

# Hi-Lighter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021



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## Holiday Closures

Village Hall will be closed on the following days for the Thanksgiving, Christmas & New Year's Day holidays:

- Thursday, November 25th
- Friday, November 26th
- Thursday, December 23rd
- Friday, December 24th
- Friday, December 31st

Police & 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.



## Join the Village of Hanover Park for our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony!

**TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY IS AT 6:00 PM**  
**HANOVER PARK DOWNTOWN 1900 ONTARIOVILLE RD.**

AN EVENING OF PHOTOS WITH SANTA, FACE PAINTING, CAROLING, LETTERS TO SANTA, FAMILY HOLIDAY PHOTOS, GAMES, HOT COCOA AND COOKIES FROM THE LIONS CLUB

SHARE THE WARMTH DONATIONS:  
BRING NEW HATS, GLOVES, COATS, OR SCARVES TO DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED IN HANOVER PARK



# Calendar of Events

## Holiday Decorating Contest

This December, share your seasonal cheer and spirit by entering our home and business decorating contest!

Please register by visiting:  
[www.hpil.org/holidaycontest](http://www.hpil.org/holidaycontest)

Residents will have the opportunity to vote!



**Sonya Crawshaw  
 Branch Library**  
 4300 Audrey Lane  
 Hanover Park  
 630-837-6800

Visit [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) for current hours and the latest updates.

**Family Concert Series**  
 All ages welcome to these FREE virtual concerts; no registration necessary—just join on the Library’s Facebook page at 2:00 pm the day of the performance and watch live!  
 \*Limited in-library seating available; registration required. To register for in-library seating or for concert details, visit [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) or call 630-483-4910. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

**Voyage (classic arena rock)**  
 Sunday, Nov. 21 at 2 p.m.

**Random Ringers Handbell Choir**  
 Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2 p.m.

**Jolly Jingle Fest!**  
 Sunday, Dec. 5  
 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family and celebrate the season at this outdoor, socially distanced winter festival featuring live reindeer, a cupcake food truck (cash/credit accepted), games, and more! No registration necessary—just drop by! All ages welcome; face masks may be required. The event will take place outdoors in the parking lot across the street from the Main Library—be sure to dress for the weather! In case of very inclement weather, it will be held inside the Library.

**Sign up for eNewsletters**  
 Stay up to date on current news and events at the library. Visit our website at [pclib.org](http://pclib.org) and click on the blue ‘subscribe’ button towards the bottom of the page and sign up for our eNewsletters.

### November

- 3 Special Events Committee. 11:30 am / Room 214
- 4 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 6 Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 9 Economic Dev. Committee. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 11 Veterans Day Ceremony..... 7:00 pm / PW Garage
- 11 Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 16 CIDC Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 18 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 20 HCP CPR (BLS)..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 23 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 25 Village Hall Closed - Thanksgiving
- 26 Village Hall Closed - Thanksgiving

### December

- 2 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 3 Tree Lighting Ceremony..... 5:30 pm / 1900 Ontarioville
- 4 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 9 Development Commission .. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11 Heartsaver CPR/AED ..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 14 Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 16 Village Board Meeting..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 23 Village Hall Closed - Christmas
- 24 Village Hall Closed - Christmas
- 28 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Happy Holidays everyone! I wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous holiday season. As we all gather with family and friends, it is a good time to reflect on the past year and the year ahead. Have a safe and happy New Year's Eve and let us celebrate the coming of 2022.

Hanover Park held some great, fun-filled events in 2021 like our Car & Motorcycle Show and Corks & Crafts event. We are looking forward to numerous events in 2022! Speaking of fun events, please join us on December 3rd for our annual Tree Lighting ceremony, which will take place in our new downtown area, Ontarioville Plaza. Lots of great activities are planned!

In November, we celebrate Veterans Day. Please join with us for our Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11 at 7:00 PM in our Public Works garage. Commander Steven J. Green, USN from Great Lakes Naval Station, will be addressing us as our keynote speaker. To all of our Veteran's, I would like to give a personal, heartfelt thank you for your service.

Recently, I completed several Public Service Announcements (PSAs) as part of the Move with the Mayor initiative, to encourage residents and friends to join me in getting COVID-19 and Flu vaccinations. I am a vaccination advocate. I believe we are blessed to live in a country where getting properly vaccinated can assure a return to normalcy in our quality of life.

Capitol expenditures in our annual budget are dedicated specifically to maintaining and enhancing Hanover Park's water and sewer infrastructure. At times, our Public Works Department may have to delay repairing a street until it can fix the water or sewer pipes below the roadway so the construction can be done concurrently. I continue to seek funding support from our State and County governments to supplement the budget and the Village Board remains committed to funding and completing these important yet costly projects.

It is with great pleasure to announce that Partners for Our Communities (POC) is gaining space in Hanover Park as an Illinois Welcoming Center. POC is a community center of hope for our not-for-profit organizations where residents in need can find assistance. With the leadership of Amita and Trustee Liza Gutierrez, IWC Supervisor, Women's Leadership & Community Navigator Programs Coordinator for the POC, we are focusing on our future. Additionally, Trustee Gutierrez has been honored by Wintrust Community Bank with Latinx Leadership Award as she brings the POC to Hanover Park.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park. We cannot do it without you! Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful community, 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 our hometown of Hanover Park!

***"Happy Holidays and may 2022 be a great year for us all!"***

Mayor Rodney Craig

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Liza Gutierrez



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James Kemper



Herb Porter



Bob Prigge

# Clerk's Corner:

## Message From the Clerk.....



Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk

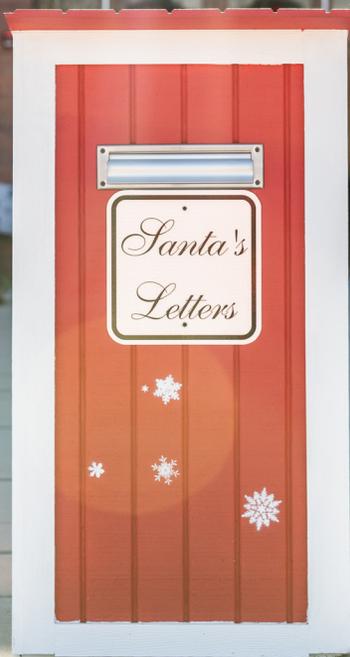
On Friday, December 3rd, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the Village of Hanover Park will showcase its beautiful, newly renovated Downtown, located at 1900 Ontarioville Rd., during the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. We will have Christmas cookies & hot cocoa provided by the Lions Club, along with caroling, face painting, games, and the arrival of Santa on our Fire truck. We would love to see all of our neighbors kick off the holiday season at our very own Candy Cane Lane.

We are also excited to announce that the Village of Hanover Park will kick off the STAARS program again this year. The **ST**udents **AR**tists and **AuthoRS** (STAARS) program is designed to provide an "Art Exhibition Show" featuring the talented young people of our community. Artwork, as well as photo and essay contributions from Hanover Park school students, will be displayed on a rotating basis at Village Hall on the second floor, just outside of the Board room. Come on by to enjoy this special exhibit, which will be changed monthly, celebrating and highlighting the many talented youth of Hanover Park.

### Letters to Santa

This year, starting December 1, 2021, the Village of Hanover Park will have our Santa Mailbox outside Village Hall at the Veterans Memorial Plaza.

Children of all ages can place their letters to Santa in the mailbox and the letters will be safely delivered to him. If you would like a return letter from Santa Clause, please remember to include your child's name and address in the letter. Santa will be sending back letters that have a return address!



### Veteran Recruitment in Hanover Park

In 2020, the Village of Hanover Park was awarded the 2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Program Demonstration Award in recognition of its employment of military veterans. This award is part of the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (HIRE Vets Act). The Village received a Gold level award in the medium sized employer (51-499 employees) category. To achieve Gold status, at least 7% of employees must be military veterans, with 75% employed for 12 months. The Village exceeds these criteria, with nearly 11% of its workforce made up of veterans, with the majority being employed with the Village for more than 10 years. Since the award, the Village has increased its percentage of veterans to 12%.



"The Village of Hanover Park values the skills which each of our American veterans bring to our workplace---these include leadership, teamwork, and integrity," said Human Resources Director Barry Kurcz. "We are extremely proud of our veterans and this award recognizes the Village of Hanover Park's commitment to maintain our exceptional standard in hiring and advancing veterans in our workplace. We proudly support these heroes for their dedication and service to our great country," said Village President Rodney Craig.

In addition, the Village of Hanover Park has found that veterans, even if hired into jobs outside of their training in the military, bring a dedication to the task and a fearlessness in learning. Many people are initially intimidated by new things. Veterans have already learned that many of their apprehensions are unfounded when matched against a dedicated ambition to overcome the hardship of learning something new. Veterans already know they can learn new skills; they just need to spend the time and energy to learn how.

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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 Committee
- 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  
*Holidays*

*From the Village of Hanover Park's  
Village President, Village Clerk,  
Board of Trustees and Staff!*

## Hanover Park Share the Warmth - Annual Coat, Hat, Gloves and Scarf Drive

November 1st-December 3rd, 2021



Help keep area kids warm this year. Please donate new coats, jackets, hats, gloves and scarves. Items collected will be shared with area children in need of assistance.



Please place all donations in the box located at:



Hanover Park Park District  
1919 Walnut Ave.  
2nd Floor Main Lobby  
Hanover Park, IL 60133

For more information on Share the Warmth or the Hanover Park Lions Club, please contact Lion Tom at 847-809-4585 or via email at [TomFortney@gmail.com](mailto:TomFortney@gmail.com).

## Veteran Recruitment in Hanover Park / Continued from Page 4

Veterans have been hired in a variety of jobs in the Village. Water, Sewer, and Streets in the Public Works Department, as well as in the Fire and Police Departments. Two members of the Village Board are veterans, and the Village has an active and engaged volunteer Veterans Committee. The Veterans Committee engages veterans in the Community and advocates for veterans at the local level. They have successfully raised funding for a Veterans Memorial in Hanover Park as well as a memorial honoring Military Working Dogs.



# small business SPOTLIGHT



## Tap House Grill

7600 Barrington Road  
847-787-1880

Tap House Grill in Hanover Park is back! They are under new ownership/management and are looking forward to serving our community. Check out their new daily specials and for a beverage, choose from their extensive list of draft beers ranging from the more well-known to some of the smaller beers you may not have heard of. They are constantly doing promotions and updating their specials to keep things fresh!



Enjoy your favorite beverage alongside a tasty appetizer like pot stickers, bruschetta, exotic shrimp, mango mahi quesadillas or avocado toast with Mexican street corn. Then choose from a wide variety of specialty entrees, sandwiches, burgers, flatbreads, wings, tacos, wraps, salads or soups to easily satisfy any type of hunger! They even have "handcrafted bowls" like the Kobe burger, grilled ahi tuna, ginger soy shrimp, and black bean burger bowl...there's something for everyone's tastebuds! Enjoy their outdoor patio with a firepit or use the private dining area for

meetings or a small event gathering. It's a whole new Tap House Grill...come in and visit!

Please check out their website at [www.taphousegrills.com](http://www.taphousegrills.com) for updates on specials and future events or call 847-787-1880 to book your event.



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[www.taphousegrills.com](http://www.taphousegrills.com)

## 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 2022 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:

- Excellence in Customer Service
- Positive Image and Appearance
- Community Involvement

Economic Development Committee members will evaluate nominations to determine the winners in two categories: Large business (50+ employees) and Small business (up to 50 employees). Winners will:

- Receive a trophy at the 2022 Village Awards Presentation
- Be featured on the Village's Facebook page
- Be featured in the Hanover Park Hi-Lighter and Business Matters Newsletters

*The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, November 26, 2021.*

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.

## How do you connect with and get information from the Village of Hanover Park?

Visit the Village Information Center! The Village Information Center is on our website and has many different options to get and/or receive information about Village services, events and happenings in Hanover Park.



Choose the one that fits you best! Visit the Village Information Center at [www.hpil.org/VillageInformationCenter](http://www.hpil.org/VillageInformationCenter)

### Now Open

Karaka Seafood Grill  
5678 Arlington Drive  
847-450-0981

Los Cabos Restaurante  
6602 Barrington Road  
630-372-4888

Tap House Grill  
7600 S. Barrington Road  
847-787-1880

Thlaca Cocina Mexicana  
5529 County Farm Road  
630-749-8049

Trilab  
7450 Barrington Road  
224-772-6843

Nominate  
your favorite  
Hanover Park  
business for  
the 2021  
Business  
of the Year  
Award!





## Police Department Receives First Place in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge

The Hanover Park Police Department was recently awarded First Place for municipalities with 51-65 sworn officers in the Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. The award was presented at the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge Awards Breakfast on August 20, 2021. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White was the keynote speaker at the event, which honors traffic safety programs across Illinois.

With the award, the department received an in-car radar unit valued at over \$4,400, and a portable breath test machine valued at \$555, to assist in impaired driving enforcement. Also, the Hanover Park Police Department was awarded a \$5,000 training certificate for Northwestern University Center for Public Safety in a drawing of First-Place winners.

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge recognizes the best overall traffic safety programs in the state. It doesn't focus solely on enforcement citations, but on a department's overall policies and guidelines, training, public information and education in addition to the effectiveness of enforcement efforts. The main areas of concentration are occupant restraint, speed, and impaired driving.

The Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge is coordinated by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Traffic Committee and supported by a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant administered through the Illinois Department of Transportation, and by private donations. The goal of the Challenge is to provide law enforcement agencies with an opportunity to contribute to the Illinois Strategic Highway Safety Plan and to have a significant impact on the reduction of crashes, deaths and associated injuries across the state.



Hanover Park Police Officers accept First Place Award in the 2020 – 2021 Illinois Traffic Safety Challenge. From left to right: Ofc. Napoleon Garcia, Lt. Bill Weil, Ofc. Kevin Pini, D.C. Terrence Sherrill.

## Stay Safe this Holiday Season



From late November through the beginning of January, we are busy almost every day! While pandemic precautions have limited get-togethers, there are still some things to consider:

Most people travel by car over the holidays. According to the National Safety Council (NSC), overall traffic deaths increased by more than 7% to 38,680 in 2020, despite fewer people being on the roadway due to pandemic precautions. Further, the time between the day before Thanksgiving and the New Year's Day holiday weekend is traditionally the deadliest time of the year. Below are some safety tips from the NSC:

Stay safe on the roads over the holidays and every day:

- Prepare your car for winter and keep an emergency preparedness kit with you.
- Get a good night's sleep before departing and avoid drowsy driving.
- Leave early, planning ahead for heavy traffic.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; many distractions occur while driving, but cell phones are the main culprit.
- Practice defensive driving.
- Designate a sober driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol or over-the-counter, prescription and illegal drugs can cause impairment.

A couple of other unrelated things to keep in mind:

- When you go out, either for the night or on a trip, arrange to have some lights and a radio or television on so it looks like someone is home.
- Be careful about locking doors and windows whenever you leave, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- Keep gifts and valuables away from windows or hidden to avoid tempting the bad guys to break in (this goes for your car, too.)
- Two out of every five holiday decoration fires are started by candles.

And, unfortunately, this has become a new trend – Holiday Package Theft:

- Track deliveries online and confirm delivery has occurred. If you know a family member or neighbor will be home, ask them to pick up the packages as soon as they are delivered. (Reward them with fresh baked cookies!)
- If you are allowed, switch delivery location to work where it can be received by someone and not left on the porch.
- See if the package can be delivered to a local retail outlet and held for pick-up. If delivered to the post office, they will allow your package to remain safe and secure for up to 30 days.

Finally – remember to take some time to relax and enjoy the season!

# Water Meter Replacement Program in Full Swing



The Village of Hanover Park is constantly preparing for the future and part of that means utilizing smart technology whenever possible to continually improve services for our residents and businesses.

The Village is providing our community with a new, state-of-the-art water metering system. The modernized metering system will help the community to manage its water resources more efficiently.

This is exciting news and scheduling your install appointment is quick and easy.

- Installs will be sequenced by billing cycle and progress throughout the Village by area.
- When you receive a postcard, call the phone number on the notification to schedule your appointment.
- A verification code is also provided on the post card for a convenient option of scheduling your appointment online.

All water meter project personnel will have photo identification, which they will provide at the time of the appointment. In addition, project personnel will arrive at your house with vehicles identified with the water meter project logo.

Meter replacement will require access to each residence or business because meters are typically located in basements, crawl spaces, or utility closets that could include your furnace or water heater. Residents should clear a path to the meter and test that the main valve is operational. Failure to do so this could require a meter change out appointment to be rescheduled. An adult who is over the age of 18 years old must be present at all meter replacement appointments. The entire change out process takes approximately 30 minutes. Once the change out is completed – that's it! A simple process that benefits our community in so many ways.

There is no charge for the new meter, but replacement is mandatory. Please visit <https://www.hpil.org/watermeter> for further project information. Call Siemens' toll-free number at (866) 416-0223 with any questions.

*Reminder: The notifications are being sent out by zones, so if you have not received a postcard yet, please keep checking your mailbox to schedule your appointment.*

## Water Meter Replacement Program FAQ

**How does the new technology work for reading meters?**  
The new technology is called AMI system (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) and it allows for automated meter readings. A small box, or transmitter, is installed on the exterior of your home or business near your water meter. It is connected to your new water meter inside your home and transmits a radio signal to a data collector. Your meter reading is then transmitted to the Village instantaneously and hourly. Each meter has a unique identification number that ensures only your reading is assigned to your account. This system reduces the need for manual meter readings and is far more accurate.

### **Why is my water meter being replaced?**

Water meters have an expected useful life of approximately 20 years. A significant percentage of Village meters have reached or exceeded this life span. Over time, meters with mechanical parts will be less accurate in measuring the water flowing into the home.

### **I'm disabled and will have a hard time moving items for the install.**

#### **What should I do?**

Schedule your appointment and the installer will attempt to move things that can be moved.

### **What if my meter is behind my hot water heater?**

Schedule your appointment and the installer will attempt to make the switch. In many cases they are able to complete the installation.

### **What happens if I don't schedule my appointment?**

Several attempts will be made to reach you and schedule your appointment. You will get three post cards in the mail. However, at some point the water will be shut off until your water meter can be replaced.

### **Will the installers have ID's?**

The installer from Siemens will be driving in a marked vehicle and arrive at your home or business wearing a Village photo identification badge and uniform. They will have in their possession business cards for further identification.

### **Are there any COVID-19 safety protocols in place?**

Installers will be wearing proper PPE and taking the necessary precautions to keep everyone safe.

### **How long does the replacement process take?**

The replacement process will take approximately 30 minutes.

### **Is there a cost incurred by the resident for the water meter replacement?**

There is no charge for the meter installation. Replacement is mandatory.

### **Will an adult need to be home during the replacement process?**

An adult who is over the age of 18 years old must be present at all meter replacement appointments.

### **I work during the week, are there appointments for after work or on weekends?**

Installations typically take place Monday through Thursday between the hours of 7:30 am and 6:00 pm. However, there are available appointments one Saturday out of the month if needed.

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# Hanover Park in the 1960s

The 1960s brought about Hanover Park's first full decade as an incorporated village. There was worry that small farm town life would be hurt, as Hanover Park began to grow less rural and more suburban. In the first year Hanover Park was officially in the U.S. census records (1960), the population was 451. But this number would soon change.

Shopping centers, subdivisions, and more were built on what had previously been farmland. The first Village Hall was constructed in 1961 (adjacent to the current Village Hall). A new school, Laurel Hill School, was constructed to replace the four-room Ontarioville School. The first subdivision was sold in 1961, and additional subdivisions, such as Hanover Gardens in 1965, encouraged more people to join the community. Park-n-Shop Shopping Center, with Gromer Supermarket and Pic-N-Pay drug store, opened in 1962 at Barrington and Walnut Avenue. The Tri-Village Drive-In (home of the Lotaburger) opened in 1964. Many of the new additions were built on what was previously farmland. By the time the 1960s were through, Hanover Park's population had grown to 11,735!

You can view photographs of Hanover Park and learn more of its history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's always-expanding Digital History Collection (<https://pclub.omeka.net/>), which shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. Our Digital History Collection includes photographs, yearbooks, scrapbooks, oral histories, newspapers, and more pertaining to Hanover Park and Streamwood history.



## Water Meter Replacement Program FAQ / Continued from Page 8

### Will my information be secure?

Yes, only meter consumption data and meter numbers are transmitted. Personal customer information is not loaded into the transmitter and, therefore, will not be transmitted.

### Is this new system safe?

Yes, the power and duration of the radio signal transmission is too low to pose a health risk. The products that make up the system are evaluated for safety and are below levels specified by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

### Will the transmitter interfere with televisions or phones?

No, the radio transmission operates in compliance with FCC regulations to avoid interference with other electronic devices. Current meters use a similar or identical transmitter.

### Will my water bill increase?

Your water rate will not change as part of this project. You will be billed for the actual water used. The new metering system will measure your water consumption accurately for years to come.

### What is the project timeline?

Expected completion of the meter replacement project is spring of 2022.

### Water Meter Replacement First Notice

The Village of Hanover Park is working to replace all water meters in the Village. The modernized metering system will help the community to manage its water resources more efficiently. An appointment will need to be scheduled to change the meter, which is typically located inside your home near the main shut off valve. Plumbers will be wearing proper PPE. An adult must be home at the time of your appointment.

To schedule an appointment, call Siemens toll free at (866) 416-0223 or visit [www.ScheduleMyMeter.com](http://www.ScheduleMyMeter.com)

El Pueblo de Hanover Park está reemplazando todos los medidores de agua. Se requiere que cada persona con una cuenta de agua haga su propia cita. Por favor llame gratis directamente a Siemens al (866) 416-0223 o visite la página de internet [www.ScheduleMyMeter.com](http://www.ScheduleMyMeter.com)



The Village appreciates your accommodation in bringing new technology and better service to our residents.

### Water Meter Replacement SECOND NOTICE

The Village of Hanover Park is working to replace all water meters in the Village. The modernized metering system will help the community to manage its water resources more efficiently. An appointment will need to be scheduled to change the meter, which is typically located inside your home near the main shut off valve. Plumbers will be wearing proper PPE.

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### Water Meter Replacement FINAL NOTICE

The Village of Hanover Park is working to replace all water meters in the Village. The modernized metering system will help the community to manage its water resources more efficiently. An appointment will need to be scheduled to change the meter, which is typically located inside your home near the main shut off valve. Plumbers will be wearing proper PPE. An adult must be home at the time of your appointment.

Compliance with water meter replacement is mandatory. Failure to schedule your water meter replacement will result in water shut off. Please disregard notice if appointment has recently been made.

To schedule an appointment, call Siemens toll free at (866) 623-0784 or visit [www.ScheduleMyMeter.com](http://www.ScheduleMyMeter.com)

Es obligatorio cumplir con el reemplazo del medidor de agua. Si no ha hecho su cita, el suministro de agua será cortado. Por favor, tan pronto sea posible, llame gratis directamente a Siemens al (866) 416-0223 o visite la página de internet [www.ScheduleMyMeter.com](http://www.ScheduleMyMeter.com). Si usted ya hizo su cita, ignore este aviso.



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# 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.

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.

# November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month



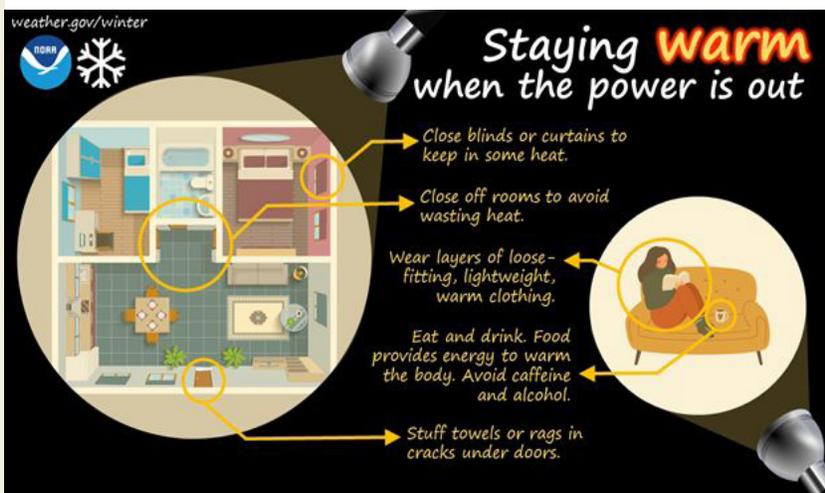
November is Winter Weather Preparedness Month, and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) recommends people start taking steps to ensure they are prepared to stay safe and warm throughout the winter months.

One way to be prepared is to weatherproof your home by doing the following:

- Insulate any water lines that run along exterior walls so your water supply will be less likely to freeze.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Install storm or thermal-pane windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- Repair roof leaks and cut away tree branches that could fall on your home or other structure during a storm.

For older adults, keep an easy-to-read thermometer inside your home.

If you or a loved one are over 65 years old, place an easy-to-read thermometer in an indoor location where you will see it frequently. Our ability to feel a change in temperature decreases with age. Older adults are more susceptible to health problems caused by cold. Check the temperature of your home often during the winter months.



## With Gratitude For Your Service to America

Each November 11th, we gather to recognize the bravest of our citizens; the many people who have served in the military in the name of freedom. This Veterans Day, it is with great pride that our Village salutes a long-time resident of Hanover Park for his sacrifice and dedication to our country and our community.

The Village extends its gratitude to Mr. Rick Roberts. He has been a resident in our Village for 32 years, raising two children, and has over thirteen years of service to the community both as a trustee and as a chairperson for the Veterans Committee.

During his time on the Veterans Committee, Roberts has enriched the lives of our local veterans by developing the Veterans Plaza at Village Hall and the statue to honor military working dogs. He has said, "one of life's most rewarding experiences is being able to support my fellow veterans by focusing on contributions that will give back to them."

Mr. Roberts enlisted in the United States Navy in 1981. He graduated from high school that year and packed his bags for boot camp. After basic training, he went to aircraft mechanics school and then was sent to the naval air test center in Maryland. He was transferred to the Sixth Fleet onboard the aircraft carrier USS Saratoga where he was deployed for six months in the Mediterranean.



Mr. Roberts was honorably discharged in 1985 and is particularly proud of his work protecting the United States and serving his fellow citizens.

Happy Veterans Day, Mr. Roberts! The Village of Hanover Park gives you this well-deserved recognition for your continued service to our community. You truly are valued for your courage, sacrifice and willingness to help others.

## Holiday Light Recycling

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.

## Holiday Trash Pick-Up Schedule

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 27th

Christmas - Pick up will occur on Friday, December 24th

Please note that the final curbside yard waste collection will be on Saturday, November 27th.

## Fall Leaf Collection & Yard Waste Reminder

Pumpkins, crisp air, and warm mugs of apple cider are upon us. Fall is here and the Village would like to give a friendly reminder to all of our residents. Leaves cannot be blown or disposed of into Village streets or raked into the parkways. This debris could cause stormwater to back up if leaves are blocking the storm sewers.

As a benefit to the residents of Hanover Park, leaf collection in November will not require a yard waste sticker to be collected by Groot Industries. This is during the month of NOVEMBER ONLY and is for leaves only. 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 pick-up day.

All yard waste pick up is offered until November 27, 2021. After this date, yard waste pick up will not resume until spring. If you have any questions, please contact Groot Industries at 866-782-5161 or the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700.

# Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Award

Are you a resident of Hanover Park, a member of the graduating class of 2022, 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 2021-2022 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 3, 2021. Please contact Sue Krauser with questions at 630-823-5609 or via email at [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org).

## Shop Small Saturday

The "Shop Local - Shop Small" movement was created to shine a spotlight on locally owned businesses across the U.S.

This year, Shop Small Saturday is November 27, 2021. When you begin your holiday shopping this year, consider buying products and gift certificates from local retailers in Hanover Park before buying from national retailers.



When you support your favorite local shops, look for new 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 and business community.

Last year, in 2020, U.S. shoppers came together to support their local communities more than ever. The 11th Annual Small Business Saturday reported a record high with an estimated \$19.8 billion in reported spending. Online shopping at a small business that day was also up, with 56% of shoppers making an online purchase.

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



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THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US AT OUR



# ANNUAL VETERANS DAY *Ceremony*

November 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.  
2041 W. Lake Street  
(Public Work's Garage)



2121 W. Lake St., Hanover Park, IL 60133  
[www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)

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Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

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