

# Hi-Lighter

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America's Global Village

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## Holiday Closure

Village Hall  
will be closed  
on Friday, April  
15, 2022 for  
Spring  
Holiday!



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.

## Doggie Eggstravaganza!

Hop on down to Ontarioville Park for a tail-wagging, good old fashioned egg hunt filled with dog treats and some special golden tickets! When your dog's nose touches the egg, it is all theirs. LOTS of eggs to sniff out. Bring your cameras, because our special guest, the Easter Bunny, will be on hand for pictures. Pet costumes always welcome! Several pet-friendly vendors will be on hand to visit with as well. The cost is \$5 per dog. To register, visit: [www.hpil.org/eggstravaganza](http://www.hpil.org/eggstravaganza). The first 50 furry friends receive a goodie bag!

Interested in being a vendor? That would be eggceptional! Contact [dwebb@hpil.org](mailto:dwebb@hpil.org).

### Doggie Details:

- Dogs must remain on leash. Please no retractable leashes. (Max 6ft.)
- Dogs must be wearing tags and current on all vaccinations
- Dog must be accompanied by an adult. All family welcome.
- Check in at 2 pm
- First Hunt at 2:30 pm (Dogs over 20 pounds)
- Second Hunt at 2:45 pm (Dogs under 20 pounds)
- Did you get a Golden Ticket? Visit the prize table!
- Book your spot now. Registration is limited.
- Parking available in the Metra Lot.

The poster features a blue sky background with a green grassy field at the bottom. On the left, there are white daisies. On the right, a small brown dog with pink bunny ears sits next to a basket of colorful Easter eggs. The Hanover Park USA logo is in the top left, and the Hanover Park Park District logo is in the top right. The event title 'DOGGIE Eggstravaganza' is written in large, stylized letters. The date and time are 'Saturday, April 2nd 2:00-3:00 p.m.' and the location is 'Ontarioville Park 1900 Ontarioville Road'.

# Calendar of Events

## Hanover Park Branch Library

1266 Irving Park Road  
Hanover Park  
630-372-7800

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

### ESL Conversation Club

Practice your English conversation skills with other English language learners. Registration required.

- March 1th
- March 8th
- March 15th
- March 29th
- April 5th
- April 12th
- April 19th
- April 26th

### Improv for Kids Tuesday, March 8th 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Learn about a form of theater called improv in this introductory workshop. Play games that teach the basics of improv using skills such as teamwork, storytelling and communication.

### Batman Forever Scavenger Hunt

**Saturday, April 16  
12:00-2:30 p.m.**

This program takes place in multiple locations. You must wear a mask whenever you're indoors for this scavenger hunt.

Holy scavenger hunt, Batman! The Riddler and his gang of villains have kidnapped Batman. We need your help to find him! Complete different activities and solve puzzles to uncover the mystery of where those evil doers have hidden our favorite caped crusader.

Stop by the Hanover Park Library Branch between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. to pick up your first clue. You'll be making two additional stops around the community and will need transportation to complete your mission and earn a prize.

The final stop will lead you back to the Central Library where we'll have a craft and our Artist Alley. The average time of completion will be 1 hour. Good luck! Register online.

## Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane  
Hanover Park  
630-837-6800

### Free LEGO® Train Show

**Sat., Mar. 5 • 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sun., Mar. 6 • 12 (noon) to 5 p.m.**

Using over a million LEGO® bricks to build approximately 200 feet of tracks and cityscapes, the Northern Illinois LEGO® Train Club Exhibit comes to Poplar Creek Library for the weekend! Enjoy the sights, sounds, and fun of this unique and one-of-kind train exhibit created by the members of this creative group. No registration necessary—just drop by the Main Library in Streamwood.

### Art Appreciation Around the World

**Sat., Apr. 9 • 1-4 p.m.**

The Village of Streamwood Community Relations Commission presents this free event, which features displays of two and three-dimensional

art created by local artisans. The artists' work includes paintings, woodwork, jewelry, sculptures, and more. Artists will be present to discuss their work. No registration necessary--just drop by the Main Library in Streamwood.

### Family Concert Series:

**Harp Twins - Mar. 20 • 2 p.m.**

**Richard Sladek & Friends - Apr. 24 • 2 p.m.**

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts; registration is required. For concert details or to register, please visit [www.pclib.org](http://www.pclib.org) or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.



## March

<b>2</b>	Special Events Committee...	11:30 pm / Room 214
<b>3</b>	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>5</b>	Veterans Committee. ....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
<b>8</b>	Economic Dev. Committee.	12:30 pm / Room 214
<b>10</b>	Development Commission...	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>17</b>	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>21</b>	<b>Water Bills Due</b>	
<b>22</b>	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
<b>22</b>	Environmental Committee.	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>24</b>	Sister Cities Committee....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm

## April

<b>2</b>	<b>Doggie Eggstravaganza.....</b>	<b>2:00 pm / Ontarioville</b>
<b>2</b>	Veterans Committee. ....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
<b>6</b>	<b>Blood Drive Event... ..</b>	<b>10:00 am / Village Hall</b>
<b>7</b>	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>12</b>	Economic Dev. Committee..	12:30 pm / Room 214
<b>14</b>	Development Commission ..	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>15</b>	<b>Village Hall Closed - Spring Holiday</b>	
<b>16</b>	Heartsaver CPR/AED .....	8:00 am / Fire Station #1
<b>19</b>	CIDC Committee .....	6:15 pm / Room 214
<b>21</b>	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>21</b>	<b>Water Bills Due</b>	
<b>23</b>	<b>Kids at Hope Resource Fair....</b>	<b>10:00 am / Park Dist.</b>
<b>26</b>	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
<b>26</b>	Environmental Committee...	7:00 pm / Room 214
<b>28</b>	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm

# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



The past year has continued to be tough for many due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I encourage you to stay positive and hopeful. As the saying goes....This too shall pass! We have a great year planned in 2022, with plenty of events to get you outdoors enjoying the nice weather, fun and most importantly time spent with friends and family. Watch our website, Facebook, YouTube Channel and Twitter pages for more information on how you can get involved in our community!

In January, I was accepted onto the Board of Directors for the Partners for our Communities (POC). Amita Hospital has opened the ground floor in Hanover Park for this not-for-profit initiative. One of our big issues is the need for effective transportation. I am planning a meeting with our four Township Supervisors to collaborate on a single plan that works for all of Hanover Park. Additionally, PACE has a pilot program that will assist as we pull all aspects of our transportation needs together. This is a work-in-progress that I am happy to help facilitate.

I was pleased to present the annual State of the Village Address and spotlight what the Village has accomplished in 2021, as well as what is planned for 2022. The Village Board continues to focus on meeting the infrastructure needs of the Village and serving our residents. I encourage you to watch my State of Village Address on our YouTube Channel, or see a summary of what was discussed on page 9.

After seven years of no increases to the water bills, the Village Board implemented an increase to our infrastructure service charge. Many water and sewer pipes are approximately 70-years-old and in need of replacement. To upgrade our water and sewer infrastructure, the replacement amount is approximately \$30 million over the next six years. We are pursuing state and federal grants to help support paying for these projects to lessen the burden on our residents. Our seniors will continue to receive a \$12.50 service fee discount.

This year the Village has added a new event to the over 20 events we hold on an annual basis. Join us in Ontarioville Park, adjacent to the new Ontarioville Plaza, on April 2nd for a Doggie Eggstravaganza. Your furry friend can hunt for eggs with special treats and get his/her picture with the Easter Bunny! There will be pet-friendly giveaways and vendors will be on-site as well. I will be there and look forward to seeing you as well.

***"I wish all who celebrate a Happy and blessed Easter!"***

At the end of February, the Arnold-Heath Memorial VFW Post rose like the Phoenix and reopened in Hanover Park. The Post serves the three communities of Hanover Park, Streamwood, and Hoffman Estates. They hosted an Open House on February 27th at their new location at 1094 East Lake Street.

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 are capable of success, No Exceptions! Together we are finding ways to make a difference in our hometown of Hanover Park!

Mayor Rodney Craig

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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## Special Events & Block Party Applications!

Are you planning on holding a special event or block party? If so, it is important to note that an application must be submitted to the Village Clerk's Office in order to do so. Read below to find out which application is needed?



Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk

- Block Parties are for Hanover Park residents who live on a residential street and wish to have a party with their neighbors. Street closures would need to be approved. All applications for a Block Party should be submitted to the Clerks office at least 30-days prior to the event.
- Special Event applications are needed when businesses in Hanover Park would like to promote their business through sidewalk sales, live entertainment, festivals, and more. These events require a Village Permit and the application must be submitted at least 60-days prior to the event. The fee for each special event permit is \$35.00.

For further information, please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5601. Applications are available on our website at [www.HPIL.org](http://www.HPIL.org).

## STAARS Program

On December 15, 2021, the Village of Hanover Park welcomed back our STAARS Program with Elsie C. Johnson Elementary School.

Thank you to Sarah Sinsabaugh, Art Teacher, and her 14 students for participating with beautifully done pieces.

Elsie C. Johnson students, whose work was shown, included: Sofia Serna (Kindergarten); Aliyan Ali (Kindergarten); Adam Gammariello (1st grade); Ella Peraino (1st grade); Divansh Kanda (2nd grade); Artie Salifoski (2nd grade); Damien Fitz (3rd grade); Lilyanna Gavia (3rd grade); Dayana Turcios Hernandez (3rd grade); Ibrahim Mulla (4th grade); Niam Shah (4th grade); Anabelle Hernandez (4th grade); Makayla Foster (5th grade); and Liana Apareja (5th grade).



Also, on January 19, 2022, the Village welcomed Greenbrook Elementary School. Art Teacher, Holly White, had work shown from several of her students who included: Leylani Sanchez (5th grade); Kara Staats Franklin (5th grade); Noe Carrasco (5th grade); Miguel Angel Espinoza (4th grade); Aabish Shah (4th grade); Bella Solorio (4th grade); Owen Beilfuss (3rd grade); Jazmyn Rodriguez (3rd grade); Mohammed Azeem Fahad (2nd grade); Crystal Mondragon (2nd grade); Annalia Reiss (1st grade); Briana Perez (1st grade); Catherine Hird (Kindergarten); and Anna Flores (Kindergarten).

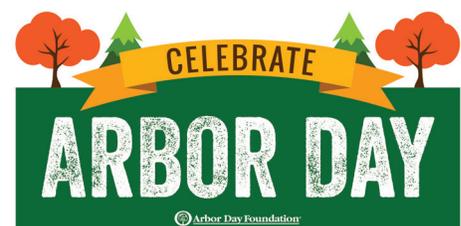
## Celebrate Arbor Day!

National Arbor Day is on Friday, April 29th. Arbor Day, much like Earth Day, is a holiday that celebrates nature. Its purpose is to encourage people to plant trees, and many communities traditionally take the opportunity to organize tree-planting and litter-collecting events on or around the holiday.

Here are ways that you can celebrate on Arbor Day and throughout the year!

- **Hike through a forest:** Find a nearby trail in a forest (or park) and go for a walk, hike, or bike ride. Natural settings are effective in lowering stress. Exercising outdoors compared to exercising indoors helps people feel more revitalized, engaged with others, and less tense.
- **Nature-based Crafts:** Indoor days are perfect for arts and crafts. Pinterest is full of creative ideas for crafts made with natural materials like pine cones, needles, leaves, and twigs. See what you can find in your backyard and let your imagination get to work.
- **Order a Tree:** Can one ever have too many trees? Whether you find a tree from a local nursery or the Arbor Day Foundation Tree Nursery, nothing says Arbor Day like buying and planting a tree. The tree you plant will benefit our whole community and remind us of the importance of healthy communities.

### Village of Hanover Park



# BLOOD DRIVE



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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 W. 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)



## Village of Hanover Park Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6  
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.  
VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK  
2121 LAKE STREET  
HANOVER PARK, IL 60133  
BLOODMOBILE

To schedule your appointment call Vitalant at 877.258.4825 or visit us at [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and use group code: ORDO0763.

**Masks Required.**  
**Appointments Recommended. Walk-ins Welcome.**

 **GIVE BLOOD TODAY | [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org)**  
Eligibility questions? Call 877.258.4825

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SCAN HERE  
to schedule



Mayor Rodney S. Craig's KIDS AT HOPE COALITION presents



# HANOVER PARK HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR



## SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, April 23, 2022 - 10:00am to 1:00pm - Hanover Park Park District

LEARN ABOUT THE RESOURCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

**GAMES \* GIVEAWAYS \* PRIZES \* RAFFLE**

Go to [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) for updates

# Shopping Center Spotlight

## Olde Salem Plaza

Located at the northeast corner of Irving Park Road and Olde Salem Circle, Olde Salem Plaza has a little bit of everything! Enjoy a dine-in meal, get your shoes or glass items repaired, buy small groceries and meat, purchase auto, home and life insurance, or pawn unneeded items for extra cash. Get in shape and acquire self-defense skills for you and your family or apply for job with a staffing agency. Need a haircut or a new home? Olde Salem Plaza has you covered. Visit these great Hanover Park businesses and shop local!



**Akcent 90** (773-712-2869) - This is a private, members-only dance club and music production studio. If you are interested in becoming a member, please call. Visit their Facebook page to check out some of their fun dance videos.

**Allstate Insurance: Emanuel Peres** (630-289-2200) - Speak with Emanuel if you need insurance of any kind – auto, home, renters, motorcycle, business, life, boat or even ATV... Allstate has you covered!

**American Real Property** (847-340-3291) - They are a family-owned brokerage, management and leasing company. Call to speak to an agent or to schedule a property viewing.

**Barton Staffing** (630-213-2066) - They are one of the top staffing agencies in the Chicago area and can help you if you are looking for a job or if you are an employer looking for new employees. Their focus is on temporary, temp-to-hire and direct hire light industrial manufacturing, warehouse and administrative positions.

**Chumas Grocery** (630-289-3467) - Visit this unique ethnic grocery store which carries authentic Spanish, Caribbean, European and African food, spices and more. Hard to find snacks and ingredients can be found here!

**Diamond Jewelry & Loan** (630-830-5080) - Great deals on electronics, collectibles, instruments or sell your gold, diamond & platinum items for cash, jewelry repair & design available, and cash paid for used electronics

**Hanover Glass & Mirror** (630-289-6767) - Services include professional glass cutting, window glass repair & installation, screen manufacturing and repairs, custom mirrors, shower enclosures, custom cut tabletops & desktops. Stop in for a quote or to get ideas for your next home project.

**Olde Salem Cafe** (630-855-3596) - Stop in and enjoy authentic German-influenced dishes and desserts, mostly prepared in-house so they taste homemade. Having a

party or large gathering? Olde Salem Café also caters their delicious food!

**RosaMaria Sazon** (847-893-6262) - Find authentic Mexican products including clothing, spices, health supplements, figurines, ceramics and small home decorative items

**Ssecrets Hair Salon** (630-855-3514) - Haircuts for men and women along with coloring, highlights, blowouts, hair & eyelash treatments and nail services. Visit their Facebook page for client photos!

**Tradewinds Shoe Repair Shop** (630-736-3380) - Get your favorite shoes and boots and leather items repaired rather than buying new. Professional, fast and affordable repairs are right around the corner.

**U.S. Taekwondo Academy** (630-935-4098) - Group and individual professional martial arts and self-defense classes for men, women and kids with all abilities welcome. They also have a great afterschool program with student transportation from local schools provided. The even have "date night" programs so you can drop off your children for a fun evening of crafts while you enjoy a night out!

**Zam Zam Meat Mart** (630-823-8021) Choose from a wide variety of Halal meats and other grocery items. They have fresh meat items along with lunch meat, hot dogs and burgers. Stop by and bring home something for lunch or dinner.

## Brush Pick-Up Program Update

The Village's brush pick up program will offer two collection dates per zone for 2022. The Village's brush pickup program provides FREE curbside residential brush pick up and will take place in the spring and fall in accordance with the following schedule:

The Summer (July) Brush pickup is being cancelled in 2022 to allow for additional roadway patching.

### SPRING COLLECTION

April 4th

- Area 1 (streets north of Lake St. & west of Barrington Rd.)
- Area 2 (streets north of Lake St. & east of Barrington Rd.)

April 18th

- Area 3 (streets south of Lake St. & north of Lawrence Ave.)
- Area 4 (streets south of Lawrence Ave.)

### \*\*\*NEW FOR 2022\*\*\*

### FALL COLLECTION

October 3rd

- Area 1 (streets north of Lake St. & west of Barrington Rd.)
- Area 2 (streets north of Lake St. & east of Barrington Rd.)

October 17th

- Area 3 (streets south of Lake St. & north of Lawrence Ave.)
- Area 4 (streets south of Lawrence Ave.)

For additional brush pick-up information, including guidelines, please visit our website at [www.hpil.org/Brush-Pickup-Program](http://www.hpil.org/Brush-Pickup-Program).



## Food for Fines

The Police Department once again participated in the Food for Fines initiative from December 17 through December 31. The department accepted food donations in lieu of parking ticket fines for citations issued during that period. For this program, 10 canned food items were accepted in place of the fine for any \$50 parking citation. The Hanover Township Food Pantry was the recipient of all donations. A total of 152 parking tickets were paid with food items, and a total of 1,553 food items were donated. This result was the Police Department's second largest donation total since the program began in 2016.



## News from the Couch



### COVID-19 and Your Mental Health: Coping in Uncertain Times

It's hard to believe we're still in the middle of this pandemic. We've been through a lot over the last two years, and it might be getting harder and harder to see the end of it. When things get tough, our natural inclination is to sit back and wait until things go back to "normal". But COVID-19 has proven to be more

than just a bump in the road – this is a challenge that has persisted and will likely continue for a while. If we try to stick to our old routines and expectations and hold out for "normal", we will continue to feel as though we're just waiting helplessly for time to pass. Accepting our "new normal" and adapting to it is the best way to take back some control and get on with our lives. It is understandable to be discouraged, anxious, depressed, or overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Remind yourself that there is always hope for better days ahead and begin to take steps to move forward in a positive direction. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

**Take care of your body:** Get enough sleep, exercise regularly, eat healthy, avoid excessive alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, set aside time to relax and unwind, and keep up with your regular routine. Self-care strategies are good for your health and being consistent with the little things can help you feel more in control.

**Take care of your mind:** Focus on positive thoughts, say daily affirmations, make a list of things you are thankful for, meditate, draw on your spiritual belief system for support, and stay busy with healthy distractions. Set reasonable goals and give yourself credit for every step in the right direction.

**Connect with others:** Find time each day to connect with others to combat social isolation. Know that you are not alone in feeling lonely during this challenging time. Support family and friends who might not be able to get out of the house. Helping others is an excellent way to help ourselves.

**Take a break from media:** Constant news about COVID-19 can heighten anxiety, so limit your exposure to news media and look for reliable sources of information. Social media is a great tool for staying in touch with friends, just avoid getting consumed with the drama and take a break from it each day.

**Make time for fun:** It's important to experience happiness and pleasure. Spend time doing things you love. This is a great time to start a new hobby, binge watch funny movies, or organize your old photos.

**Remind yourself that this isn't forever:** Things will get better eventually. It may not happen as quickly as you would like, but it will happen. Think about what you are looking forward to once the pandemic is under control and start planning for it. If you want to take a trip, start saving money. If you've missed spending time with extended family, start planning a family reunion.

*Despite your best efforts, you may still find yourself struggling with your mental health. It's important to know where you can go for professional help when you need it. Contact your social worker, physician, employee assistance program or insurance company to get referrals for counseling. You can contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 to reach a trained crisis worker 24/7.*

# Changes to Your Monthly Infrastructure Service Charge on Your Water Bill

Effective January 1, 2022, the Hanover Park Village Board approved an increase to the monthly infrastructure service charge from \$12.50 to \$18.50. The monthly service charge is used to fund needed water infrastructure projects. It should be noted that there was no increase in the water and sewer rate for the seventh year in a row. The increase in the monthly service charge will help replace an aged water and sewer infrastructure. In the Village's 2022 budget, there is 3.8 million dollars allocated for water main replacement with a total price tag of 30 million dollars estimated over the next 6 years. Throughout the year, the Village Board will be evaluating the viability of a bond issue, state and federal grants, and/or other options to generate revenue to help offset the cost to complete these projects.

Some residents may be eligible to receive the discount rate of \$6.25 for the Infrastructure Service Charge. See our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) below.

## Who is Eligible for the Service Charge Discount?

- Residents age 65 or older; or
- Residents enrolled in the Illinois Benefit Access Program; or
- Residents who qualify as low income by a uniform criteria by the Township that services the residential unit can apply for a reduced service charge of \$6.25 per each one-month billing period.

## How Do I Apply for the Discount if I am a Senior?

Please bring your government issued photo ID with your current address and date of birth to the Finance/ Water Billing Department during normal business hours and fill out the application. You may also email the Water Billing department at [waterbilling@hpiil.org](mailto:waterbilling@hpiil.org) a completed Senior Discount Application Form along with a copy of your government issued photo ID with your current address and date of birth. To be eligible for the discounted rate, you must be listed as the customer on the water bill for the residence.

## How Do I Apply for the Discount if I am a Member of the Illinois Benefit Access Program?

Please contact the Public Works Department during regular business hours at 630-823-5700 for information. You will be required to fill out an application, present your social security card and a government issued photo ID. Must be renewed every 2 years. If your application is approved, you will receive the discounted rate as well as a discounted rate on your garbage service.

## How Do I Apply for Low Income Certification in order to receive the discount?

The Village of Hanover Park offers a discounted water infrastructure service charge of \$6.25 per month for low-income residents. In order for residents to qualify as low-income, they must provide a certification letter from one of the following programs: LIHEAP, LIHEAP CEDA, IDHS SNAP, or WIC, or other similar approved program. The Village of Hanover Park is collaborating with the townships that service Hanover Park to help residents apply for these

programs. Certification letters should be dropped off at the Water Billing Department at Village Hall, or emailed to [waterbilling@hpiil.org](mailto:waterbilling@hpiil.org).

The discount for the service charge for a low-income resident of the Village of Hanover Park is limited in its capacity and scope and is guided by the following:

- The Discount for monthly service charge is for Hanover Park residents only.
- Residents must meet LIHEAP, or other similar approved program, guidelines as a low-income household.
- The Hanover Park resident requesting assistance must be specifically listed on the water utility bill (including renters if their name is on the water bill account) to receive the discount.
- The discounted rate is \$6.25 per month and will expire on March 2nd of each year, regardless of when the original certification was submitted.
- The discount must be renewed every year and the notice of the resident still meeting the guidelines must be sent to the Village of Hanover Park Water Billing Department on or before March 21st of each year to be effective April 1st. Residents can submit for the discount at any point during the year, but the qualification of the resident meeting LIHEAP or other approved program guidelines must be presented to the Water Billing Department on or before the 21st of the month to be valid on the following month's bill.

## Merger of the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Kansas City Southern Railroad and the Impact to Hanover Park

The Village of Hanover Park was recently informed that the Canadian Pacific (CP) Railroad and the Kansas City Southern Railroad (KCS) intend to merge. The merger has the potential to further burden the Village of Hanover Park and the Chicagoland area with increased road network congestion by significantly increasing freight rail volumes over existing rail lines, in addition to significantly increasing the negative impact to the residences and businesses along the rail line. Village officials have been notified that the merger applicants estimate that traffic over the Milwaukee District West Metra line (Bensenville Metra) between the Bensenville Rail Yard and Randall Road is expected to increase by 300% - 8 more freight trains per day!

The impacts from such increases will be felt most strongly at our two at-grade pedestrian crossings within the Village of Hanover Park and such increases will affect residential homes and businesses in the Village of Hanover Park as well as a new Village Center adjacent to the Milwaukee District West Metra line. Additionally, the sound, vibration and safety concerns from this additional freight traffic could have a negative impact on the desirability of the area and have a significant negative economic impact the Village of Hanover Park.

The Village of Hanover Park has partnered with a coalition of municipalities being Elgin, Bartlett, Schaumburg, Roselle, Itasca, Wood Dale and Bensenville in order to advocate for an outcome and mitigation steps that sustain the quality of life in the Village of Hanover Park and the other coalition communities. For more information on the merger, please visit [www.StopCPKC.com](http://www.StopCPKC.com)



# Hanover Park in the 1980s

The 1980s saw Hanover Park continue its growth spurt, though at a slower pace than in the 1970s. In 1980, there were 28,850 residents of Hanover Park, with 32,895 residents rounding out the decade in 1990.



By 1990, Hanover Park was still a young community, with the median age for residents at about 25 years old. Hanover Park also continued to develop residential and commercial enterprises. Westview Center, Turnberry Lakes, and Mallard Lake Business Park were constructed around the end of the decade. Both Lou Barone and Sonya Crawshaw oversaw the development as village president.

The remaining unincorporated area of Ontarioville was annexed to the Village in 1982. But don't worry! You can still witness Ontarioville's vibrant history by visiting the Ontarioville Plaza and appreciating the surrounding historic buildings, some of which are 150 years old.

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://pplib.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.

## Mayor Craig's State of the Village Address

On February 9, 2022, Mayor Craig gave his State of the Village Address. If you missed it you can watch it on the Village's YouTube channel. Below are a few of the key points regarding our community that the Mayor addressed.

Mayor Craig outlined a few of his initiatives in 2022, including Partners for our Communities, the Alive Center which opens on March 15th to support teens, the Kids at Hope Health and Resource Fair coming up on April 23rd, and the new VFW now located in Hanover Park, which held their Grand Opening on February 27th.

Also reviewed was the Village's Financial Health. For the sixth year in a row, a balanced Budget was approved by the Board with a 0% property tax levy increase for 2021. In addition, for the seventh year in a row, there was no water and sewer increase.

The Village welcomed 26 new business in 2021, which included five new restaurants and eight retail stores. Several new projects and developments were discussed, some of which included the new Streetscape project in our downtown Village Center area; a new development on the NE corner of Lake & Bartels which will include a Starbucks, Range USA and an additional retail building; a new 20-unit townhome development at Wise and Farmstead; and proposal for a new Arby's at 1311 Irving Park Road.

A big focus in 2021 and 2022 has been the Village's infrastructure. In 2021, seven miles of roadway were resurfaced and 6,260 tons of asphalt patch applied, the most patch applied ever with the new program. The Village also

completed 600 feet of water main replacement in 2021. In 2022, the Village plans to resurface 15 miles of roadway, approximately 2 miles of water main, make repairs to our sanitary sewer force main, and complete the next phase of upgrades to our Hanover Park Sports Complex.

Mayor Craig, and the Village, are proud that in 2021, the Village experienced an all-time low crime rate with a 22% decrease in Part 1 crime and a 22% decrease in violent crime. The Village purchased body worn cameras for Police Officers in 2021, as well as new in-car video systems. Officers will be trained and outfitted with the cameras in 2022.

In 2022, the Village will also be completing design and bidding for the construction of a new Fire Station #16, and the Fire Department will be updating the Village's Emergency Operations Plan and recertifying as a Storm Ready Community.

For the second year in a row, the Village was awarded with the 2021 Hire Vets Gold Medallion Award. The Village is only one of two communities to be granted this award.

2022 will be a great year for Hanover Park, and a busy one. We hope you get the opportunity to join us at one of our many special events we have planned.

Mayor Craig wishes to thank the Village Board, Village Manager and Staff! Numerous projects were accomplished and it is all thanks to their hard work.

# Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives and Give People Time To Escape

WORKING SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES AND GIVE PEOPLE TIME TO ESCAPE IF THERE IS A FIRE

On Sunday, March 13, 2022, Daylight Saving time will begin. It is so important to test your smoke alarms every month. If your smoke alarm has batteries, they should be changed twice a year in the spring and fall when the clocks change. Here are a few reminders about smoke alarms in your home.

- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, inside each bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.
- Everyone in the home should know the sound of the smoke alarm. If you hear the "Beep, Beep, Beep" sound of the alarm, get outside to the family meeting place.
- "Get Low and Go!" If there is smoke inside the home, get low to the ground and get outside to the family meeting place.
- Know the manufactured date of the smoke alarm.
  - Smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years. After 10 years the smoke detector's sensors can begin to lose sensitivity.
  - Test your smoke alarms every month. The test button confirms that the battery, electronic components, and alerting system is still working; it does not test the sensor that detects smoke.



# Be Prepared for Severe Weather



Spring tends to bring severe weather to Hanover Park, and this weather can happen at any time of the year. Preparing for floods, tornadoes and severe thunderstorms before they strike will help you stay safe throughout the year.

Illinois averages 860 reports of wind damage and large hail annually. Too often, people ignore severe thunderstorms because they believe only a tornado will cause damage or threaten their lives. The fact is a majority of the property damage and injuries each year is from high winds and large hail. In 2020, 13 people were injured in Illinois from high winds.

Make sure you have multiple ways to get warnings. Outdoor warning sirens are not meant to warn those indoors. The National Weather Service can alert the public of severe weather more efficiently than ever by using traditional media, social media, and weather radios!

Check out <https://twitter.com/NWSChicago> and <https://www.facebook.com/NWSChicago> More importantly, make sure your cell phones are WEA Ready!

# Staying Safe in a Tornado

Tornadoes continue to impact locations across the country every year, bringing massive winds and leaving destruction in their paths.

The 2020 tornado season claimed the lives of 76 individuals and injured hundreds more. Fifty-one percent of those victims were in a mobile home or trailer park at the time of the tornado. These storms caused billions in damage.

The best way to stay safe during a tornado is to be prepared. Know the difference between a tornado warning versus a watch. Have a weather radio, or other means of weather notifications, and know where to shelter.

To stay safe during a tornado, prepare a plan and an emergency kit, stay aware of weather conditions during thunderstorms, know the best places to shelter both indoors and outdoors, and always protect your head.

Being prepared can save your life!

**TORNADO WARNING** vs. **TORNADO WATCH**

**A tornado is happening or imminent. Take shelter immediately.**

**A tornado is possible.**

- Stay tuned to local radio/TV for info.
- Know where you'll shelter if you have to.

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**Know Where to Go** When Sheltering from a Tornado

Top floor rooms DO NOT protect you.

Exterior rooms and rooms with windows DO NOT protect you.

NO PLACE OUTSIDE is safe from a tornado.

If you have no basement, move to an interior room with no windows.

Quickly move to your basement and bring your emergency supply kit.

weather.gov/safety/tornado

## No Need for a Pet License



**ATTENTION  
DOG AND CAT OWNERS....**  
Starting January 1, 2022, pet licenses for dogs and cats are no longer required and will not be sold at Village Hall.

The Village recommends microchipping your pets and/or ensuring that your pet is wearing a properly fitted collar with a clear identification tag to allow for quick and easy return of pets in the event they get lost.

Remember...Dogs are required to be leashed in all public areas. Dogs and cats are still required to be vaccinated per local County ordinances.

## Seasonal Laborer Positions



Do you or someone you know enjoy a job involving physical activity and working outdoors in the elements? The Public Works

Department may have an opportunity for you. Seasonal laborer positions are available to interested individuals during our warm months. Tasks could include pothole patching, weeding flower beds, assisting with utility repairs, and painting. Check the Village's Job Opportunities Page at [www.hpiljobs.org](http://www.hpiljobs.org) for possible job openings.

## Cross Connection Control/ Backflow Devices

The Illinois Plumbing code requires that devices such as lawn irrigation sprinklers, residential or commercial fire protection systems, boilers, chemical feeders, carbonated beverage dispensers and outdoor water fountains protect the public water supply through the use of properly installed cross-connection control devices. These cross-connection control devices, commonly referred to as backflow preventers or RPZ's must be tested each year by a licensed plumber certified by the State as a cross-connection control device inspector. The Village Code requires that a copy of the annual test results be submitted to Aqua Backflow at [www.trackmybackflow.com](http://www.trackmybackflow.com).

## Flood Preparedness & Drainage Maintenance

**Springtime means heavy rains and the risk of potential flooding. Floods will occur at the most inconvenient times and with very little warning. There are many things that a resident can do to be prepared and prevent flooding.**

### Preparedness

- Prepare a list of emergency phone numbers that can be easily accessed during a flood.
- Keep an inventory, photographs, or video of personal property to help identify what has been damaged or lost during a flood.
- Keep copies of documents such as insurance policies, vehicles titles, deeds, and bank account information, in waterproof containers, or create password-protected digital copies.
- Move valuables to higher levels.
- Declutter drains, gutters, and check sump pump batteries.
- Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn around. Don't drown!

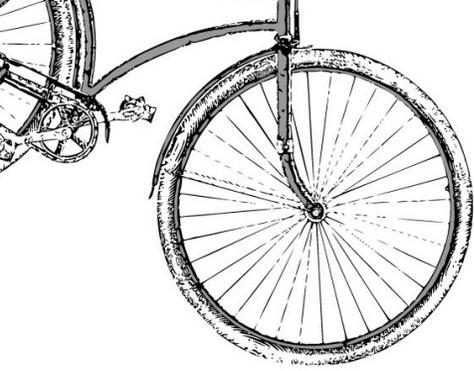
### Drainage System Maintenance

Any debris that is deposited into any part of the Village drainage system can have a serious impact on flooding, and it is against Village Code. Dumping materials such as grass clippings, branches, leaves, and garbage into creeks or storm sewers can decrease the ability of the drainage system.

The grated storm drains that you see on almost every street corner allows rainwater to drain from Village streets and surrounding properties. When storm drains get clogged the water can no longer be drained from the street. Water ponds along streets and can flood intersections and homes. Localized street flooding can be a hazard to the traveling public.

Please help the Village keep the system clean and ready to accept water. Residents should contact the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700 if they see debris that may potentially cause flooding problems.

<h3>FLOOD WARNING</h3> <p>A Flood Warning is issued when flooding is <b>happening</b> or will happen soon. Some roads will be <b>flooded</b>.</p> <p><b>Move</b> to higher ground. <b>Never drive</b> through flooded roads.</p> <p><b>take action.</b></p>	<h3>FLOOD WATCH</h3> <p>A Flood Watch is issued when flooding is possible.</p> <p>Stay tuned to radio/TV, follow <b>weather.gov</b> and be ready to seek higher ground.</p> <p>Learn more at <b>weather.gov/flood</b>.</p> <p><b>be prepared.</b></p>
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THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK  
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND...



# Market at the Metra

*Food, Crafts, Clothing & More*

*Saturday, May 14th / 9 AM to 4 PM*

*Hanover Park Metra Station, Lake St. & Barrington*

Interested in becoming a vendor?

Use the QR Code below or call 630-823-5602 for further information.

You may also visit our website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).



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