

# Hi-Lighter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023



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America's Global Village

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## Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed on November 23rd & 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and December 25th & 26th for the Christmas Holiday.

Police & Fire will remain open 24/7.

**HAPPY  
HOLIDAYS**

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# Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 1, 2023

5:30 pm

1900 Ontarioville Rd.

*Join us for a fun evening of carols, reindeers, mini train rides, hot cocoa & cookies from the Lions Club, games, smores, face painting and photos with Santa.*



# Calendar of Events

## Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane  
Hanover Park  
630-837-6800

### Family Concert Series

**Jack Wilson: Fingerstyle  
Guitar Champion**  
Sunday, Nov. 19 • 2 p.m.



### Random Ringers Handbell Choir

Sunday, Dec. 17 • 2 p.m.



All ages are welcome to our free indoor concerts. For concert details or to register, visit [pclib.org/events](http://pclib.org/events) or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take

place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

### Cultures of Our Community Saturday, Nov. 4 • 1-4 pm

This annual diversity event consists of live performances, each representing a different culture in our Community. No registration is necessary, just drop in.

### Holiday Market Saturday, Nov. 11 • 12-4 p.m.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping! Local vendors will be on-site for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. Visit [pclib.org/events](http://pclib.org/events) for details.

### Jolly Jingle Fest Sunday, Dec. 10 • 1-3 p.m.

Bring the family to the Main Library in Streamwood for our FREE winter festival featuring games, prizes, crafts, live music, and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! My Cocina food truck will be on-site with food/drinks available for purchase. No registration is necessary—just drop in.

## Hanover Park Branch Library

1266 Irving Park Road  
Hanover Park  
630-372-7800

### Crafternoon: Thanksgiving Pie Garland Wednesday, November 8 2-2:45 p.m.

Kids ages 5-12, drop in and create a beautiful pie-themed garland to decorate your home for Thanksgiving. Materials are available while supplies last.

### Beyond the Book - Tomorrow, and Tomorrow and Tomorrow Tuesday, November 21 10-11 a.m.

Join them for a lively discussion of Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow by Gabrielle Zevin.

Reserve a copy of the book while registering (they'll let you know when it's ready to be picked up), come to the Central Fiction Desk 30 days before the discussion date or check out the eAudiobook or eBook with your Schaumburg Library card.

### Blood Drive Wednesday, November 29 2-6 p.m.

The library is teaming up with Versiti to help replenish dangerously low blood supplies in our local area. Donations are used at local hospitals.

Photo ID required. Appointments preferred; walk-ins are welcome.

Call 1-800-7To-GIVE for questions.

### Art Adventures: Hibernating Animals Thursday, November 30 1-2 p.m.

Kids ages 2-5 years with a caregiver can drop in to explore a different art medium each month. This month, they'll be creating a hibernating animal craft!

## November

- 1 Special Events Committee..... 11:30 pm / Room 212
- 2 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 4 Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 9 Development Commission..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11 Veterans Day Event..... 3:00 pm / Room 214
- 14 Economic Dev. Committee.... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 16 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 21 CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 23 Thanksgiving Holiday - Village Hall Closed
- 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - Village Hall Closed
- 28 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214

## December

- 1 Tree Lighting Ceremony..... 5:30 pm / Ontarioville Plaza
- 2 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 5 Santa Claus..... 6:00 pm / Ontarioville Park
- 7 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
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# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Happy Holidays! Can you believe it is that time of year again? I am looking forward to celebrating the holidays with my family, friends, and the people of Hanover Park at the Tree Lighting Ceremony taking place Friday, December 1st. Join us for a great time! Visit Santa, sing carols, make s'mores over the fire pit, and much, much more.

Another very important event taking place on November 11th is our Veterans Day Observance. Join us at 3:00 p.m. at Village Hall as we honor the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our Country. To all our Veterans...past, present, and future....I thank you for your service!

As I make my rounds throughout the Village, I always see many homes beautifully decorated for the holiday season. Share your festive spirit and join the Village's Holiday Decorating Contest, show off your decorating skills and win some prizes along the way. Register your home at [www.hpil.org/holidaycontest](http://www.hpil.org/holidaycontest)

Don't miss the chance to visit with Santa on select Tuesday nights in December at the Gazebo in Ontarioville Park. What a great photo opportunity for the whole family. Furry friends welcome as well.

As we go into the New Year, perhaps you will make a resolution to give back to your community. If so, the Village has volunteer opportunities on several different Committees. Interested in learning more, visit our website for a list of those committees and how to sign up for one that interests you.

In October, Emma Tobar, Habitat for Humanity of DuPage County, worked extensively with the Women Build movement. Court J of Greenbrook Boulevard is looking outstanding, as they are bringing 27 new affordable townhomes to our community. A number of families are learning budgeting, constructing, and putting sweat equity into their new homes. Their mortgages are affordable. I met with many individuals and thanked them for their volunteerism. I am so proud of the

families coming together along Greenbrook Boulevard on Court J. Thank you for the support and the continuing relationship we have in Hanover Park with Habitat For Humanity Dupage, County.

As our construction season comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for their patience with our street replacement, curbs, sidewalks, and water mains. We have been expanding our normal workload to catch-up, replacing those streets that have the worst conditions first. Additionally, our new replacement Fire Station is underway. Our staff has been exceptional working to keep our costs manageable to assure we do not have to borrow to complete the new station. I am a fan of completing the peoples' work without raising taxes.

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:

## Youth Scholarship Program



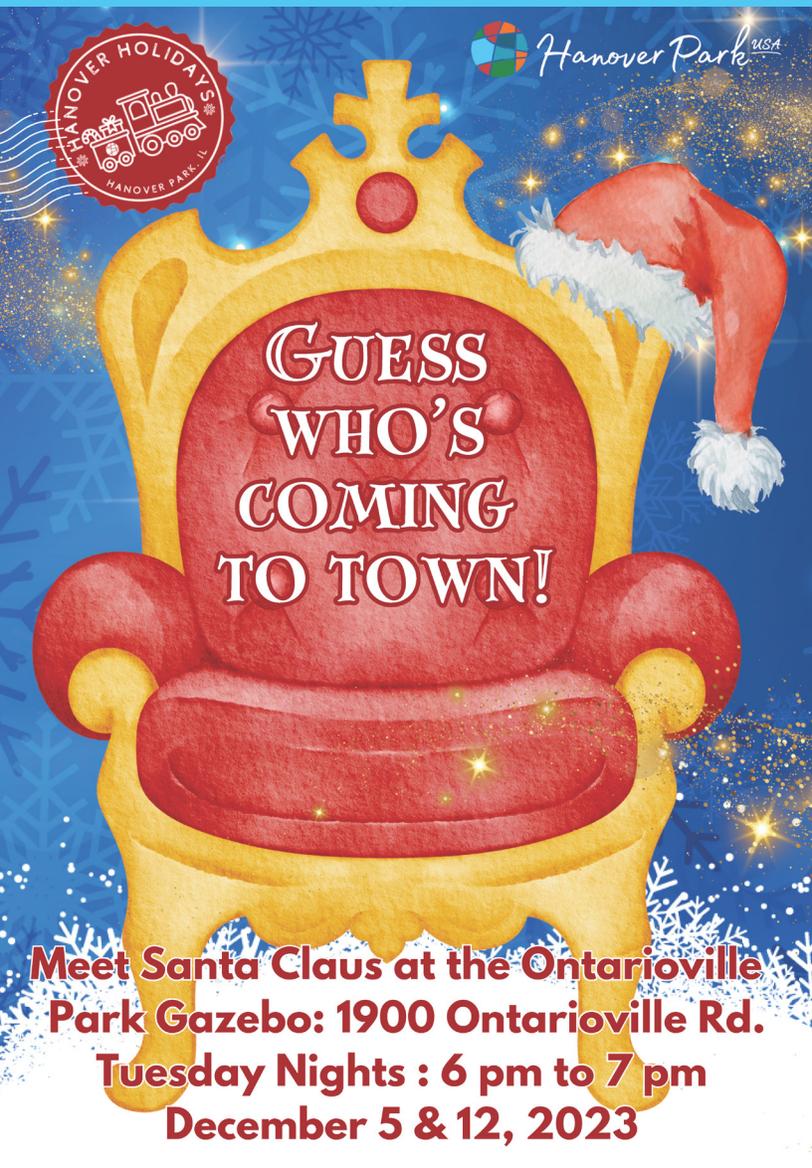
Kristy Merrill  
Village Clerk

The Clerk's Office has a youth scholarship program to assist families who are in financial need. This program helps the youth of Hanover Park participate in extra curricular activities in our community.

The Village of Hanover Park will provide financial assistance to those residents who meet the eligibility requirements. The Clerk's Office will approve \$75.00 per child/per calendar year. Financial Assistance funds can be utilized for Park District classes and camps, Gymkhana, A & A Music & Art Academy, baseball and Hurricanes Football & Cheer association. Other options may be available. Please contact the clerk's office to inquire.

### Eligibility Requirements:

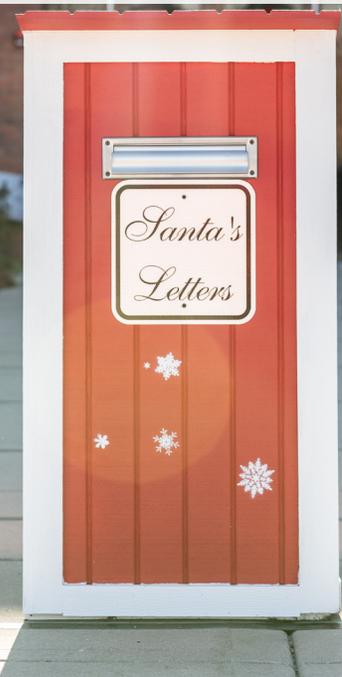
1. Must be a resident of Hanover Park
2. Must demonstrate financial need
3. May be used for Park District classes and camps, Gymkhana, and Hurricanes Football & Cheer association. Must bring in program guide with class information (dates, times, and pricing)
4. May submit only one application per child living in the household per calendar year and receive up to \$75 toward the program or class.



**Meet Santa Claus at the Ontarioville  
Park Gazebo: 1900 Ontarioville Rd.  
Tuesday Nights : 6 pm to 7 pm  
December 5 & 12, 2023**

## Letters to Santa

Starting on December 1, 2023, Santa's Mailbox will be next to the pavilion in our downtown area at 1900 Ontarioville Road. Come to meet and take your photos with Santa Clause on December 5th or 12th from 6:00- 7:00 p.m. Children of all ages can place their letters to Santa in the mailbox and the letters will be taken back to the North Pole with Santa each week. Please remember to include your child's name and address to receive a letter back from Santa.



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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)



# Happy Holidays

## And Have a Wonderful New Year

*From the Village President, Village Clerk,  
Board of Trustees & Staff!*

## Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Award

Are you a resident of Hanover Park, a member of the graduating class of 2024, 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, career, leadership 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 2023-2024 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 one \$1,000 scholarship and four \$500 runner-up scholarships.

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is December 1, 2023. Please contact Sue Krauser with questions at 630-823-5609 or via email at [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org).



The holidays are right around the corner... do you know what to get everyone on your list? Not sure exactly what to buy, but you know what their interests are? A gift basket/bin is a great option...fill it with items that suit the interests of the people on your gift-giving list! Keep your shopping simple by shopping local and supporting Hanover Park businesses too. You can find all kinds of fun, unique and interesting things to fill a basket by shopping at businesses right here in Hanover Park! Our online business directory makes it easy as it is already sorted by categories. <https://www.hpil.org/BusinessDirectoryii.aspx>

Here are a few ideas for items and gift cards from our local Hanover Park businesses:

**BEAUTY BUFFS:** Hanover Park has many nail salons, hair salons, eyebrow salons, barbershops, and spas – all for your favorite beauty buff. For a full list, go to <https://tinyurl.com/hpbeauty>

**CLEAN CARS & TRUCKS:** Give a gift card for EverClean or H2O Auto Spa car wash, Advance Auto Parts and Menards for all types of auto supplies.

**SPORTS GURUS:** Green Valley Golf, Range USA, The Art of Shooting CCL lessons, Gymkhana, 3D Martial Arts, Chang Brothers Taekwondo, and don't forget Hanover Park Park District programs.

**PET LOVERS:** Menards for all types of pet supplies, Hanover Park Animal Care Center-grooming services, Integrative Pet Care, or Bit-N-Bridle Saddlery for horse fans

**HOME IMPROVEMENT & DECOR:** Menards, Harbor Freight Tools, Ambers Furniture

**UNIQUE GLOBAL GIFTS:** Vitaminka and Quo Vadis Polish Bookstore, Halcones Boots & Clothing, or Fessak African Store

**TASTE OF HANOVER PARK** – Did you know there are over 50 restaurants in town? American, Mexican, Indian, Korean, German, Mediterranean, Chinese, Japanese, Southern Comfort/Soul food, Pizza, Sandwich & fast food, Pubs – we have it all! For a full list, go to <https://tinyurl.com/EatsInHP>

**KIDS & BARGAIN GIFTS** – Good Deal Gifts, DD Discounts, Dollar General – find fun and inexpensive gifts for anyone on your list. Dollar Tree is also coming soon!

**HEALTH & FITNESS** – And to keep up with your New Year's resolutions – check out the Health, Beauty and Fitness category of the business directory here: <https://tinyurl.com/HPhealth>

For a FULL list of ALL Hanover Park businesses, go to <https://tinyurl.com/AllHPbiz>

**Shop Local. Shop Hanover Park!**

## Arlington Drive Bridge Replacement Update

Bridge replacement projects are expensive and require a lot of design and planning. Almost a decade ago, the Village first started working to secure funding for the replacement of the Arlington Drive Bridge over the West Branch of the DuPage River. In 2015, the Village secured funding and began working with IDOT to replace the bridge. Over the last few years, the Village has been working on the design and has secured the necessary easements to complete the work from the adjacent property owners. Due to the nature of the project and the funding, the contract for the construction must be bid through IDOT. The Village anticipates this occurring in Spring 2024. Construction is expected to take approximately a year to complete. As a reminder, the bridge is weight restricted to 5 tons total weight, so buses, trucks, and other large vehicles are not to use the bridge!



**IT IS TIME TO NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE HANOVER PARK BUSINESS**

**FOR THE**

**2023 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR!**

**To submit a nomination online visit:**

**<https://tinyurl.com/nominate2023boty>**

**Stop by Village Hall for a nomination form, or scan the QR code below with your phone.**





# Target Harden Your Business... Prevent Crime Before It Happens

We understand that the safety and security of your business are of utmost importance. Criminals often look for vulnerable targets, but with a few simple steps, you can significantly reduce the risk of theft, vandalism, and other criminal activities. Here are some effective strategies to Target Harden your business:

- 1. Illuminate Your Space:** Adequate lighting is a powerful deterrent. Install bright exterior lights to eliminate hiding spots and ensure visibility, even during the night.
- 2. Secure Entrances and Exits:** Strengthen doors, windows, and access points with high-quality locks and reinforced frames. Consider installing security doors for an added layer of protection.
- 3. Install Surveillance Cameras:** Visible cameras act as a deterrent and can provide crucial evidence in case of an incident. Position them strategically to cover key areas and register the cameras with the Police Department's camera sharing initiative.
- 4. Alarms and Sensors:** Invest in an alarm system that can notify you and law enforcement in case of unauthorized access. Motion sensors can trigger alarms and alert you to any suspicious activity.
- 5. Landscaping Matters:** Trim shrubs and bushes near windows and entrances. Well-maintained landscaping not only enhances visibility but also eliminates potential hiding spots.
- 6. Collaborate with Neighbors:** Establish a network with neighboring businesses and share security tips. Look out for each other and report any suspicious activities promptly.
- 7. Limit Cash on Premises:** Minimize the amount of cash stored in your business. Use safes to secure valuables and consider implementing a cashless payment system.

- 8. Employee Training:** Educate your staff about security protocols, such as verifying identities before granting access and being vigilant about unusual behavior.
- 9. Emergency Contacts:** Display emergency contact numbers prominently, including local law enforcement, fire department, and security personnel.
- 10. Regular Maintenance:** Regularly inspect and maintain security systems, such as alarms and cameras, to ensure they are in proper working condition.

Remember, proactive steps can significantly reduce the risk of criminal activity and help create a safer environment for your business, employees, and customers.

In case of emergency or suspicious activity, contact your local law enforcement immediately by dialing 911.

Let's work together to make our community safer and more secure!



## Shop with a Cop



On December 9th, 2023, the Hanover Park Police Department will be participating in its annual Shop with a Cop event alongside the Roselle Police Department. This is the 7th year the department will be participating in the event, and we hope to make this year's event our biggest yet.

In 2022, due to our generous sponsors, Hanover Park police officers and

personnel had the joy of taking 12 Hanover Park elementary-aged children shopping with them. This is the most kids we have been able to benefit in one year since we started participating in the program. With the continued support of our sponsors, we hope to be able to benefit even more children this year.

The Shop with a Cop event involves officers meeting their shopping partners and driving to the Bloomingdale Meijer store in a parade of police cars with lights and sirens sounding. Each child is able to select gifts for themselves and their family, giving them a Christmas they may not otherwise experience.

After shopping, the police officers accompany their companions to lunch. Santa Claus stops by to say hello and has

with him a gift from the North Pole. Additionally, each child is gifted a coat and hat from Maddie's Mitten March, a non-profit organization that strives to provide clothing directly to underprivileged individuals in our area.

This event is incredibly rewarding for our officers and our younger residents. It is many officers' favorite event of the year and we can't wait for this year's event. We strive to continue benefiting as many families as possible, year after year, and are only able to do so with the generous support of our sponsors, including the Roselle Police Foundation. For more information on how you can sponsor a child to participate in this event and expand our impact, please contact Sergeant Ted Crawford at 630-823-5533 or [tcrawford@hpi.org](mailto:tcrawford@hpi.org).

# Upcoming Water Rate, Sewer Rate, and Infrastructure Service Charge Increase

**On December 1, 2022, the Village Board approved a 5-year Water Rate increase, a Sewer Rate increase, and a change to the Infrastructure Service Charge.**

Effective January 1st, 2024, with the bill due January 21st, an increase will take place to the water rate, sewer rate and infrastructure service charge.

These increases are crucial for the Village to continue providing high-quality water services, ensuring the upkeep of infrastructure, and meeting the demands of our growing community. The adjustments have been carefully considered, keeping in mind both the sustainability of our water resources and the financial implications for our residents.

## Current Rates:

- Water Rate: \$9.77 per Tgal
- Cook County Sewer Rate: \$2.16 per Tgal
- DuPage County Sewer Rate: \$5.82 per Tgal

## Infrastructure Service Charge (Based on Meter Size):

- ¾-inch meter and less: \$19.98/month
- 1-inch meter: \$35.56/month
- 1.5-inch meter: \$79.92/month
- 2-inch meter: \$142.06/month
- 3-inch meter: \$319.68/month
- 4-inch meter: \$568.23/month
- Discounted rate for ¾-inch meter and less: \$6.75/month

## New Rates Effective January 1st, 2024:

- Water Rate: \$10.21 per Tgal
- Cook County Sewer Rate: \$2.26 per Tgal
- DuPage County Sewer Rate: \$6.08 per Tgal

## Infrastructure Service Charge (Based on Meter Size):

- ¾-inch meter and less: \$21.58/month
- 1-inch meter: \$38.41/month
- 1.5-inch meter: \$86.31/month
- 2-inch meter: \$153.42/month
- 3-inch meter: \$345.25/month
- 4-inch meter: \$613.69/month
- Discounted rate for ¾-inch meter and less: \$7.29/month



## WATER USE SURVEY

**The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requires every water supply provider to develop and implement a backflow prevention control program. The program mandates surveying all water customers every three years to identify and eliminate connections that could allow contaminants to accidentally flow back into the drinking water from sources such as fire protection sprinkler systems, boilers, lawn sprinklers and some swimming pools.**

The Village of Hanover Park's Water Division is responsible for maintaining the Village's water distribution system by providing all water supply users with water that is safe, clean and adequate in quantity and quality.

A cross-connection is a connection between a drinking water supply and a non-drinking water source, where a contaminant could potentially enter the drinking water supply. Cross-connections should be protected by a valve called a backflow preventer. A backflow preventer is simply a device that allows the water to only flow in one direction. Property owners are responsible for installing, annual testing, and maintaining backflow preventers if they meet the criteria to require a backflow prevention device.

Hanover Park water customers will receive a survey in the mail. There is no cost, and it takes only a few moments to complete. Surveys should be completed within 30 days of receipt of the notice.

If you have questions, please call the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700 for further information.



# Home Construction in Hanover Park's Early Years

Written by Lisa Mueller, Poplar Creek Public Library Local History Librarian



**After Hanover Park was incorporated as a village in 1958, the Village began in earnest to change from rural to more suburban. Developers realized they could build homes faster and cheaper by developing multiple model homes on large tracts of farmland, rather than individuals purchasing a personal lot and finding a builder to construct their home on it.**

Many of Hanover Park's farms soon became subdivisions. Grants Highway Subdivision, first built in 1925, was greatly expanded in the 1950s. Hanover Park First Addition, with some of its first houses on Evergreen Avenue near Barrington Road, Hanover Park Estates, Hanover Highlands, and Hanover Gardens opened to residents during the first half of the 1960s.

If you are interested in helping preserve Hanover Park history, the Hanover Park Historic Committee meets at Village Hall every fourth Tuesday of the month. You can learn more about Hanover Park history--and learn about recording an oral history with us!--at Poplar Creek Public Library's Digital History Collection at [pclib.org/localhistory](http://pclib.org/localhistory), which shares images provided by the Historic Committee. Email [history@pclib.org](mailto:history@pclib.org) with any research questions regarding local history.



VETERANS DAY  
OBSERVANCE 2023



JOIN THE VILLAGE OF  
HANOVER PARK AS WE SALUTE  
AND TAKE TIME TO HONOR  
OUR HEROES



2121 W. Lake Street  
Room 214  
November 11th at 3:00 PM



TO ALL VETERANS  
★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
AND ACTIVE MILITARY  
MEN AND WOMEN:



★ ★ ★ ★ ★ *Happy* ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
**VETERANS DAY**



YOUR HONOR, COURAGE, AND  
SACRIFICE WILL BE REMEMBERED  
FOREVER.

**TODAY, WE SALUTE YOU  
FOR YOUR SERVICE.**



# Keep the Wreath Red

The Hanover Park Fire Department will once again be participating in the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association "Keep the Wreath Red" campaign.

Both Hanover Park fire stations will be displaying a wreath wrapped in red lights, on the front of their buildings. 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.

These wreaths are a challenge to Hanover Park residents to keep the lights on the wreath red and to alert people of the dangers associated with holiday decorations catching fire. The wreath campaign provides a visual reminder to everyone that the happiness of the holiday season can be changed in an instant by a fire. The department urges residents to enjoy this special time of year but remember common sense and awareness of fire threats.



The Hanover Park Fire Department recommends these tips to help ensure a fun and safe holiday season:

**Live trees:** Make sure they stay fresh and located away from any fire source. Old trees should not be burned in an interior fireplace or wood burning stove; instead recycle them or have them hauled away.

**Lights:** Inspect lights for frayed wires or gaps in insulation. Do not overload electrical outlets. Never leave the lights on unattended.

**Decorations:** Use nonflammable decorations. Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace. Make sure any artificial tree is flame retardant.

**Candles:** Make sure lit candles are placed in stable holders; never leave a residence with candles burning. Never put lit candles on a Christmas tree.

# Winterizing Your Home



Winter is just around the corner, and it's time to get your home ready for the cold season. With a few simple steps, you can ensure that your home stays warm and comfortable while saving on energy bills. In this article, we'll provide you with a concise guide to winterizing your home.

**Seal Leaks** - Start by checking for drafts around windows, doors, and electrical outlets on exterior walls. Use caulk and weatherstripping to seal gaps and prevent cold air from getting in.

**Insulate Wisely** - Proper insulation is crucial for maintaining a cozy indoor temperature and reducing heating costs. Check your attic and walls for insulation and add more if needed.

**Service Your Heating System** - Schedule a professional technician to service your heating system before winter. Regular maintenance ensures efficiency and prevents breakdowns.

**Programmable Thermostat** - Install a programmable thermostat to optimize temperature settings. Lower the temperature when you're away or asleep, and raise it when you're at home to save on energy.

**Roof and Gutters** - Inspect your roof for damage and clean your gutters to avoid ice dams. Ensure downspouts direct water away from your home's foundation.

**Seal Ducts** - Seal and insulate leaky air ducts to maximize your heating system's efficiency.

**Upgrade Windows and Doors** - Consider energy-efficient windows and doors to minimize heat loss and drafts, saving energy and improving comfort.

**Reverse Ceiling Fans** - Reverse your ceiling fans' direction to push warm air down, making your rooms feel cozier without raising the thermostat.

**Prepare for Emergencies** - Stock up on essentials like blankets, flashlights, batteries, and non-perishable food items. Consider a generator for extended power outages.

By taking these simple steps to winterize your home, you can enjoy a warm and comfortable winter while saving on energy costs. It's a proactive approach to a greener and more efficient lifestyle. Don't wait; start preparing your home for winter today!

## Protect People, Pets, Pipes, & Plants from cold weather



### People

- Minimize time outdoors.
- Prepare for power outages.
- Check on elderly & other vulnerable people to make sure they're ok.



### Pets

- Keep your pets warm, dry & indoors as much as possible.
- Ensure their food & water doesn't freeze.
- Limit outside time & keep them bundled up.



### Pipes

- Insulate pipes if possible.
- Open up sink cabinets to expose pipes to heated air.
- Disconnect hoses & turn off water to sprinklers.



### Plants

- Know their temperature thresholds.
- If possible, cover them before the cold weather sets in to help retain some heat.



## Snow and Ice Reminders

The Village of Hanover Park would like to give friendly reminders to residents as winter approaches.

- Garbage carts or cans should never be placed in the street. Please be mindful of the snowplows and refrain from placing garbage containers on snowbanks.
- Blowing or shoveling snow into the street can cause safety concerns for drivers and is dangerous. This will also prolong snow removal efforts.
- Homeowners are responsible for removing snow from their walks and provide a level and unobstructed walkway within 24 hours after two inches or more of snowfall.

## Holiday Lights Recycling

The Village of Hanover Park, 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 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A container will be placed outside the building for collection.

The Village will accept these items from November 1st through the end of March. No lawn ornaments or decorations will be accepted. For further information please call Public Works at (630) 823-5700.

## No Yard Waste Sticker Needed for November's Leaves

The Village would like to give a friendly reminder to all of our residents.

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 25, 2023. 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.

# Frozen Pipe Dangers & Prevention

As the winter season approaches, homeowners must be vigilant in safeguarding their properties against the potential hazards brought on by cold weather. One of the most underestimated, yet critical threats, is the freezing of water pipes. Frozen pipes can lead to extensive damage, costly repairs, and disruption to daily life.

## The Dangers of Frozen Water Pipes

1. **Burst Pipes:** When water freezes inside a pipe, it expands, exerting immense pressure on the walls of the pipe. This pressure can eventually lead to the pipe bursting, causing water to flood into your home once the ice thaws. Burst pipes can result in significant structural damage to walls, ceilings, and floors, along with potential damage to furniture and personal belongings.
2. **Property Damage:** The water released from burst pipes can seep into walls, insulation, and electrical systems, causing long-lasting damage and potentially compromising the structural integrity of your home. Moisture buildup can also create an environment conducive to mold growth, posing health risks to occupants.
3. **Financial Burden:** Repairing the damage caused by frozen and burst pipes can be an expensive endeavor. In addition to repair costs, homeowners may face increased utility bills, insurance claims, and potential temporary accommodation expenses if the damage is extensive.



## Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

1. **Insulation is key:** Insulating vulnerable pipes is an effective way to prevent freezing. Focus on pipes located in unheated areas such as basements, attics, crawl spaces, and garages. Use pipe insulation sleeves or heat tape to keep pipes warm and reduce the risk of freezing.
2. **Maintain Adequate Heating:** Keep your home heated to a consistent temperature, even when you are away. A temperature of around 55 degrees Fahrenheit is generally sufficient to prevent pipes from freezing.
3. **Drip Faucets:** On particularly cold nights, allow faucets to drip slightly. The flowing water can prevent pipes from freezing by relieving pressure buildup inside.
4. **Seal Leaks:** Inspect your home for gaps, cracks, and openings that could allow cold air to enter. Properly sealing these areas will help maintain a warm indoor environment and prevent freezing.
5. **Open Cabinet Doors:** In kitchens and bathrooms, open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around pipes that are under sinks and faucets.
6. **Disconnect Outdoor Hoses:** Before winter sets in, disconnect and drain outdoor hoses. If left connected, water trapped in hoses can freeze and cause pipes inside the house to freeze or burst.
7. **Shut Off Exterior Water Supply:** Locate and shut off the water supply to outdoor spigots. Drain any remaining water from these pipes to prevent freezing.

Frozen water pipes are a serious threat that can wreak havoc on your home during winter months. By understanding the dangers and taking proactive measures to prevent frozen pipes, you can safeguard your property and avoid the distressing consequences of burst pipes and water damage. Prioritize insulation, heating, and maintenance to ensure a warm and comfortable winter season without the chilling effects of frozen pipes.

# Holiday House Decorating Contest



## Register Your Home or Business!

The contest is open to all Hanover Park residents and businesses. Registration is FREE. To enter, visit our website at [www.hpil.org/holidaycontest](http://www.hpil.org/holidaycontest).

*Please attach a photo of your decorated home or business.*

**Registration** will be open Friday, November 24th through Thursday, December 7th. All homes will be placed on our Holiday Decorating Contest map, which will go active Monday, December 11th.

### Award Categories:

- People's Choice - Best Decorated Home & Business
- Village Board Award
- Park District Award

*By filling out the registration form, you are permitting the Village of Hanover Park & the Hanover Park Park District to list the information you provided on our website, interactive map, and to be used to promote the contest on social media.*

*This December share your seasonal cheer and spirit by entering our Holiday home & business Decorating Contest!*



Register  
[hpil.org/holidaycontest](http://hpil.org/holidaycontest)

Tour  
[hpil.org/holidaymap](http://hpil.org/holidaymap)

Vote  
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