

Hi-Lighter

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Holiday Closings

The Municipal Complex will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day holiday.



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.



9-11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Join us for a Facebook Live event to remember and honor the first responders who responded to the attacks on September 11, 2001, as well as all first responders who have given their lives in service to their communities.

Friday, September 11th

9:00 a.m.

Facebook Live Event:

www.Facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark



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Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

The Branch and Main Library are now open! Visit www.pclib.org for current hours and the latest updates.

Family Concert Series Returns:

Sueños Latin-Jazz Quintet

Sunday, September 20
2:00 p.m.



Rick Pickren: Ghost Riders & Other Spooky Songs!

Sunday, October 18
2:00 p.m.

Concerts are performed at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood. Visit www.pclib.org or call 630-837-6800 for more details.

Registration is required; in-house seating is limited. NOTE: Social distancing measures will be in place and masks will be required.

Would you prefer to watch from home? Now you can! These performances will be streamed on FACEBOOK LIVE; no registration necessary, just join us on the library's Facebook page the day of the performance!

Thank you to Walmart Community Grants for providing funding for the performance by Sueños Latin-Jazz Quintet.

Bloomindale Township

123 Rosedale Avenue
Bloomindale
630-529-7715

Textile Recycling
Saturday, October 3
8:00 a.m.-Noon

Visit www.bloomindaletownshiproaddist.com for further details.

Hanover Township

250 S. IL Route 59
Bartlett
630-837-0301

Virtual Yoga, Breathwork, Meditation, and Guided Relaxation with Teresa Speranza, Yoga Instructor
Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays (September-October)
10:00 a.m.

Further information on this virtual Zoom program is available on their website.

Schaumburg Township

1 Illinois Boulevard
Hoffman Estates
847-884-0030

Virtual Chair Yoga, Virtual Trivia Games, Virtual Bingo and More!
(September-October)

Visit www.schaumburgtownship.org.

Wayne Township

27W031 North Avenue
West Chicago
630-231-7140

Drive-Through Food Distribution
(Wednesdays in September)

Visit www.waynetwp-il.org for further details.

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.

September

3	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
5	Veterans Committee	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
7	Village Hall Closed - Labor Day	
8	Economic Dev. Committee.....	12:30 pm / Room 214
8	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
10	Development Comm.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
11	9/11 Memorial Ceremony.....	Virtual
15	CIDC Committee	6:15 pm / Room 123
17	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
19	HCP CPR (BLS).....	8:00 am / Fire Station #1
21	Water Bills Due	
22	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Village Hall
22	Environmental Comm.....	7:00 pm / Room 214

October

1	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
3	Veterans Committee	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
8	Development Commission ..	7:00 pm / Room 214
13	Economic Dev. Committee..	12:30 pm / Room 214
13	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
14	Small Business Forum	8:00 am - Virtual
15	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
17	Heartsaver CPR/AED	8:00 am / Fire Station #1
20	CIDC Committee	6:15 pm / Room 123
21	Water Bills Due	
27	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Village Hall
27	Environmental Comm.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
31	Halloween	

MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



As we are all continuing to adjust to our “new normal”, I encourage you to continue to follow the 3 W’s: **W**ear a mask; **W**atch your distance; **W**ash your hands. These simple precautions will help us get through this pandemic and get us back to our regular way of living much quicker. Kids are returning to school with adjusted schedules, remote learning environments or a hybrid schedule, and it is important to continue to stress COVID safety with our young ones. Thank you to our dedicated principals, teachers and support staff for working together to come up with a plan to keep our children safe during this pandemic. 2020 has been a challenging year, but Hanover Park will persevere!

During the civil unrest we have been experiencing across our country, the Village of Hanover Park continues to demonstrate our commitment to diversity and quality policing. We continue to examine and discuss our Police Department’s policies and practices at townhall events, Village Board Workshops, and Village Board meetings. We want to ensure that our Police Department is employing practices and policies that are fair and equitable for all. The Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) which requires the Police Department to review their policies and practices on an ongoing basis. This accreditation requires our department to adhere to contemporary best practices and policies and as a result, we have found that our Police Department already employs many of the proposed policy changes being discussed, including all of the policies recommended in the **#8CANTWAIT** campaign. Read more about it under the Spotlights section at www.hpil.org/178/Police.

I would like to invite you to participate in **“Move with the Mayor - Hanover Park.”** This initiative is supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) and the U.S. Surgeon General’s Call to Action to Promote Walking and Walkable Communities. Move with the Mayor™ (MWTM) is part of a national movement to promote strategies that work to get 27 million Americans more physically active by 2027. Sign up for Hanover Park’s Challenge Team and compete with other cities based on average step counts for the team. Prizes are available for the top Hanover Park participants. Watch our website and social media for how to sign up. More information is coming soon.

The Village of Hanover Park is proud to announce that back on July 31st, the Village’s response rate to the 2020 Census rose to 73.6% and surpassed the final response rate for the 2010 Census. As of the printing of this issue of the Hi-Lighter, we have passed the 75% response rate. This is a great news because you still have until **September 30th to respond** to the census and get Hanover Park closer to a complete count of all residents.

There are many reasons why the census is important but a major funding issue is that the state of Illinois loses \$1,400 for every person not counted. This directly effects the quality of life in Hanover Park. **Please complete the 2020 Census online at www.my2020census.gov, by phone, or by mail.**

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



Mayor Rodney Craig

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Clerk's Corner:



Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
Village Clerk

Vote! What Is Your Plan?

This November Election, establish your voting plan in advance. There are several options that you can choose:

1. Vote early at designated locations October 19 through November 2
2. Vote at your local polling place on November 3
3. Mail your ballot by November 3



Voting by mail is convenient, saves time, and allows you to make your choices in the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election from the comfort of your home!

YOU CAN APPLY ONLINE FOR A VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT TODAY!

Ballots will be in the mail in late September / early October 2020. Your ballot must be mailed and postmarked before or on Election Day, November 3.

Key dates for the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election:

DATE	EVENT
October 6, 2020	Voter Registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials
October 7, 2020	First day of grace period registration and voting
October 18, 2020	Last day to register to vote by online application
October 19, 2020	First day of early voting
October 29, 2020	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
November 2, 2020	Last day of early voting
November 2, 2020	Last day of grace period registration and voting
November 3, 2020	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
November 3, 2020	Election Day

I will respond to the 2020 Census!

What's at stake?

-  Billions in federal funds for public education and housing, roads and bridges, and more.
-  The number of seats New York City has in Congress.
-  Your community. Your voice.

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Complete your Census form by September 30

www.My2020Census.gov

Complete su forma del Censo para el 30 de septiembre



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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:

- CONECT Committee
- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Development Commission
- 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



Hanover Park Celebrates its 10th Anniversary with its Sister City Valparaiso

September 7, 2020, marks the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Sister Cities agreement between Hanover Park and Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico. The agreement was signed when a Hanover Park delegation traveled to Valparaiso. The Hanover Park delegation consisted of Village President Rodney S. Craig, Village Clerk Eira Corral Sepulveda, then-Sister Cities Committee Chair Linda McCance Packham, and Sister Cities Committee Members Arnulfo Flores, Maria Pineda and Gustavo Pineda.

Since that time, the Village of Hanover Park has enjoyed a number of interesting and rewarding exchanges with Valparaiso residents, students and municipal leadership during their visits to Chicagoland. Activities have included the hosting of receptions and tours of the Village, coordination of a pen pal letter exchange, presentation of scholarships to the Jesus Gonzales Ortega School, attendance at the annual Zacatecas Festival (Maywood), and assistance with the collection of sports equipment and athletic wear for distribution in Valparaiso.

Locally, members of the Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee participate in the annual Mexican Independence celebration by marching and riding in the parade procession sponsored by St. Ansgar Church.

This special anniversary will be recognized with the reading of a proclamation at a Village Board meeting in September.

The Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee regularly meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the community room at Hanover Park Police Headquarters, 2011 Lake Street, Hanover Park. Please contact sistercities@hpil.org for additional information or if you have interest in becoming a member of the Hanover Park Sister Cities Committee.



Seeking News About Local Heroes!

Do you know of a Hanover Park business or resident who has stepped up to help during the COVID-19 pandemic?

For example, a business that is manufacturing supplies, helping our residents, or volunteering resources, or any community residents going above and beyond to help their neighbors?

E-mail us at communitydevelopment@hpil.org. We'd love to hear about it!

Hometown Heroes!

Sun II Cleaners
5553 County Farm Road
630-830-6606

Bharti Tailors
1182 Lake Street
630-853-2514

Hanover Park Hero Alert! Do you need masks? Sun II Cleaners and Bharti's Tailors have expanded their businesses during COVID-19 and now have face masks available as well as their usual dry-cleaning services! At Sun II Cleaners, masks come in assorted colors and are washable, adjustable and made of 100% cotton with filter pockets and have comfortable ear loops. You can also order specialty prints like Cubs, Sox or Bears prints, have your company logo on them or even bring in your own patterned fabric for them to use. Bharti Tailors also has a wide variety of masks available in various colors and sizes. Stop by and pick up yours today. Sun II Cleaners is located next to Rosati's and County Farm Liquors, and Bharti Tailors is in the Greenbrook shopping plaza behind Denny's.

Thinking of Opening a Business?

Don't know where to start? Set-up a meeting with one of the many Small Business Development Centers. Hanover Park has a strong working relationship with centers at Elgin Community College, College of DuPage, Harper College, and the Women's Business Development Center (WBDC). The WBDC serves ALL, regardless of gender, and even has office hours at Village Hall once a month. Each center can help you write a business plan, access capital, and improve entrepreneur skills. Plus, the WBDC can help women owned enterprises achieve the WBENC (Women's Business Enterprise National Council) certification which qualifies a business to bid on certain government contracts. If interested, call the WBDC office at 312-853-3477 ext. 100 to set-up a consultation with an advisor who is an expert in WBENC certification.

Did You Know?

Many of Hanover Park's restaurants now have outdoor dining in addition to their regular dine-in and delivery services.

Some of these restaurants include Briana's Pancake House, Mariscos El Amigo, Islas Marias, Time Out West Sports Pub, Prairie Station Pub, Olde Salem Café, Kolachi Tandoori Grill, El Patron and Neehee's. Check with your favorites to see if they are offering outdoor dining and enjoy a summer meal outdoors...shop and dine local to support our community! Check out the dining guide which is posted on the Village's website to find a list of restaurants in Hanover Park so that you can take a break from your kitchen and try something new!



Education and Work Center

**6704 Barrington Road,
Hanover Park, IL 60133
Telephone number: 630-634-7400 (leave a message)**

The building is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19. Staff and faculty are working remotely. All classes will be online in the Fall.

Please begin the registration process at www.elgin.edu. Scroll down to find the green box that says Adult Basic Education and click on "Learn More". On the next webpage, go to the blue box labeled "English as a Second Language (ESL); High School Equivalency (HSE/GED)" and click on "Start Here". Education and Work Center staff will contact you by phone and e-mail to sign you up for online classes.

Day and evening classes available:

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Adult Basic Education (reading, math, writing)
- High School Equivalency (HSE) classes in English (daytime and evening) and Spanish (evening only)

American Job Center

Services are available Virtually. Please call 847-437-9424 or email contact@bcstillinois.org. Please visit this website: www.northcookjobcenter.com

Direct phone number: 630-634-7411 (leave a message)

- Career resources
- Resume building
- Computer workshops
- Training assistance
- Job opportunities

Investing in Our Community

Hanover Park saw residents and businesses continue to invest in our community – a laudable effort especially during these trying times. Thank you to our residents that helped support the local economy by shopping at Hanover Park businesses! Thank you to our businesses that invested in making improvements and navigated these last few months by promptly adapting to changing consumer habits. So many of our businesses modified their practices, changed hours, offered carry-out/delivery, and remained open to serve our residents. We hope you have had a chance to enjoy outdoor dining, now offered at several of our local restaurants.

The Village of Hanover Park continued providing services and staff worked hard through the COVID pandemic going above and beyond 'regular' duties.

A huge shout out goes to our Village Board of Trustees, for approving a Business Assistance Program, whereby signs were provided to our businesses free of cost to let consumers know they were open. Assistance is also in progress for helping businesses with online marketing, also free of cost, so as to help sustain and grow their sales.

Development moved forward! Menards continues expansion of its warehouse and soon, we will see a public amenity at the corner of Kingsbury and Irving Park Rd. The Verandah Senior Housing now has new families in the finished townhomes, and more units are under construction. Habitat for Humanity continues to make a positive impact in the Greenbrook Tanglewood neighborhood with the construction of new townhomes and helping many families through the Neighborhood Revitalization Coalition.



A new development was approved for the large vacant site at the NW corner of Lake St. and Gary Avenue. The site is being prepared for a mixed-use development with industrial and commercial uses at this gateway location. A new application is under review for a 3-lot subdivision for commercial development at the Northeast corner of Lake and Bartels. The Village Center Streetscape project is moving forward as well with overhead utility lines being buried. The well-designed Ontarioville Plaza will be next, with landscaping along Devon Avenue and addition of many elements for pedestrian comfort for future community events in the new downtown!

Summer capital projects have also continued during the COVID pandemic. Reconstruction is underway on Hollywood Ave, Jonquil Terrace, Thornwood Street, Rosewood Street, Hanover Street and Jasmine Drive. The paving and watermain on Countryside Drive has also been completed. In addition, the Village has also been active in patching this summer with a new patching program.

Spotlight on Business

**U.S. Taekwondo Academy
7233 Olde Salem Circle
630-935-4098**

U.S. Taekwondo Academy is a martial arts school that has a unique Afterschool Program for students lead by Master Lu Garibay – Director of Martial Arts. A combination of taekwondo instruction with their afterschool program teaches the values and 5 tenants of taekwondo: etiquette, humility, wisdom, sincerity and righteousness – all at an affordable price. Students will learn forms and techniques that will lead them on a journey from White Belt to Black Belt.

How it works: Afterschool, students are picked up from local elementary schools and brought back to the Academy where they receive help with homework, eat a parent-approved snack and then proceed to their taekwondo class. There they are taught forms, kicks, and punches along with anti-bullying techniques that can help keep them safe and build self-confidence.

The Academy also offers seasonal camps which are full or half days of "electronics free" fun including field trips, art, science and music. Enjoy a Parents Night Out while your child watches a movie and plays games with other students in a safe environment. Self-Defense workshops are also offered, and you can also rent space for birthday parties, family activities and meetings.

Visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yoostkd/>

If you would like the opportunity for your business to be featured or you know of a business that may like to be featured, please visit the Village's website and complete the Spotlight on Business Survey form: <https://www.hpil.org/FormCenter/Community-and-Economic-Development-12/Spotlight-on-Business-117>

Village Hall Reopens With New Safety Procedures

On August 3rd, Hanover Park's Village Hall reopened to the public with new sanitation and safety procedures in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The building has reopened with a new schedule: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. We are closed to the public on Wednesdays to allow for a more detailed cleaning and sanitation of Village facilities.

When you arrive at Village Hall, you will see that new partitions have been installed at counters where staff and the public interact. We have also added hand sanitizer stations throughout Village Hall. All visitors are required to wear a face covering when entering Village Hall. Visitors should also remember to please practice social distancing.

New procedures are taking place at the counters at Village Hall. Only one visitor (two at the Finance Counter) will be allowed at a Village counter. Those waiting their turn must remain at the next social distancing floor marker. All visitors should practice social distancing by maintaining at least 6' of physical separation from others. Please also note that elevator usage is restricted to single occupancy.

The Village offers convenient options to pay water bills, parking violations/citations, to purchase commuter parking permits, transfer stamps and other miscellaneous bills. Please go to Village's pay online services by visiting at <https://www.hpil.org/511/Online-Payments>. Residents are strongly encouraged to utilize pay online services or use the Finance Department's Drop Box located in front of Village Hall as an alternative to coming to Village Hall.

Be sure to visit the Village's website at www.hpil.org for more information about the Village's pandemic response, and for additional information.

New Village Hall Hours:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesdays
Closed to the Public

Closed Saturdays & Sundays

ART Meetings

The Hanover Park Police Department will be holding their 4th Quarter Area Response Teams (ART) Meetings in the fall. We will attempt to host the meetings live at the Police Department once again, but will monitor the COVID reopening plan for Illinois and respond accordingly whether the meetings will be live or on Facebook once again. Follow the Police Department's Facebook page or the Village's website for up-to-date information.

ART Area 1	Monday (10/19) at 6PM
ART Area 3 & 5	Monday (10/19) at 7:30PM
ART Area 2 & 6	Wednesday (10/21) at 6 PM
ART Area 4	Wednesday (10/21) at 7:30 PM



On behalf of Mayor Craig,
the Board of Trustees, the Village Clerk,
Staff and the entire Hanover Park
Community...

**Thank You to our Police, Fire,
EMS, Public Works Employees and
Essential Workers for your hard
work and commitment during
these challenging times.**
You are all heroes!

Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing



Beginning Monday, August 31 and continuing through Tuesday, September 15, the Village Water Division will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village. The flushing will occur between the hours of 6:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Signs will be posted in designated areas prior to flushing.

Residents should not wash laundry during the flushing hours as the staining of clothes may result from the rust that is stirred up during the flushing process. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

Residents often ask why the Village flushes fire hydrants every year. The answer is regular hydrant flushing is a vital part of routine maintenance for the water system for these important reasons:

Improves Water Quality: Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.

Improves Water Flow: By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore allows a better flow of water.

Hydrant Maintenance: A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.

Hydrant Inspection: Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to ensure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

Hydrants will be flushed by area according to the following schedule:

Cook County

August 31, September 1, 2
South of Irving Park Road, North of Lake Street, West of Barrington Road

September 3, 4
South of Irving Park Road and East of Barrington Road
(Hanover Highlands and Longmeadow South area)

September 7, 8, 9
North of Irving Park Road

DuPage County

August 31, September 1, 2, 3
South of DuPage County Line, North of Stearns Road

September 7, 8, 9
South of Stearns Road, North of Schick Road

September 10, 11, 14, 15
South of Schick Road

Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions or emergencies!

Electronics Recycling and Garbage Rates

The Village has approved an extension to the agreement with Groot. The pickup day will remain the same and we are excited to announce two major modifications to the agreement.

First, there will now be **FREE** electronics recycling. Residents can dispose of two electronic waste items (including televisions up to 50 lbs.) at no additional cost. Residents will be required to contact Groot and schedule collection at least 24 hours in advance of their designated service day. Televisions over 50 lbs. may be charged an additional charge of \$50.00 per unit.

The current definition of E-waste, pursuant to Illinois law, includes but may not be limited to:

Televisions, computers – desktop or laptop, computer monitors, keyboards, facsimile machines, recorders, digital music players, digital video disc players, video game consoles,

small scale servers, scanners, electronic mice, digital converters, cable receivers, satellite receivers and digital video disc recorders need to be disposed of in a manner consistent with the enacted Illinois E-Waste Act.

Secondly, for all single-family homes, duplexes, and triplexes, there will be a rate reduction from the current rate of \$25.53 per month to \$21.75 per month.

We would like to thank Groot for working with the Village to make these changes happen. We are very excited to be moving forward with a new agreement and improved services.

Contact Groot Industries at 630-469-1036 or the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 should you have any questions.

As Fire Prevention Week Approaches, Hanover Park Fire Department Reminds Residents: "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!"

October 3 - 10, 2020 – The Hanover Park Fire Department is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) – the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years – to promote this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" The campaign works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

According to NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States. Almost half (44%) of reported home fires started in the kitchen. Two-thirds (66%) of home cooking fires start with the ignition of food or other cooking materials.



The Hanover Park Fire Department encourages all residents to embrace the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme.

"Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen! is a great message and theme for this year's prevention week," said Fire Chief Haigh. "Cooking fires are the most common causes of residential fires. They can quickly grow if unattended and cause a serious amount of damage and harm. These types of fires can easily be prevented."

Hanover Park Fire Department wants to share safety tips to keep you from having a cooking fire.

- Never leave cooking food unattended. Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, grilling, or broiling. If you have to leave, even for a short time, turn off the stove.
- If you are simmering, baking, roasting, or boiling food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- You have to be alert when cooking. You will not be alert if you are sleepy, have taken medicine or drugs, or consumed alcohol that makes you drowsy.
- Always keep an oven mitt and pan lid nearby when you are cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan to smother the flame. Turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it is completely cool.
- Have a "kid-free zone" of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in Hanover Park, please contact the Hanover Park Fire Department at 630-823-5800 or visit our Facebook page. For more general information about Fire Prevention Week and cooking fire prevention, visit www.fpw.org.

7 Steps to Firepit Safety

Picture this...a warm fire with roasted marshmallows, the weather is 75, and all of your close family and friends are with you. Yes, owning a fire pit is enjoyable, but a huge responsibility. Laying down rules and being aware of the safety hazards around them is useful for prevention of any fires or damage to your property.

- 1. Check weather** – Avoid using your fire pit on windy days, since flames or embers can spread to your home, yard and nearby trees. By checking the weather forecast ahead of time you can predict if the conditions will be right for a fire or not.
- 2. Assess area** – Before lighting the fire, check the area around you to make sure there is no debris or objects that could potentially catch on fire. This means there are no combustible materials or even loose leaves and debris around the pit to ensure fire does not spread.
- 3. Check distance** – The fire should also be set 10 to 20 feet away from objects, buildings and guests.
- 4. Have a bucket of water nearby** – Keep five gallons of water near you at all times in case a fire needs to be put out immediately.
- 5. Use the right wood** – Use wood that has been properly seasoned, meaning, not wood that has been just cut from trees. Store-bought wood from your local hardware store is a safer bet because it is made specifically for fire pit usage. The length of the logs should be less than $\frac{3}{4}$ of the diameter of the pit.
- 6. Screen** – By purchasing a screen that can be placed around the fire, you can shield any flames from spreading, and create a barrier so people know what a safe distance should be from the pit.
- 7. Dousing** – Pour water from your bucket up and down the length of the fire, then side to side. Hold the water several feet over the fire to avoid getting burned by the steam and thoroughly cover all the wood and embers until the fire stops smoking



Final Brush Pickup

The Village's final brush pickup cycle will take place during the month of October in accordance with the following schedule:

October 5

Areas 1 and 2
(Streets North of Lake Street)

October 19

Areas 3 and 4
(Streets South of Lake Street)

All branches must be out by 7:00 am on the first day of pickup for your area.

If you miss your scheduled pickup, you may put brush and branches out for pickup by Groot Industries each Friday through November 27, 2020.

Wood chips, which are a by-product of the Brush Pick Up program, are available for pick up or delivery. If interested, please contact Public Works at 630-823-5700 for further information or to request a delivery.

November Yard Waste Collection

As a benefit to the residents of Hanover Park, leaf collection in November will not require a yardwaste sticker to be collected by Groot Industries. This is during the month of **NOVEMBER ONLY**.

Leaf collection in all other months will occur as it has previously. All you have to do is rake your leaves, put them into a recyclable yard waste bag, and set them at the curb on your normal trash pickup day. If you have any questions, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 or Groot Industries at 866-782-5161.

How to Protect Our Waterways in Fall

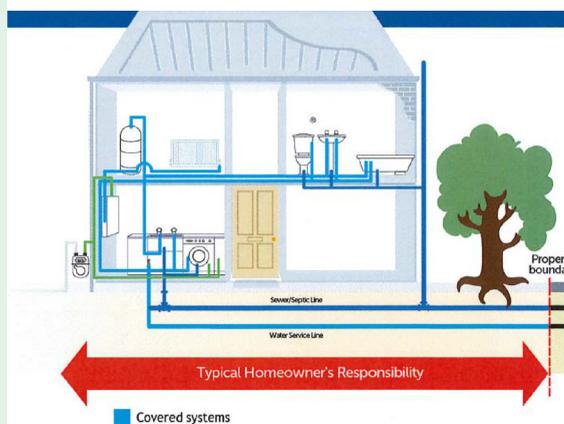
Fall is a time for cooler days and changing leaves. However, with the fall season also comes the need for yard cleanup. In autumn, leaves are often blown or swept into storm drains and waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Once they reach waterways, leaves decompose and release phosphorous into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish. However, pollutants are not the only problem. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters, and storm drains, which can lead to localized flooding. To avoid these problems, you can:

- Compost leaves and mix with other organic materials to provide nutrients necessary for fertilizing lawns.
- Use a mulching mower to chop down the leaves into small pieces and use them as mulch in the garden.
- Utilize a bagged leaf (securely sealed) collection or removal service.

Get the Benefits of a Service Line Warranty Program

Village of Hanover Park Residents Can Benefit from Repair Coverage Through Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA)

Eight years ago, Hanover Park began a partnership with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA), a leading home service repair plan provider. Through the partnership, Hanover Park residents have the option to sign up for service plans to protect against the high cost of emergency repairs to their exterior water and sewer service lines, as well as interior plumbing and drainage systems, on their properties.



Since the partnership began 1,483 Hanover Park residents have signed up for an optional SLWA service plan, with many signing up for multiple plans. SLWA has helped over 1,200 residents with repair expenses all completed with the help of qualified, local contractors.

When a homeowner's water line breaks or sewer line becomes blocked, it can be an overwhelming situation. We entered this partnership to help protect our residents who might not be aware that they are responsible for the maintenance and repair of utility

service lines on their property. This warranty program can relieve residents of the stress of finding and scheduling a qualified contractor and the cost of completing the repair. We are proud to offer this service to the community and give our residents peace of mind.

Homeowners with questions or who wish to receive more information about SLWA or the plans available to Hanover Park residents can call 866-922-9006 or visit www.slwofa.com.

Halloween Safety During the Pandemic!

Halloween will take place on Saturday, October 31, 2020. Trick or treat hours are from 3:00-7:00 p.m. At the time this newsletter was printed, trick-or-treating is still planned to take place. However, that could change based on the ongoing pandemic and the Governor's Reopen Illinois Plan. Please follow the Village's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark to be kept up-to-date on the latest news and information.

As always, please remember to practice social distancing, and if your costume does not have a mask, please wear the proper mask to cover your nose and mouth.

Also remember these important safety tips when Trick-or-Treating this year.

Trick-or-Treaters:

- Have a flashlight or reflector.
- Stay in a group and if a parent isn't with you, make sure they know the route you will follow.
- Never enter a stranger's home or car for a treat.
- Walk slowly and don't run!
- Always cross streets at the corner and look both ways.

- Use the sidewalk and don't cut through yards.
- Know your address and phone number
- Never try to pet an animal you don't know

Parents:

- Make sure your child's costume is bright, reflective, and made of flame retardant material. Also make sure it fits well and does not drag.
- Make sure your child has a flashlight and reflectors.
- Have an adult or responsible older child accompany your child.
- Know the route they are going,
- Make sure your child has a good meal before trick or treating and knows not to eat anything before you check it.
- Make sure your child know his or her address and telephone number and how to reach you.
- Make sure your child knows the difference between pranks and vandalism.

Please keep in mind that some people may be at higher risk for COVID, so parents and trick-or-treaters are asked to be respectful of neighbors who will not be participating in handing out candy. Those not wishing to participate can simply place a sign on their door.



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