a month throughout the year, with additional sweeping cycles in the fall. Sweeping is very important to our community; it improves its appearance, prevents street flooding, and helps keep our water ways free of debris.

Of course, the end of winter will also bring construction season to the region. The Public Works Department will begin asphalt repairs, sidewalk repairs and the repair of parkways as well as restoration from water main breaks that have been damaged during our long winter season.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700.



## Business After Hours.... Thank You

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The Village held its annual 'Business After Hours' networking event on February 24, 2020 to assist and promote our local businesses. The Village would like to THANK all our businesses who provided food to make it a successful event. Keeping the theme of our "Global Village", attendees enjoyed a wide variety of global flavors from our restaurants including: Lilianna's Bakery (king cake cupcakes and cookies), El Toreo West (homemade chicken tamales), Patel Brothers (vegetable samosas), Popeyes (chicken, red beans & rice, coleslaw), Olde Salem Café (jambalaya, muffuletta sandwiches, beignets), Caputo's (antipasto platter), and Country Style Donuts (fudgy brownies). Everything was delivered on time, hot, fresh and delicious! Thank you all for supporting Hanover Park!

## Menards Expansion..A Big Deal!

The Menards warehouse expansion and store remodeling is complete with many new products, more displays, and drive through access in the warehouse! Our local Menards warehouse now carries TWICE the amount of lumber, drywall and insulation products with easier access. The remodeled store now carries triple the number of products in the grocery and pet departments, and over 4,000 new products, including a new line of electrical and plumbing supplies.

Are you planning to remodel or make home improvements? It is now even easier to shop and browse for anything needed for your home. New displays allow you to "touch and feel" products to help envision your remodeling projects.



Are you a local contractor looking for customers? Visit the Menards "Installer Center" to create your free Menards.com Business

Account to introduce your business and services to the corresponding departments, and grow your business. Menard's new Contractor Pro Program will help you Shop Local and Hire Local! Homeowners can obtain a list of local contractors in the Installer Center and are encouraged to contact local professionals to help them complete their construction projects.

Congratulations to Menards and Thank You for your investment in Hanover Park.

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## Hanover Park Representatives Visit Our Sister Cities!



Village Trustee Herb Porter and his family, U46 School Board member Eva Porter and daughter Caryce Porter, recently traveled to Ghana to commemorate the "Year of Return", a global call to Black people who, by way of the slave trade which began in 1619, were shipped to countries around the world, to return to Ghana and reconnect with their roots and to explore investment opportunities. During their 10-day stay they visited the capital city of Accra, the ancient city of Kumasi and the Hanover Park Sister City, Cape Coast.

They experienced the beautiful architecture of Accra including the Kwame Nkrumah Museum and Burial site as well as the W.E. Dubois museum.

Their visit to Accra was followed by a brief stay in Kumasi known as the home of the Kente cloth textiles industry. There they witnessed local craftsman create the beautiful woven fabrics that are sought after around the world. In Cape Coast they were received by the Oguaa Traditional Council, led by Osabarimba Kwesi Atta II. This leg of their journey was highlighted by their visit to the "Slave Castles" at Cape Coast and Elmira, a truly emotionally draining experience. A lighter note was struck with their visit to several Hanover Park supported initiatives, the Hanover Park Elementary School and the Children's Playroom at the regional hospital.



Many new friends and acquaintances were made during this fun and educational visit to a beautiful country in Africa.

Hanover Park has Sister City relationships with Cape Coast, Ghana in West Africa and Valparaiso, Zacatecas, in central Mexico. Please contact [sistercities@hpil.org](mailto:sistercities@hpil.org) for additional information or if you have interest in becoming a member of the Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee.



Hanover Park <sup>USA</sup>

**Have You Completed Your Census Yet?**

There is still time! Due to the Coronavirus Crisis, the time to respond to the Census has been extended.

**Simple**

You can complete your Census form in three simple ways and in multiple languages.

- Internet: [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)
- Phone: Call 844-330-2020
- Mail: a form was sent to you in April, mail it back.

**Secure**

The individual information you provide to the Census Bureau is protected and not shared with any government agency, not even the Village of Hanover Park.

**Significant**

Now, more than ever, is it necessary to have a complete count to determine what funding Hanover Park will need to build a better future. When you don't count, Hanover Park loses dollars to support our planning for schools, housing, infrastructure, health, and workforce needs.

**#BeCounted!**



Hanover Park <sup>USA</sup>

**¿Ha Completado Su Formulario Del Censo?**

¡Aun Hay Tiempo! Debido a la crisis del coronavirus, se ha ampliado el tiempo para responder al Censo.

**Simple**

Puede completar su formulario del Censo de tres formas simples y en varios idiomas.

- Internet: [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov)
- Teléfono: llamando al 844-468-2020
- Correo: le llevo un formulario de correo en abril.

**Seguro**

La información individual que proporciona a la Oficina del Censo está protegida y no se comparte con ninguna agencia gubernamental, ni siquiera con el Village of Hanover Park.

**Significante**

Ahora, más que nunca, es necesario tener un conteo completo para determinar qué fondos necesitará Hanover Park para construir un futuro mejor. Cuando no cuenta, Hanover Park pierde dólares para apoyar nuestra planificación para escuelas, vivienda, infraestructura, salud y necesidades de mano de obra. **#HazteContar!**

**Need help? We got you!**  
**¿Necesita Ayuda? ¡Aquí estamos!**

**American Association of Retired Asians**

Phone Assistance @ 630-855-6518 (English/Urdu)  
Phone Assistance @ 224-659-1898 (English/Gujrathi)  
May-June Daily: at 12-2 pm & 5-7 pm  
*Facebook Live Events*  
May 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm  
June 13, 2020 at 6:30 pm

**Centro de Informacion**

Phone Assistance @ 847-695-9050 ext. 315  
(English/Español)  
Daily 10 am-4 pm  
*Facebook Live Events*  
May 13, May 27, June 10 & June 24 at 11 am

**Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

Phone Assistance @ 847-852-9514  
(English/Español)  
May-June Weekly: Every Wed. 2-5 pm  
*Facebook Live Events*  
May-June Weekly: Every Friday at 2 pm

**Village Clerk Eira Corral Sepulveda**

Phone Assistance @ 630-823-5602  
(English/Español)  
Daily 8 am to 4:30 pm  
*Facebook Live Events*  
May 15, 2020 at 11:30 am  
June 19, 2020 at 11:30 am



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**Elected Officials**

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

James Kemper, Trustee  
Fanny Y. López Benítez, Trustee  
Herb Porter, Trustee  
Bob Prigge, Trustee  
Rick Roberts, Trustee  
Sharmin Shahjahan, Trustee

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