

Hi-Lighter

MARCH/APRIL 2024



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America's Global Village

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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed on Friday, March 29th 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.



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Doggie Eggstravaganza!

Saturday, April 6, 2024
2:00-3:00 pm  **Ontarioville Park**
1900 Onvarioville Road, Hanover Park

Tail-wagging, good old-fashioned egg hunt filled with dog treats. **\$5.00 fee per dog**

Register at www.hpil.org/Eggstravaganza
(Registration begins March 4th)



Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Family Concert Series

Sunday, March 17 • 2 p.m.
"Arianna" with flutist Carolyn
Lloyd and harpist Julie Spring



Sunday, April 21 • 2 p.m.
Guitarist Ken Rothacker and
Friends

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts; registration is required. To register, please visit www.pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood, in Meeting Room 1.

Spring Market
March 9 • 12 p.m.

Local vendors will be on-site for you to purchase handmade crafts, jewelry, food, and more. While some vendors take credit cards but most are cash-only.

Art Appreciation
Around the World
April 6 • 1 p.m.

View exhibits featuring the artistic creations of local artisans. The showcased works encompass paintings, woodwork, jewelry, sculptures, and various other forms of two and three-dimensional art. No registration is required; feel free to drop in and enjoy the diverse talents of our local artists.

National Bookmobile Day
April 10 • 10 a.m.

Celebrating National Library Outreach & Bookmobile Day! Step on board our Mobile Library, the "Library on Wheels," and take a tour. There will be games and activities for all ages, providing a fun and educational experience. For additional details, visit pclib.org/mobile-library



Hanover Park has a huge variety of restaurants...have you tried them all? Want to try something new? Wondering what the food is like at that restaurant down the street? Looking for a particular type of cuisine? Did you have a great meal and want to let others know? Get the inside scoop on restaurants, spread the word about great food you've enjoyed, and support your local eateries by joining Hanover Park To-Go's Facebook page. Help our Hanover Park restaurants succeed by spreading the news about your favorite places to eat. Restaurants – you can join Hanover Park To-Go and post about your restaurant and any specials you are offering or events you are hosting. It's free to join and to post! Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/hanoverparktogo> and click on the Join box, or just type Hanover Park To-Go in the Facebook search box, then click Join once you are on the page. Once you join, you can begin posting!

The Village created this Facebook page so restaurants can post about their food and specials, and customers can compliment restaurants they have visited in Hanover Park or look to see what others have tried and liked. Every time you visit a Hanover Park restaurant, go to Hanover Park To-Go and let others know what you liked! Let's help our restaurants grow and succeed!

March

- 2 Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 7 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 12 Economic Dev. Committee.... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 14 Development Commission.... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 19 CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 21 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 Water Bills Due
- 26 Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 26 Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 28 Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 29 Spring Holiday - Village Hall Closed

April

- 4 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 6 Veterans Committee. 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
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- 27 Kids at Hope Event..... 10:00 am / Park District

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



As the days grow longer and the flowers begin to bloom, I am filled with a sense of optimism and excitement for the season ahead. Spring has arrived in our fine Village, bringing with it new opportunities for growth, connection, and renewal. I encourage each of you to take a moment to appreciate the beauty of nature that surrounds us. Whether it's a leisurely stroll through our parks or a peaceful moment in your garden, let's embrace the sights, sounds, and scents of this wonderful season.

Interested in getting involved with our community? Join one of our committees or commissions. Given our commitment to the environment, participation on the Environmental Committee is down. If you have a passion for helping the environment and are interested, please let us know by contacting Sue Krauser at skrauser@hpil.org

On February 14th, I presented my annual State of the Village. I am pleased to report that our Village continues to thrive, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Village Board, professional staff, businesses and residents. From improvements in infrastructure to initiatives supporting local businesses and community development, we are making great strides in building a vibrant and inclusive Village for all. I want to express my gratitude to each one of you for your continued support and dedication to our community. It's your enthusiasm and involvement that make our village such a wonderful place to live. Rail Safety and working together in harmony has become a key theme, as Hanover Park continues to model a family-oriented community.

What is on the horizon for Hanover Park? We have a jam-packed schedule of events and initiatives designed to bring us closer together and enhance the vibrancy of our Village. Join us April 6th for our Doggie Eggstravaganza in Ontarioville Park. Bring your four-legged pal for an Easter Egg hunt, meet the Easter Bunny and get plenty of treats.

We also have our Kids at Hope Health & Resource Fair on April 27th. This is a great event designed to provide information and resources to youth and families in Hanover Park. The event will have many exhibitors dedicated to providing fun, safe activities for youth.

These are just a couple events we have coming up. Watch our Facebook page for further information on additional events. Want your business to get some recognition at one of these events? I encourage you to look into our Corporate Partnership Program. Every year, businesses make generous donations to help fund these wonderful events. We are grateful for their participation. Please contact Sue Krauser at skrauser@hpil.org if you would like additional information.

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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rodney A. Craig".

Mayor Rodney Craig

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Special Events vs. Block Party Applications



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

Did you know that if you are planning a Special Event or Block Party, you will need to complete a Special Event or Block Party Application? What is the difference between the two you ask?

Block Parties are for Hanover Park residents who live on a residential street and wish to have a party with their neighbors. Streets may be closed (if available and approved). All applications for a Block party should be submitted to the Clerk's office 30 days prior to the party. There are no fees associated with a block party application.

Special Events are for businesses in Hanover Park to promote business through sidewalk sales, live entertainment, festivals, and more. These events require a Village permit submitted 60 days prior to the event. The fee for each special event permit is \$35.00.

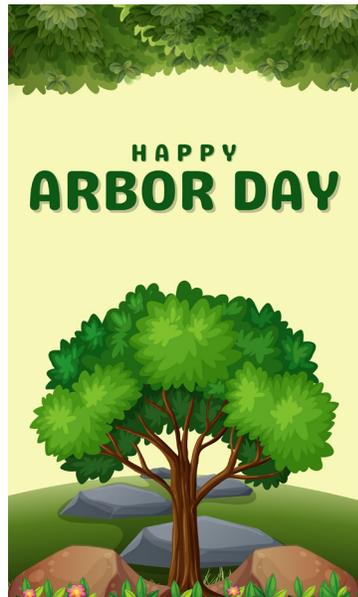
Applications for both are available at www.HPIL.org. Questions? Please contact the Village Clerk's Office at 630-823-5602.

Celebrate Arbor Day!

National Arbor Day is on Friday, April 26th. 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.



Voting in the 2024 Illinois Primary Election

Illinois will hold an election for President of the United States on November 5, 2024, along with 49 other states and the District of Columbia.



The Democratic and Republican parties will hold primary elections on Tuesday, March 19th, when Illinoisans will be able to cast their ballot.

In order to vote, residents must:

- Be a United States citizen
- Must be 18 years of age or older on Election Day
- Must live in their precinct for at least 30 days prior to an election
- Must not be serving a prison sentence as a result of a criminal conviction
- May not claim the right to vote anywhere else

For further information on polling places or Election questions, please contact the Clerk's Office at 630-823-5602.

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Important Telephone Numbers: Police, Fire & Ambulance: 9-1-1

Main Number 630.823.5600
Police Information 630.823.5500
Public Works Dept..... 630.823.5700
Comm. Development.... 630.823.5780
Finance Department..... 630.823.5790
Water Billing 630.823.5799
Fire Department..... 630.823.5800
Inspectional Services..... 630.823.5860
Police Department fax .. 630.823.5499
Public Works fax 630.823.5704
Municipal Building fax ... 630.823.5786

Code Enforcement Hotline 630.823.5572

Village Board Meetings:

Meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2121 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



In every community, there exists a hub of activity and governance, often overlooked yet integral to the smooth functioning of daily life: the Village Manager's Office. This office is a vital connection between residents and local government, offering support, resources, and opportunities for civic involvement. Understanding their roles and functions can empower residents to actively participate in shaping the future of their neighborhoods.

Who Works There?

At the helm of the Village of Hanover Park's Manager's Office is Village Manager, Juliana Maller, a professional local government manager appointed by the President and Board of Trustees. She oversees the day-to-day operations, manages municipal staff, and advises elected officials on policy matters. Assisting and supporting her are Deputy Village Manager David Webb and Executive Assistant Sue Krauser.



Understanding the Village Manager's Office

The Village Manager is the administrative and executive head of the government and appoints and removes all officers not required to be elected. The Manager is charged with the responsibility of planning, directing, coordinating and supervising the work and functions of all village departments as outlined in village law, implementing the policies, rules and regulations as established by the Board of Trustees and planning and coordinating all village functions in accordance with their direction.

The Village Manager evaluates municipal services, prepares the annual budget, responds to citizen inquiries, and acts as a liaison between special interest groups and other governmental units and the elected officials of the Village. The Village Manager conducts staff meetings with department heads. Projects are discussed and then placed on the agenda for the President and Board of Trustees to review, discuss, and vote on at Village Board meetings.

The Mayor's Office: Advocating for Community Voice

Alongside the Village Manager's Office, the Mayor's Office represents the elected leadership of the Village, embodying the voice of the community and advocating for its interests. The Mayor, elected by the residents, serves as both a symbol of local governance and a proactive advocate for positive change. Rodney S. Craig has served as Hanover Park's Village President for the past 17 years.

Together, both offices set the agenda for policy discussions, champions initiatives to address community priorities, and fosters partnerships with stakeholders to enhance the quality of life for residents. Through public appearances, town hall meetings, and outreach efforts, they seek to engage residents, encouraging active participation and dialogue.





RESTAURANT WEEK

MARCH 8-18, 2024

Join us for a culinary celebration!
Taste the globe without leaving Hanover Park!
 Visit www.hpil.org for a list of participating restaurants!





Announcing..... 1st Annual Restaurant Week

Get ready! Hanover Park will be hosting its first Annual Restaurant Week, March 8 - 18, 2024. Across the U.S., Restaurant Weeks have helped local restaurants increase sales and obtain new customers. Support our Hanover Park restaurants by dining in or ordering for pick-up or delivery from March 8 - 18 and enjoy special discounts or offers.

We encourage you to visit the participating restaurants below in Hanover Park for Restaurant Week specials.

Launching just in time for Restaurant Week: Hanover Park's very own Restaurant Map! This digital map is a great resource for finding local restaurants, their menu, and their contact information. Each restaurant is shown as a pin on the map, so you can find what's nearby or try something new and exciting. You can find a link to the map on the "Shop and Dine Local" page of Hanover Park's website at www.HPIL.org/431.

Country Style Donuts

1519 Irving Park

- Buy a dozen donuts - get 6 FREE
- \$2.00 off 1 dozen donuts
- 6 donuts for \$8.99
- 2 dozen (24) donuts for \$23.99

El Nayarita Restaurant

6602 Barrington

- Buy any dish full price, get the second for \$10 off
- Buy one drink, get one drink half off (\$17.99 or less)

La Michoacana

2103 Irving Park

- Free popsicle with \$20 purchase
- Monday: buy a 16oz Mangonada, get 9oz FREE
- Tuesday: buy one large yogurt, get a small FREE
- Wednesday: buy one large milkshake, get 50% off a small
- Thursday: get a Large fresh water for the price of a medium (strawberry, rice water, lime, etc.)
- Friday: 50% off a churro with ice cream

Lazzat UR

670 Wise

- \$9.99 Rice Pilaf in traditional Uzbek Kazan w/lamb, carrots, onions (reg. \$15.00)
- \$2.99 Oven-baked Beef Pastry (reg. \$5.00)
- \$3.00 Tandoor bread (reg. \$4.00)

Los 2 Brothers Mexican Restaurant

2011 Irving Park

- FREE churro with any order!

McDonald's

7455 Barrington

- Buy one twist cone, get one FREE
- Buy one steak bagel, get one FREE
- Buy one Big Mac, get one FREE

Mariscos El Amigo

2184 Lake Street

- \$10 off any \$50.00 purchase
- \$20 off any \$100.00 purchase

My Taco Express

7310 Barrington

- \$1.99 Chicken and Pork Tacos w/cheeses, lettuce, tomato, or onions & cilantro (corn tortillas only)

NeeHee's

1850 Army Trail

- Pick Your Own Lunch Combo for \$15 (60+ options) plus
- Buy One Get One FREE Deals:
- Monday: Pav Bhaji
 - Tuesday: Chole Bhature
 - Wednesday: Dosa
 - Thursday: Paratha
 - Friday: 2 for \$20 on Desi Chinese menu

*Lunch Combos are Monday-Friday, 11am - 2:30pm

*BOGO Specials are from 4pm-9pm (Dine-in only)

Orale Mexican Bar & Grill

7219 Orchard Lane

- \$19.00 Tacos Pescado (beer-battered tilapia) + Street Corn + Churros (reg. \$27.00)
- \$18.00 Tacos Panza (slow cooked pork belly) + Street Corn + Churros (reg. \$26.00)

Renate's German Restaurant

7213 Olde Salem Circle

- 15% off any order, dine-in or take-out, including desserts

San Marcos Mexican Grill

5678 Arlington Drive

- Tuesday: \$2.50 Tacos, \$3.00 Fish & Shrimp Tacos
- Wednesday: FREE French fries with any burrito purchase
- Thursday: \$11.95/dozen chicken wings
- Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 10% off all dine-in orders

Staco 'N Madre

2021 Irving Park

- \$5.00 offer any purchase of \$50.00 or more (1 coupon per person)

Timeout West Sports Pub

1130 Lake Street

- Monday - Thursday: \$1.99 burger special (dine-in only)
- Tuesday: \$.90 wings (dine-in only)
- Wednesday: \$.99 tacos (dine-in only)
- Thursday: \$10.95 pulled pork dinner
- Friday: \$.90 wings

Zen Ramen & Grill

1553 Irving Park

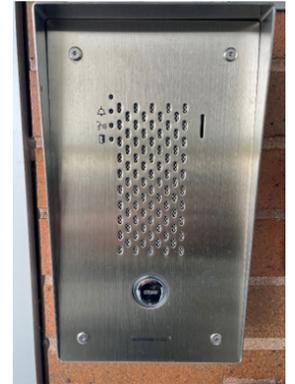
- \$5.00 off any purchase of \$25.00 or more
- \$10.00 off any purchase of \$50.00 or more
- Buy one Boba tea, get one 50% off



Police Department Front Desk & Lobby to Close Overnight

The Hanover Park Police Department is in the process of completing tasks to allow for the closure of the front desk and police station lobby during the overnight hours.

When this new procedure begins, the Police Department's lobby will close nightly at 12:00AM and reopen at 8:00AM the following morning. Such a closure is commonplace in many area police departments, and service to the community will continue to be excellent. Residents contacting the Police Department's main phone line at 630-823-5500 during this time frame will be presented a message containing various options to assist with their need for police services, including the ability to speak to a police department employee if necessary. Residents attempting to enter the police department during this time frame will need to activate the button on the pictured intercom to speak to a member of dispatch, who will then assign a police department employee to respond for assistance. This intercom is located just outside the main entrance of the police department lobby.



While an official date is still forthcoming and dependent on outside vendor work to be completed, residents should expect this to begin by March 2024. Further announcements will be made via the Facebook pages for the Village of Hanover Park and the Hanover Park Police Department. Any questions about this transition can be directed to Records Supervisor Conan Foley at 630-823-5563.

2024 Police Department Area Design Changes

The Hanover Park Police Department uses a strategy aimed at closer Policing and Community Relations. This strategy is called Area Response Teams (ART). ART involves assigning officers as area representatives for one year periods.

What is an Area? An Area, sometimes referred to as a Beat, is a geographic area within Hanover Park's boundaries that is patrolled by an assigned officer. Hanover Park has six designated Areas. Areas are designed to evenly spread call for service volume, when possible, and with geographic features in mind.

Why change the boundaries of an Area? Every quarter of the year calls for service within an Area are analyzed to determine how many occur within that time frame. A trend has been identified, which shows Area 1 to have a larger call for service volume than other areas. Changes have been identified that would even out this disparity.

What changes were made to Area design? The following notable changes have been made to more evenly spread call for service volume:

- Residents of the Upper and Lower Highlands Neighborhoods, that were previously part of Area 1, are now part of Area 3.
- Businesses on the south side of Irving Park Road between Barrington Road and Wise Road, that were previously part of Area 1, are now part of Area 3.
- Businesses in the Hanover Square Shopping Center, that were previously part of Area 1, are now part of Area 5.
- Residents and businesses along Lake Street between Mark Thomas Lane and the western corporate limits, that were previously part of Area 3, are now part of Area 5.
- Residents along the north side of Devon Avenue to the western corporate limits, that were previously part of Area 5, are now part of Area 6.

When will these changes occur? The new area design changes were put in place in late January 2024. Additional information will be provided on the Hanover Park Police Department Facebook page and at quarterly ART meetings.



PowerKicks Taekwondo Academy

**7205 Orchard Lane
 224-401-5064**

PowerKicks Taekwondo Academy is a dynamic addition to our community – it brings the ancient art of Taekwondo to the forefront, fostering discipline, respect, and personal growth by providing martial arts and self-defense classes for adults and children.

Founder Grandmaster JoJo Stagen has been the Chief Instructor and owner since 1993. Owner and Master Joel Dela Cruz has trained in Taekwondo for over 25 years – he holds a black belt, was a Jr. Olympic Gold Medalist, a 4x Undefeated State Champion, a national competitor, and an international medalist. His teaching style focuses on both the physical aspects as well as the mental discipline and provides character development as part of the core principles of Taekwondo.

PowerKicks offers specialized classes tailored to different age groups, from Tiny Tigers for preschoolers to Warrior Teens for adolescents, as well as self-defense classes for all ages. Their team consists of seasoned instructors, including former national

Taekwondo champions and certified self-defense experts, and their passion for teaching and extensive experience ensures that each student receives top-notch instruction.

Students at Powerkicks Taekwondo Academy not only enhance their physical fitness but also develop mental resilience and essential life skills. The curriculum emphasizes goal setting, leadership, and effective communication to create well-rounded individuals.

Start your journey of self-discovery and growth! Call 224-215-6505 or stop by during their business hours: Monday & Wednesdays & Fridays 3pm-8pm, Saturdays 10am-5pm.



Corporate Partnership Program

The Corporate Partnership Program is an annual program that provides local businesses and those businesses who work with the Village of Hanover Park, a chance for community involvement and a great opportunity to promote your business. You can make a difference for the Hanover Park community.

For more information on joining the Hanover Park Corporate Partnership Program, visit www.hpil.org/CorporatePartner



Holiday House Decorating Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Holiday House Decorating Contest!

People's Choice Award



Village Board Tour Award

PowerKicks Taekwondo Academy
 7205 Orchard Lane



Ontarioville's Blacksmith

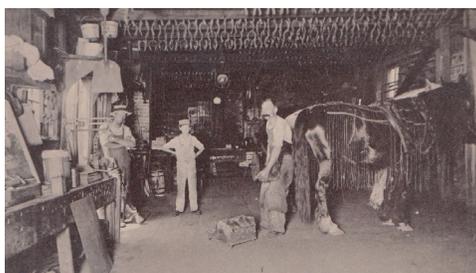
Written by Lisa Mueller, Poplar Creek Public Library Local History Librarian



Ontarioville, a precursor to Hanover Park, offered its inhabitants several essential businesses along Ontarioville Road in the late 19th/early 20th century. One of those was the blacksmith shop.

The blacksmith offered various metal tools and items such as horseshoes. The building stood next to the wagon shop and the Scholer house; Emil Scholer owned all three. After Scholer's death, his family ran the blacksmith shop along with August Anderson. Anderson might have bought the very first automobile in Ontarioville in 1910. The car had two seats and no roof. It is unknown when exactly the blacksmith shop closed. Access to factory-made hardware and the greatly-diminished need for horseshoes with the rise of automobiles would most likely have played a role in its closing.

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, which shares images provided by the Historic Committee. Email history@pclib.org with any research questions regarding local history.



Wood Chips Available for Spring Landscaping Projects



The Village makes free wood chips available to residents throughout the year using branches collected through tree trimming and our brush pickup programs. The wood chips will vary in composition and the piles could include leaves, evergreen needles, and various chip sizes. The chips can be picked up at the Village or a request for driveway delivery can be submitted.

Once wood chips have been delivered to a home the Village will not be able to return and pick them up. For this reason, we recommend that a resident requesting a delivery of chips personally look at the chips available at the Public Works site before placing an order. The wood chips are located through the Village's main entrance behind the wood fence with a sign directing residents to the location. Viewing of the chips is limited to daylight hours only.

Each resident can request two loads of wood chips at a time. Each load is approximately four cubic yards and will fill an area that is 6 ft. x 6 ft. and 3 ft. high.

Deliveries will be made at a time determined by the Street Supervisor. The delivery schedules will depend on weather, emergencies, and availability of staffing and equipment. They will be handled on a "first-call, first-serve" basis and will be made within three (3) weeks after a request is made.

The wood chips will be placed on driveways only. Chips will not be placed on driveway aprons, sidewalks, or on the lawn. When placing your order please let the Public Works Department know how many loads will be needed and if the crew can place the chips behind a car that could be in the driveway.

Residents wanting to pick up and load a supply of wood chips into their vehicles can do so during daylight hours Monday through Friday. Call Public Works Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at (630) 823-5700 to schedule your wood chip delivery or with any questions.

Severe Weather... Preparedness Pointers

March is Severe Weather Preparedness Month! It's time for a refresher on our Outdoor Warning Sirens.

Did you know?

- Sirens are not only used to indicate a Tornado. They may be sounding for high winds +70mph and destructive hail.
- The Sirens are not meant to be the main source of weather warning indoors.
- Hanover Park currently has six Outdoor Warning Sirens, including one that is shared with Streamwood.
- Our Sirens are tested on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 10am for one minute.
- The sirens will sound for 3 minutes during a Tornado Warning, stop, and re-activate after 10 minutes if the threat is still present.
- The National Weather Service does not have the capability to take over the radio airwaves in the Chicagoland area. Your cellphone may be your only way of receiving Tornado notification.



Clothes Dryer Safety



Doing laundry is most likely part of your everyday routine. But did you know how important taking care of your clothes dryer is to the safety of your home? With a few simple safety tips, you can help prevent a clothes dryer fire.

Dryers should be properly grounded. Check the outdoor vent flap to make sure it is not covered by snow. Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing, etc. Clothes that have come in contact with flammable substances, like gasoline, paint thinner, or similar solvents should be laid outside to dry, then can be washed and dried as usual.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Make sure you clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Rigid or flexible metal venting material should be used to sustain proper air flow and drying time.
- Make sure the air exhaust vent pipe is not restricted and the outdoor vent flap will open when the dryer is operating. Once a year, or more often if you notice that it is taking longer than normal for your clothes to dry, clean lint out of the vent pipe or have a dryer lint removal service do it for you.
- Keep dryers in good working order. Gas dryers should be inspected by a qualified professional to make sure that the gas line and connection are intact and free of leaks.
- Make sure the right plug and outlet are used and that the machine is connected properly.
- Follow the manufacturer's operating instructions and don't overload your dryer.
- Turn the dryer off if you leave home or when you go to bed.

Tornado Watch vs. Warning

What is the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning?

A Tornado Watch means that all of the ingredients exist to develop into a tornado, 70+mph winds and large damaging hail. Keep an eye out for additional information.

A Tornado Warning means the tornado, 70+mph winds and large damaging hail is present. Time to take cover!



Are we in Tornado Alley?

In 2023, Illinois ranked first in the total number of tornadoes across the United States with a total of 120 confirmed tornadoes. Experts suggest that Tornado Alley is shifting a bit north and east to encompass Illinois. Typically, about 80% of all tornadoes in Illinois occur from April 1st to June 30th.

Seasonal Laborer Positions

Do you or someone you know enjoy a job involving physical activity and working outdoors? The Public Works Department may have an opportunity for you.

Seasonal laborer positions are available to interested individuals during our warm months. Many individuals will gain on-the-job training and valuable experience while providing service to the community. Tasks could include street repairs, landscaping, assisting with utility repairs, and painting. Check the Village's Job Opportunities Page at www.hpiljobs.org for any possible job openings.

Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

Please remember that your regular garbage collection day could be affected by the holidays listed below.

- **Memorial Day** – Monday, May 27, 2024: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, June 1st.
- **Fourth of July** – Thursday, July 4, 2024: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, July 6th.
- **Labor Day** – Monday, September 2, 2024: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, September 7th.
- **Thanksgiving** – Thursday, November 28, 2024: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, November 30th.
- **Christmas** – Wednesday, December 25, 2024: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, December 28th.
- **New Year's Day** – Wednesday, January 1, 2025: Pick up date delayed one day to Saturday, January 4th.

If one of these holidays falls between a Sunday and a Friday, then your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day is postponed one day.

Download the Groot app and you will receive notifications anytime your trash pickup will be delayed! Visit Groot.com/bill-pay

Please call Groot at (630) 469-1036 or Public Works at (630) 823-5700 with any questions.



2024 Brush Pick-Up Program

The Village's brush pick-up program will offer two collection dates per zone for 2024.

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:

SPRING COLLECTION

April 1

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

April 15

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

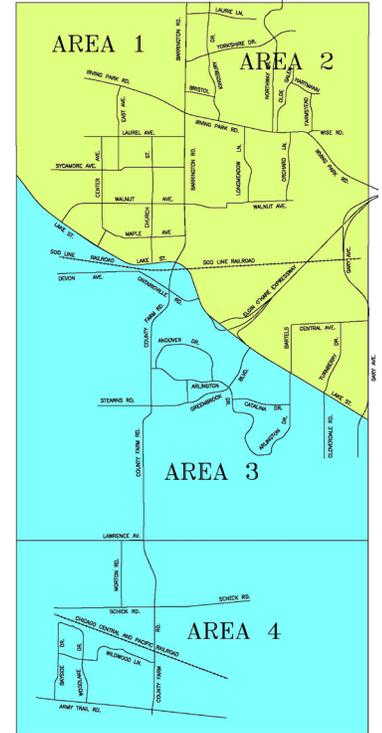
FALL COLLECTION

October 7

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

October 21

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



Brush must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the day of your scheduled collection date to avoid missing your cycle. Residents are asked to follow the collection schedule listed above and on the Village's website at www.hpil.org

Residents are required to follow the brush preparation guidelines listed below. Please call the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700 with any questions. Following the guidelines closely will ensure that your material will be collected as part of the program.

GUIDELINES:

The Village will collect branches with a minimum of two (2) feet in length and a maximum of ten (10) feet in length. The branches must be less than eight (8) inches in diameter.

What will not be picked up: small hedge or pine clippings; yard waste or brush in containers; brush or branches with thorns; stumps or tree roots; or unorganized or tangled brush piles.

How to stack brush: do not bundle; Neatly stack the brush in one direction with the butt/cut end toward the street; Do not block access to the brush pile with your vehicle.; No lumber, wire, rope, construction material or other material can be included with the brush; Do not block the sidewalk

PLEASE REMEMBER: If you miss your scheduled brush pick up date you can utilize the yard waste collection provided by Groot Services once a week on Fridays, beginning April 5, 2024, through November 30, 2024. Yard waste stickers are required. The yard waste must be placed in a special yard waste bag or branches must be tied in bundles up to 48 inches long and up to 18 inches in diameter. Please call Groot Services at (630) 469-1036 with any questions.

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



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Saturday, April 27, 2024 - 10:00am to 1:00pm - Hanover Park Park District

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Elected Officials

Village President - Rodney S. Craig

Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

Yasmeen Bankole, Trustee

Liza Gutierrez, Trustee

Syed Hussaini, Trustee

Jon Kunkel, Trustee

Herb Porter, Trustee

Bob Prigge, Trustee

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