

# Hi-Lighter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020



Hanover Park<sup>USA</sup>  
America's Global Village

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### Holiday Closings

The Municipal Complex will be closed for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving (11/26 & 11/27)
- Christmas (12/24 & 12/25)
- New Year's Day (1/1)

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.



# Santa IS COMING TO

 Hanover Park<sup>USA</sup>

This year, in lieu of a Tree Lighting Ceremony, Santa will be coming to your Hanover Park neighborhood. Keep your ear out for the fire truck siren & come outside to wave!

  **FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2020 4-8 PM**

Check our Village website and Facebook page for route map and estimated time of arrival to your area. Santa will be social distancing and will not be stopping along his route. At 7:00 p.m., we will flip a switch to light up the town!  

Visit [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) for further event details.

## LETTERS TO SANTA

Write your letters to Santa and drop them off at the Village Hall Veterans Memorial Plaza.

**STARTING DECEMBER 1, 2020+**



## HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

This December share your seasonal cheer and spirit by entering our home & business decorating contest.

**PLEASE REGISTER AT WWW.HPIL.ORG**

Residents will have an opportunity to vote!



# Calendar of Events



**“Move with the Mayor” Challenge Extended!** Join Hanover Park Mayor Rodney Craig’s “Move with the Mayor” initiative to reduce heart disease and stroke by encouraging Hanover Park residents to “get up and get movin!” Hanover Park is challenging the communities of West Chicago, Bartlett, Glen Ellyn, and Glendale Heights to a step contest each month through the end of 2020.

## How To Participate:

- Sign up for Team Hanover Park by visiting [www.hekahealth.com/wchicago](http://www.hekahealth.com/wchicago)
- BE SURE TO SELECT HANOVER PARK AS YOUR TEAM!
- Link your smart device or fitness tracker.
- Start walking and record your steps each month. (Each month the step count resets)
- The app will record steps for walking, step machines and running. All are acceptable!
- Follow your progress each month and watch the leaderboard!

**Prizes for the top steppers!** Congratulations to our September Top Stepper, Ana Sprague!

MOVE WITH THE MAYOR™ (MWTM) is a collaboration with the National Forum for Heart Disease & Stroke Prevention. Mayors encourage their communities to be physically active to lower their chances of heart disease and its risk factors like high cholesterol, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

## Bloomington Township

123 Rosedale Avenue  
Bloomington  
630-529-7715

Need general assistance, emergency assistance, access to the food pantry or interested in the LIHEAP program? Visit [www.bloomingtondaletownship.com](http://www.bloomingtondaletownship.com) for further details.

## Hanover Township

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

Hanover Township is now accepting applications from Township residents for their holiday programs. Families facing hardships can apply for their annual sponsor-a-family and toy drive programs. Visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) for further information and to complete the application.

## Schaumburg Township

1 Illinois Boulevard  
Hoffman Estates  
847-884-0030

Schaumburg Township residents who are in need of food during these tough times can make an appointment at the Township’s food pantry. Clients can visit the pantry twice per month. Call 847-884-0030 ex. 1013 to make an appointment.

## Wayne Township

27W031 North Avenue  
West Chicago  
630-231-7140

Experiencing a hardship or seeking financial assistance, contact Wayne Township’s General Assistance Office at 630-231-7173. You can also visit [www.waynetwp-il.org](http://www.waynetwp-il.org) for further details.

**Due to COVID-19, meeting and event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Please visit our website or follow our Facebook page to be kept up-to-date on the latest information.**

## November

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

## December

- 3 Village Board Meeting ..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 4 Tree Lighting Event..... Drive Around Town
- 5 Veterans Committee ..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 8 Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 8 Sister Cities Committee ..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 10 Development Commission .. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 12 Heartsaver CPR/AED ..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 15 CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 17 Village Board Meeting ..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 22 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Village Hall
- 24 Village Hall Closed - Christmas Holiday
- 25 Village Hall Closed - Christmas Holiday

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



2020 has been a year we won't soon forget! However, it has shown us that our community is strong and resilient! Working together, we can overcome obstacles and achieve success. My wish for you is that you safely end the year in the company of your family and friends, laughing, relaxing and enjoying time together over the holidays. While we may still have challenges going into 2021, remember that this too shall pass. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Dia de Los Muertos, Hanukkah, Kwanza, or Diwali, I wish you a Happy Holiday and Happy New Year!

I hope you will join me in the "Move with the Mayor" challenge, a national movement campaign to increase community health through an increase in physical activity. This great initiative has me feeling more energetic and invigorated. I encourage you to get out and move to help reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes. Congratulations to Hanover Park resident Ana Sprague on being our top stepper for the month of September with 284,467 steps. Sign up for Move With The Mayor at [www.hekahealth.com/wchicago](http://www.hekahealth.com/wchicago)

I am so proud of this community for your response to the 2020 Census and thank you for being committed to the future of Hanover Park. As of the writing of this article, the Village's census response rate is 77.9%. That is over four percentage points higher than the 2010 Census. With the additional residents being counted, the increased funding we will receive as a result will help shape our Village for the next 10 years. I want to give a special thanks to all the community groups and governmental bodies who served on my Complete Count Committee. Their help as trusted voices was instrumental in our success this census. I won't soon forget Village staff pitching in stuffing face masks

into plastic bags with the Census message attached, then sharing within our community at locations where individuals and families congregate.

Please join us **virtually** on Facebook at 7 p.m. during the Santa Claus is Coming to Hanover Park event where the Village will continue our tradition of flipping the switch to light up Village Hall and the decorations that line the Village streets. Don't forget to have your children drop off a letter or note to Santa at our new mailbox imported straight from the North Pole, and watch for Santa as he drives through neighborhoods around town. I can't wait to see how many homes are decorated this holiday season. Enter our Holiday Decorating Contest and show off your creativity and imagination.

Many thanks to Pastor Ron Heitman and his leadership assisting in the coordination with DuPage County, IDPH, Representatives Michelle Mussman and Fred Crespo and DuPage County Board member Jim Zay, to offer FREE COVID-19 testing at Evangel Church. What a great example of collaboration to achieve the goal of providing FREE local testing in Hanover Park.

The cooler weather is upon us which means spending more time indoors. Whether traveling or gathering with our families for the holidays, remember the risk of spread increases during these times. Limit the number of people when social distancing is not possible, wear a face covering, wash your hands and follow the other holiday safety tips to protect everyone. Stay safe!

***"Happy Holidays to you. I wish you the very best and a safe and prosperous New Year!"***

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

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# Clerk's Corner:

## Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Committee's MLK Build Up Day a Success



**Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda**  
Village Clerk

On September 26, 2020, Hanover Park's Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee, along with DuPage Habitat for Humanity, held its annual MLK Build Up Day event where we came together building communities and hope in Hanover Park. Residents and volunteers came out to paint fences.

These were a few of the volunteers we who came out to help paint fences in Hanover Park.



CULTURAL INCLUSION DIVERSITY COMMITTEE  
(CIDC) INVITES YOU TO THE

## 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY LEADERS RECEPTION

Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
6-8 pm

Via Zoom

Please register at:  
<https://bit.ly/2ST317g>

This year's reception will be virtual! Our speakers will discuss the importance of coalition building, allyship, and dismantling racism. Please follow our facebook page and [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) for further details.



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2121 W. Lake Street  
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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:**

- 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)

# Happy Thanksgiving

On behalf of Mayor Craig, the Board of Trustees, Village Clerk and staff, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

We are thankful and grateful for our residents and businesses. We look forward to gathering together, once again, very soon!



## Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Award Scholarship Application



**Are you a resident of Hanover Park, a member of the graduating class of 2021, and plan to continue your education at a university, community college or technical school? If you answered yes, then apply for the Village of Hanover Park's Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Award!**

Named after Michael H. Coleman, a young Hanover Park resident who passed away in 2011, this scholarship program is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the young people of Hanover Park. Students are evaluated on academic initiative, career initiative, leadership initiative and community initiative. Each year, a high school senior is selected as the Hanover Park "Youth of the Year."

You can download the brochure and application for the 2020-2021 Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Scholarship from our website at [www.hpil.org/youthoftheyear](http://www.hpil.org/youthoftheyear).

The Youth of the Year Scholarship was established by the Village of Hanover Park to honor and recognize the contributions of graduating high school students who reside in Hanover Park. Each year, Hanover Park high school seniors are invited to participate in this program. Although considered, academics are secondary to the student's involvement in serving the Hanover Park community. The Village knows there are several ways in which youth are involved in improving both themselves, the Village of Hanover Park, and acknowledge those achievements by awarding a \$1,000 scholarship and four \$500 runner-up scholarships.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is December 4, 2020. Please contact Sue Krauser with questions at 630-823-5609 or via email at [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org).

# COVID-19 Holiday Season Safety Tips

The holidays bring opportunities to celebrate special traditions and meaningful moments with the people in our lives. As you prepare for November and December holidays, including but not limited to: Día de Los Muertos; Diwali; Kwanzaa; Thanksgiving; Hanukkah; Christmas Eve/Christmas; and New Year's Eve. When planning these Holiday Planning Safety Tips can help protect you, your family, friends, and your community from COVID-19.

## Travel Considerations

If traveling this holiday season, consider the mode of transportation (plane, car, bus, train), the dates you will be traveling, and your risk to COVID-19 exposure while traveling. Carry a small personal sanitizing kit that contains hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, and extra masks.

Driving your own vehicle will reduce your exposure to COVID-19. If you need to use commercial or public transportation, be aware of and try to avoid the busiest travel times. Also, reconsider travel during the holiday season and consider holding special remote gatherings or small gatherings at home.



## Overnight Guests

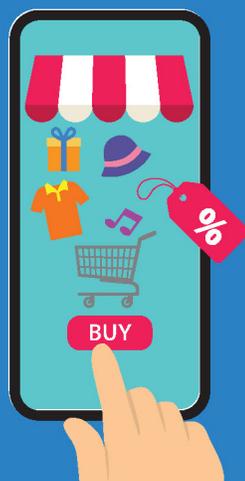
If you plan to have or be an overnight guest, the host and guests should communicate about what is expected ahead of time.

Identify a room where an individual can isolate should they develop symptoms or test positive while visiting. Make sure everyone understands the importance of wearing a mask and social distancing. Ensure that soap and sanitizer are available, and clean frequently touched surfaces.



## Holiday Shopping

Consider alternative ways to purchase gifts other than visiting stores in person, where possible.



Stay home if you have tested positive or have symptoms of COVID-19, which can include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms.

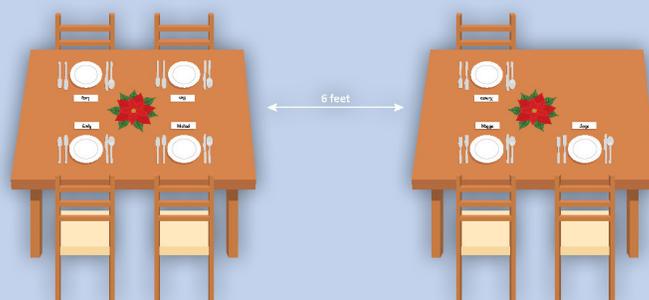
**Lower Risk.** Consider shopping online.

**Medium Risk.** If you choose to shop in-person, wear your mask and maintain 6 feet of distance between you and others. Try to shop at off-peak times when there are fewer shoppers.

**Higher Risk.** High-risk activities include in-person sale promotions or holiday activities that encourage large crowds and lining up for limited supply deals, which make social distancing a challenge.

## Holiday Meals

- Limit the number of people for which social distancing is possible before, during, and after the meal.
- Consider single-use disposable utensils and dishware for serving and eating meals.
- Wash and disinfect guest areas before and after holiday gatherings.



## Best Practices for Snow and Ice Removal

Winter weather will be here before you know it, which means the inevitable task of removing snow and ice. Residents are encouraged to utilize best management practices for snow and ice removal during the winter months:

- When high accumulations of snow are expected, it is much easier to remove small quantities of snow and repeat the process rather than trying to remove large amounts all at once. If that is not possible, then large amounts of snow should be removed in layers, and snow should be removed before it is packed down by vehicle and foot traffic. This will make the task much easier.
- Remove snow prior to applying a de-icer
- Use just enough de-icer to reduce the hazard
- Sweep up and properly store road salt after a snowstorm for reuse.





## Village Expands Permitted Overnight Parking

The Village of Hanover Park has amended the overnight parking ordinance to allow for additional overnight parking on select streets. The Village of Hanover Park prohibits parking on village streets between the hours of 2:00

a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless specifically designated by ordinance.

The amended ordinance will allow for additional "odd/even" parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on the following streets:

- Apache Drive
- Arlington Drive East - from Catalina Drive north 431 feet from the centerline of Catalina Drive
- Bristol Lane (7600 block) – between Kingsbury Drive and Cumberland
- Farmstead Lane
- Fremont Drive – Entire stretch of Fremont Drive is now included
- Gold Circle – from 15 feet east of private drive
- Kit Carson Drive
- Madera Street – Entire stretch of Madera Street is now included
- Nugget Circle
- Sutter Drive
- Tiburon Court

"Odd/Even parking" means a vehicle may park on the side of the street with posted signs allowing parking between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on odd or even numbered calendar days of the month.

The amended ordinance also allows for overnight parking on the east side of Kingsbury Drive between Bristol Lane and the private drive adjacent to the pipeline regardless of the day of the week.

Residents who require overnight parking on other streets may park their vehicle(s) overnight on the street up to four (4) times in a 30-day period. When parking overnight on the street, residents must register their vehicle(s) on the Village's website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org). Permission cannot be granted to violate the odd/even parking regulations and parking is not allowed on a village street not designated odd/even after a 2-inch snowfall, regardless if permission had been granted.

If a resident needs overnight parking more than 4 days due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the Strategic Enforcement & Prevention Unit Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at (630) 823-5481. Each request will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

The new parking regulations were in effect as of October 16, 2020.

## Hanover Park PD Gets Second Place in the ILACP Traffic Safety Challenge



On August 10, 2020, the Hanover Park Police Department received Second Place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Award for the calendar year 2019 for towns in its size category. The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge (ITSC) is a friendly competition between law enforcement agencies of similar sizes and types. The Challenge targets three major traffic safety priorities: occupant protection, speeding, and impaired driving. It recognizes agencies for the approach and effectiveness of their overall highway safety programs. Agencies are evaluated not just for enforcement initiatives, but for innovative problem solving in their communities, using public information activities and creating departmental policies that support their traffic enforcement campaign efforts. Winning programs effectively combine many different strategies to reduce crashes and injuries in their jurisdiction.

This is the first time the department placed second for departments with 51-65 sworn officers after placing third for the last two consecutive years.

## Officer Diaz.... A True Hero

On June 24, Officer Diaz responded to the 7300 Block of Gladiola regarding an individual who was in cardiac arrest. Upon his arrival, family members directed Officer Diaz to the kitchen where a man was found lying on the floor unconscious and not breathing.

Officer Diaz immediately began administering CPR. After a series of chest compressions, the man began breathing again. Hanover Park Paramedics arrived and transported the man to the hospital where he was treated and has since been released.

Officer Diaz was presented with the Department's Life Saving Award in recognition of the swift assessment and decisive actions he took which resulted in the saving of a resident's life.



# Business of the Year Award

Our local businesses are the heartbeat of the community, providing goods and services for our families, jobs, revenues for the community and supporting local charities and sports teams. Now it's time to nominate your favorite Hanover Park business for the 2021 Business of the Year Award! This award honors contributions made by Hanover Park businesses benefiting and having a positive impact on our community.

All residents and businesses are encouraged to nominate outstanding local businesses that they have had positive experiences with. Nominated businesses must be in Hanover Park and will be judged in several categories including but not limited to Community Involvement; Excellence in Customer Service; and Positive Image and Appearance.

Economic Development Committee members will evaluate nominations to determine the winners and once chosen winners will:

- Receive an award at a 2021 Village Awards Presentation at Village Hall
- Be featured on the Village Facebook page
- Be featured in the Hanover Park Hi-Lighter Newsletter

The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, November 27, 2020.

Nomination forms can be found on the Village website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) or you may pick up a form at Village Hall.

## Welcome New Businesses

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

### Begum C

(sells wholesale CBD/CBG products)  
1060 E. Lake Street, Suite 201A 773-322-9581

### DiTuri Group

(hair and beauty salon)  
1060 W. Lake Street 630-674-1134

### Halcones

(western boots, shoes, clothing & accessories)  
1808 W. Irving Park Road 630-212-2446

### San Marcos Mexican Grill

(restaurant serving authentic Mexican cuisine)  
1222 Lake Street 630-855-4538

### SP Marketing

(product sourcing and promotional products)  
1260 Bamberg Ct. 630-454-3521

### USDoctors.co

(provides hands-on clinical rotations to foreign medical students)  
1060 E. Lake Street, Suite 201A 773-322-9581

### Opening Soon!

### My Polish Deli

1234 W. Lake Street 773-550-6737

## Shop Small Saturday

The "Shop Local - Shop Small" movement was created to shine a spotlight on our locally owned businesses. This year, Shop Small Saturday is November 28, 2020. When you begin your holiday shopping this year, consider buying products and gift certificates from local retailers in Hanover Park along with buying from national retailers.

When you support your favorite local shops, look for news ones too...you will be helping to build a stronger Hanover Park because your money stays local and supports local jobs as well as your neighbors.

Last year, in 2019, U.S. shoppers came together to support their local communities more than ever. The 10th Annual Small Business Saturday reported a record high with an estimated \$19.6 billion in reported spending.

You can find a list of Hanover Park businesses and restaurants on the Village's website at <https://www.hpil.org/255/Business-Directory>. Shop small and make a big difference!

**SHOP SMALL**  
-&-  
*support local businesses*

# 2020 Highlights

2020 has been a busy year for our Public Works department. Even with the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Village's work did not stop! Below are highlights of projects completed throughout the year.



## Village Center

Work continues, on schedule, for improvements in the Village Center on our Ontarioville project. The roadway has been removed and replaced, a walking path installed in the new Ontarioville Park, various utilities have been buried, and a gazebo will soon be installed! Once completed, the area will include a new roadway, landscaping, streetscape improvements, new parking, lighting, park improvements and a new Ontarioville Plaza.



Watch for information next year on a ribbon cutting event!

We are excited that this improvement will create a new focal point and event space to bring our community together!



## Street Reconstruction

The last of the concrete streets have been removed and replaced. Work was completed on Astor Avenue, Hollywood Avenue, Jasmine Drive, Jonquil Terrace, Thornwood Street, Rosewood Street, and Hanover Street.

## Sanitary Sewer Back-up Prevention

The Village has a reimbursement program in place to assist homeowners who have had sanitary sewer back-ups in their homes. The program is dependent on Village Board approval of funding in the annual budget, and projects are reimbursed on a first come, first served basis. There are two options in the program, and while the Village can help evaluate the options, it is ultimately up to the homeowner to decide which option works best for them.

**Overhead Sanitary Sewer** - The first device is the Overhead Sanitary Sewer. The Village will share the cost of installing an overhead sanitary sewer system in a home to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a sanitary sewer back-up. This type of system is typically the more expensive option but is the current plumbing standard for new construction. The Village reimburses 75% of the installation costs up to \$5,000 and the homeowner is responsible for the remainder of the installation costs and any costs associated with removal and replacement of interior walls and finishes. Installation of an overhead sewer in an existing home can often exceed \$10,000.

**Sanitary Check Valve** - The second device is the Check Valve on the sanitary sewer line. With this program, the Village shares the cost of installing an exterior check valve on the sanitary sewer service to reduce the likelihood of experiencing a sanitary sewer back-up. This is typically the less expensive option. The Village reimburses 75% of the installation costs up to \$3,000 and the homeowner is responsible for the remainder of the installation costs. This option will require a little more maintenance on the part of the resident but is less expensive and will cause less disruption in the home during installation.

If you have any questions or would like to meet with Village staff to discuss the details of the program, please feel free to reach out to the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700.

## International Partnership

**For several years Hanover Park has partnered with Firefighter Hearts United, a 501C3 – Not for Profit organization that provides fire equipment to departments in Ecuador.**

Fire, Rescue and Medical equipment used here in United States often outdates and needs to be replaced due to technology and regulatory changes. This equipment in many cases still has years of useful life, but it can no longer be used here in the States. This is where Firefighter Hearts United comes in. They work with departments to gather and in some cases sell this equipment to the Ecuadorian Fire Service. Over the last few years Hanover Park has sold two fire pumpers and three ambulances to departments in Ecuador. The department has also donated a myriad of rescue tools, medical supplies as well as firefighter breathing apparatus that would otherwise simply be thrown away.

The program works so well, that several Illinois departments have joined Hanover Park in this project. Pictured is a surplus Hanover Park Public Works utility truck that has been sold and will be used as a rescue squad in Ecuador. It is loaded down with equipment that will also be making the trip. In the photo, Hanover Park's Fire Chief, Craig A. Haigh stands with two deputy fire chiefs from the Moline Fire Department who donated a large cache of firefighter protective clothing (turnout gear). Along with the turnout gear, the Oak Brook Terrace Fire Protection District donated firefighter breathing apparatus and spare air bottles, while the East Dubuque Fire Department provided a variety of medical supplies and the Henry County Office of Emergency Management donated more than thirty automatic defibrillators. The truck and its array of supplies will be loaded on a ship sailing to the port city of Guayaquil. The department receiving the equipment will travel to Guayaquil to pick up their new tools.



A fun fact related to the apparatus and tools is that the Ecuadorian departments like to duel mark, or in other words, maintain the name and logo of the department where the tools and apparatus came from coupled with the new departments name and logo. They believe that this shows the legacy of the equipment and honors those who originally owned it and used it to serve their communities. Hanover Park's old Medic 18 is an example of this unique custom as it now serves the City of Mocha located in the central Andean mountain range of Ecuador.

## Winter Safety Checklist

Most home fires are preventable. The Hanover Park Fire Department suggests following these simple winter safety tips to keep your home and family fire safe:

- Have your furnace checked
- Have your chimneys and vents cleared
- Test smoke alarms
- Cover the fireplace with a screen
- Beware of lit candles
- Beware of space heaters
- Know how to put out kitchen fires quickly
- Practice an escape route
- Fire extinguishers can be lifesavers

For additional details, visit the Village's website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).

## Keep the Wreath Red

What is the significance of "Keep the Wreath Red" program? This annual event is used to raise fire safety awareness during the holiday season. Our two Hanover Park Fire Stations hang a wreath that is wrapped with red lights. The lights remain lit on these wreaths twenty-four hours a day during the holiday season. Should a fire occur that is determined to be the result of a holiday decoration, a white bulb replaces a red bulb on the wreath. The hope is the wreaths will serve as a constant reminder to practice fire safety during the holiday season. Below are some suggestions for holiday fire safety:

- Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch.
- Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks.
- Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood-burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.
- Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and

excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

- Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet.
- All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit way. A blocked entry/exit way puts you and your family at risk. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence.
- Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.
- If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.



## Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

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Due to the approaching holidays, residential trash pick-up will be collected according to the following schedule:

### Thanksgiving

Pick up will occur on  
Saturday, November 28th

### Christmas

Pick up will occur on  
Saturday, December 26th

### New Years

Pick up will occur on  
Saturday, January 2nd

Please note that the final curbside yard waste collection will be on Saturday, November 28th.

## November Yard Waste Collection

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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.

## Fall Back Daylight Savings Time Ends

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Daylight Savings Time will end on Sunday, November 1st. That means you should set your clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m.

This is also a good time to remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors!

## Holiday Recycling

### Holiday Lights

The Hanover Park Environmental Committee, in cooperation with Elgin Recycling, Inc., is collecting used holiday lights and extension cords for recycling. Bring in your entire strands, including lights that no longer work, to the Hanover Park Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. Due to COVID-19 a container will be placed outside the building for collection. The Village will accept these items January 1st through the end of March.

### Christmas Trees

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Friday, January 8th and Friday, January 15th. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these guidelines:

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

Set your tree out on the above dates. However, if you miss the special collection dates, Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees along with your regular garbage and refuse collection. This service will be provided to the homeowners' associations not regularly serviced by Groot.

Questions? Call the Village at 630-823-5700 or Groot Industries at 866-782-5161.

## Winter Parking Reminder...

With winter around the corner, the Village would like to remind you that the winter parking regulations will soon be in effect. Please remember that there is no parking on village streets after a **TWO-inch (2") snow fall**.

*62-11-1323. Limited parking for snow removal.*

*(a) It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the village at any time within 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, except on those streets where late night parking is permitted in section 62-11-1327(b), that within 24 hours after a snowfall of two or more inches vehicles shall be parked only on the side of the street on the day during which late night parking is permitted.*



### NO PARKING

On any public street  
Within 24 hours  
After 2-inch Snowfall

*(except where permitted)*



# Veterans Day Virtual Observance

The Village of Hanover Park's Veteran's Committee invites all residents to attend our virtual Veterans Day observance to honor and recognize Hanover Park Veterans.

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 page, which can be found at:

[www.facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark](http://www.facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark)

**Veterans Day Virtual Observance  
Wednesday, November 11th  
7:00 p.m.**

**To Our Veterans...**

*Thank You for serving  
our country and  
protecting our  
freedom!*

*We honor you and  
salute you!*



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**Elected Officials**

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Village Clerk - Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda

Liza Gutierrez, Trustee  
James Kemper, Trustee  
Herb Porter, Trustee  
Bob Prigge, Trustee  
Rick Roberts, Trustee  
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