

Hi-Lighter

MAY/JUNE 2024



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America's Global Village

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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.

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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Movie In the Park



Wonka

June 21, 2024
East Harbor Park
4001 Woodlake Dr.



Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem

July 19, 2024
Community Park
1919 Walnut



Kung Fu Panda 4

August 2, 2024
Community Park
1919 Walnut

Be sure to bring your family and friends, along with lawn chairs and blankets for our Movie in the Park series. Games and activities start at 8:00 pm with the movie kicking off at dusk. Snacks & refreshments for sale. Visit www.HPIL.org for updates.

Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Family Concert Series

Sunday, May 19 • 2 p.m.
J2 Strings
(a violin and guitar duo)



Sunday, June 23 • 2 p.m.
Shout Section Big Band
(classic big band jazz)

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts. To register, visit pclub.org/events or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

Summer Reading Program June 3 - August 2

"Bee" a Reader and find out the "Buzz About Books" this summer! Join our all ages Summer Reading Challenge! Earn a prize for reading just 1,050 minutes! For details or to sign up, visit pclub.org/src

Hive Talkin' June 15 • 2 p.m.

Join local Beekeeper Konni Vukelic for an engaging presentation about bees. Meet some of the bees (safely contained in an observation hive) that help provide pollination for local farms and learn about what you can do to help them.



Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Presents

HANOVER PARK LUAU: THE TIKI EXPERIENCE

Tuesday, May 21, 2024
6 pm to 8 pm
Village Hall
2121 West Lake Street,
Hanover Park
Room #214

Come join us to celebrate the diverse Asian and Pacific Islander cultures represented in Hanover Park. Complimentary Hors d'oeuvres & Refreshments served and a one hour luau show.

Event is free. Space is limited.
RSVP by email to
Bkucz@hpil.org

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May

- 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
- 14** Economic Dev. Committee.... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 16** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21** CIDC Luau Event..... 6:00 pm / Room 123
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 23** Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
- 29** Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed
- 29** Memorial Day Ceremony..... 10:00 am / Veteran's Memorial
- 28** Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 28** Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214

June

- 1** Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 6** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11** Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 13** Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 15** Juneteenth Event..... 12:00 pm / 1200 Sycamore
- 18** CIDC Committee 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 20** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 21** Movie in the Park..... 8:00 pm / 4001 Woodlake
- 22** Apiary Open House..... 1:00 pm / 2500 Army Trail
- 25** Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 25** Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 27** Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Spring is here and the Village's event season is kicking off. We hope you plan on joining us at our Movie in the Park, Juneteenth Event and Apiary Open House! These are wonderful community events for the whole family and you are sure to have a great time. We have lots more planned in the coming months, so be sure to watch our Facebook page or visit our website for more details!

Physical activity combined with social connection is good for our hearts and minds. They can help us cope with anxiety, depression, stress, and other mental health challenges. That is why I support the Move with the Mayor® (MWTM) Spring Mental Health and Physical Activity Challenge, which is a month-long challenge that begins May 1 and coincides with Mental Health Awareness Month. The challenge aims to promote mental and physical health by encouraging daily movement while fostering social connection through group activities. I invite residents of all ages to join the challenge by participating in activities like biking, walking, meditation, yoga and more during May. Share your experiences and support each other on social media using #MoveWithTheMayor.

Recently, we held our annual Awards Dinner to recognize various award recipients, hand out our Youth of the Year Scholarships, and show our appreciation for the volunteers on our Committees and Commissions. It was a wonderful event, and I congratulate all of our award winners. See additional information throughout this Hi-Lighter.

I would like to share a few updates on issues facing our community:

The Village's street restoration program will be completing over 4 miles of streets this season and work is already underway. Some streets, like those in Hanover Highlands, will see construction replacing water mains and street resurfacing this summer. Be sure to monitor our construction updates and traffic alerts on our website for details.

I am working actively with our legislators concerning our Crime Free Multi-Housing Ordinances. The sponsors of the new legislation are looking to remove the protections provided by our Crime Free Multi-Housing Ordinances, which have been in place in Hanover Park and many communities in Illinois. They have reduced crime and increased the quality of life for our residents. We do it right in Hanover Park and I am proud of our Nationally Accredited Police Department that is respected for the work they do.

We are also concerned with the potential loss of the grocery tax in the middle of our budget year. While Hanover Park has not asked for an increase in taxes for eight years, the Governor may be pushing us into that situation. The outcome of our efforts with our legislators will be known by the end of May. I will keep you posted.

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Yasmeen Bankole



Liza Gutierrez



Syed Hussaini



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter



Bob Prigge

Clerk's Corner:

Solicitors



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

No Solicitors: It is unlawful to solicit or peddle on premises where a sign is posted. Police will be called. Village of Hanover Park Code Sec. 58-393. 1

As the weather gets warmer and solicitors start knocking at your door, please note the following information:

Permits Required: All Solicitors are required to have a permit displayed at all times. If they do not have a valid permit, please call 9-1-1. Although this may not be an emergency, it is the best way to dispatch an officer to your area. Make note of the names of individuals, company, what they are wearing and direction they are heading in to better advise dispatch. Your call can be made anonymously.

Consumer Protection: Protect yourself as a consumer and research all products and review all contracts properly. If you are victim of fraud, please contact the Illinois Attorney General's Office at 1-800-386-5438 or www.illinoisattorneygeneral.gov

No Solicitation Program: Please contact the Office of Village Clerk at 630-823-5601. We will provide you with a FREE sticker for your door.

HOST A

BLOCK PARTY

CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH
YOUR NEIGHBORS

INVITE POLICE & FIRE
DEPARTMENTS AND ELECTED
OFFICIALS TO JOIN THE FUN!

WWW.HPIL.ORG

FOR AN APPLICATION,
VISIT OUR WEBSITE OR
CALL THE CLERK'S OFFICE!

630-823-5602

Juneteenth Celebration

The Village of Hanover Park and the Sister Cities Committee are pleased to host a Juneteenth Celebration on Saturday, June 15, 2024, from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. at the Hanover Park Sports Complex, 1200 Sycamore in Hanover Park.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. Join in the fun with live music, DJ, dance demonstration, vendors, food, activities for the children and more.

For more information or to advertise in the event program booklet, call 630-823-5504 or email sistercities@hpil.org

SAVE THE DATE

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THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE IS
PLEASED TO HOST

JUNETEENTH

Celebration

FAMILY * FRIENDS * FOOD * FUN
Saturday, June 15, 2024
12 NOON - 5 PM
NEW LOCATION
HANOVER PARK SPORTS
COMPLEX
1200 Sycamore
Hanover Park, Illinois 60133

live entertainment, food trucks, face
painting, balloon art, games & more

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
ADVERTISE IN THE EVENT PROGRAM
BOOKLET:**
(630) 823-5504 sistercities@hpil.org

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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



A Public Works Department in a Village is responsible for the planning, construction, maintenance, and management of various essential infrastructure and facilities that benefit the community. This includes roads, bridges, sidewalks, street lighting, parkway trees, drainage systems, public buildings, and utilities such as water supply and sewage systems. The Public Works Department ensures that these facilities are developed and maintained to meet the needs of the Village residents, enhance their quality of life, and promote safety and sustainability – both now and with an eye on the future. Additionally, the department may also be involved in environmental initiatives such as waste management and stormwater management. Overall, the Public Works Department plays a crucial role in supporting the infrastructure and development of a Village and contributing to its growth and well-being.

The Public Works Department includes many divisions. These include:



Administration Division – Oversees the planning and operation of all the divisions of the Public Works Department.

Engineering Division – Responsible for the administrative and operational tasks related to overall planning, engineering, construction, inspection, and acceptance of new improvements such as streets, sanitary, storm, and water facilities, and other related improvements.

Street & Forestry Division – Provides a comprehensive maintenance program for streets, parkways, and sidewalks to ensure a safe and efficient transportation system for residents of the Village. This also includes snow removal, salting of roadways, and controlling stormwater on public thoroughfares. Additionally, Public Works maintains designated landscaping areas, grooming, trimming, and removal, as needed of all forestry that is the responsibility of the Village, coordinates the branch pick-up program, and mulch delivery.

Wastewater Division - Ensures a healthy environment for the residents by maintaining the Village's sanitary sewer system in a clean, free-flowing condition for conveyance to the treatment facility. The Village owns and maintains its own wastewater treatment plant to treat the waste from DuPage County while the sewage generated in Cook County goes to the treatment plant operated by the Metropolitan Wastewater District.

Water Division - Provides safe and clean drinking water to the residents and businesses of the Village as well as repairing water main breaks and maintaining the Village's system of water meters.

Fleet Services Division – Responsible for the maintenance and repair of all Village-owned vehicles and mobile equipment.

Building Maintenance Division- Responsible for maintenance and repairs to all Village facilities, including the Fire stations, the Police Department, the Public Works facilities, and Village Hall.

Introducing WaterSmart..Your New Water Utility Customer Service Portal

We are thrilled to announce an upcoming enhancement to our utility services that promises to bring convenience and efficiency directly to your fingertips. In our continuous effort to improve the quality of services provided to our community, we are introducing a new utility customer service portal, **WaterSmart**, set to launch in the second half of this year.

WaterSmart: A Closer Look

WaterSmart is designed with you, our valued residents, in mind. This innovative portal will revolutionize the way you interact with your water usage and billing, making it easier than ever to manage your water service. Here's a sneak peek at what WaterSmart will offer:

- **View Your Usage History:** With just a few clicks, you can review your water usage patterns over time. This feature allows for greater transparency and understanding of your water consumption.

- **Money-Saving Recommendations:** WaterSmart will provide personalized recommendations on how you can reduce your bills. These tips will be tailored to your usage habits, offering practical ways to save money.
- **Usage Alerts:** Stay informed with usage alerts that notify you of any unusual spikes in water consumption. This feature is invaluable for detecting issues early and avoiding unexpected high bills.
- **View and Pay Water Bills Online:** Gone are the days of paper bills and mail-in payments. With WaterSmart, you can view detailed billing information and make payments online, anytime and anywhere.
- **And Much More:** WaterSmart is not just about monitoring and payments. It's a comprehensive platform that will offer a range of additional features to enhance your utility management experience.

Why WaterSmart?

Our decision to introduce WaterSmart stems from our commitment to customer satisfaction. By providing you with the tools to monitor and manage your water usage more effectively, we aim to make your interactions with our utility services as convenient and efficient as possible. WaterSmart is more than a portal; it's a step towards a more informed and streamlined Hanover Park.

Stay Tuned for More Information

As we approach the launch date, we will share more details about how you can access and make the most of WaterSmart. We are dedicated to ensuring a smooth transition and will provide comprehensive support to help you navigate the new portal.



Village Honors Awards Recipients

On Thursday, April 11, 2024, the Village of Hanover Park held its annual Awards presentation. Village President Rodney Craig presented his annual awards and recognized a host of Village volunteers and others who serve the community. Several awards were presented throughout the evening, including the Mayor's Choice Business of the Year, Service to Hanover Park, Service to Youth Award, Educator of the Year, Service to Veterans and Citizen of the Year. Below are the award recipients.



Educator of the Year:
Nayeela Jaffery, Principal
(Al Huda Academy)



Service to Veterans Award:
Jim Lopez, Member of the Hanover Park
Veterans Committee



Citizen of the Year:
Valerie Albuck, Teacher (Tefft Middle School)



Service to Youth Award:
Sue Hindenburg, Teacher (Anne Fox School)



Service to Hanover Park:
Carrie Andrade, Customer Response Team
(Metra)

Lock It or Lose It!

The Hanover Park Police Department would like to remind everyone to lock your vehicles and not to leave any personal belongings behind.

Your car is more than just a mode of transportation; it's a valuable asset that deserves protection. With car thefts on the rise, ensuring the security of your vehicle has never been more critical. Here are some essential tips to help you keep your car safe:

- **Lock Up:** Always lock your car doors and close windows.
- **Use Steering Wheel Locks:** They make stealing your car much harder.
- **Park Wisely:** Choose well-lit, visible areas to park.
- **Install Alarms:** They alert you and deter thieves.
- **Hide Valuables:** Keep them out of sight to avoid tempting thieves.
- **Stay Alert:** Report any suspicious activity around your car immediately.

Taking these steps can greatly reduce the risk of car theft. Lock it up to keep it safe.



Updates to Metra Commuter Parking: Need-to-Know Information

Starting June 1, 2024, we're introducing updates to the Metra commuter parking at Hanover Park Metra Station, all aimed at streamlining your parking experience. Here's a quick overview of the upcoming changes:

End of Monthly and Annual Passes

We're phasing out Monthly and Annual Parking Passes, with May 2024 being the final month for Monthly Pass purchases and use. This change is part of an effort to simplify parking access and flexibility for all users.

Introduction of Pay-by-Plate System

To modernize our parking services, we're adopting a Pay-by-Plate system. This means you'll pay for parking using your vehicle's license plate number at payment stations or through an online service application on your mobile phone, eliminating the need for selecting specific parking spaces.

Key Updates at a Glance

- **Parking Arrangements:** All parking will now be daily fee-based only.
- **Daily Parking Fee:** The daily fee remains at \$1.75 per vehicle, consistent with previous rates, ensuring no increase in daily parking costs.
- **Hours of Operation:** The facility will continue to operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week, maintaining free parking on Sundays.
- **Parking Guidelines:** Parking rules remain in place, including the prohibition of parking in designated no-parking zones. Vehicles must be parked with license plates facing the drive aisle.

Preparing for the Updates

To prepare for these changes, make sure your vehicle's license plate details are up-to-date. Familiarize yourself with the new payment system to ensure a seamless transition. Download the Passport application on your mobile phone to skip the line and pay from anywhere. Hanover Park Commuter Lot Zone Number is 60133.

These updates are part of our commitment to enhancing the commuter parking experience. If you have any questions or need more details, please contact the Village's Finance Department.



The Hanover Park Lions Club is an organization of men and women who live or work in Hanover Park and nearby communities. The club is small, but very active in Hanover Park.

They received their charter from the International Association of Lions Clubs on November 30, 1961, and was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization on March 28, 1968.

Here are just a few activities that the Lions Club is involved with:

- Work with area elementary and middle schools to provide drug resistance, gang resistance and self esteem educational programs.
- Sponsor two Boy Scout Troops, a Cub Pack, a Girls softball team, and the Bartlett Hanover Park Sports Association.
- They provide sight and hearing exams. Eye glasses and hearing aids are provided free of charge to needy Hanover Park residents referred to them by local schools, churches and other screening organizations.
- Provide holiday food baskets and toys to needy families on Thanksgiving and Christmas.
- Participate in Village events.

These are just a few of the ways the Lions Club helps those in Hanover Park. Be sure to support one of their fundraisers held throughout the year. Visit www.hanoverparklions.org for further information.

To join, visit www.lionsclubs.org.

small business SPOTLIGHT



Orale Mexican Bar & Grill
7219 Orchard Lane
630-855-5736

Welcome to Orale, where traditional Mexican flavors meet contemporary innovation. Their modern Mexican restaurant offers a fresh take on classic dishes,

combining authentic ingredients with inventive techniques to create a dining experience like no other. With a highly trained chef, you are guaranteed a fabulous meal every time.

At Orale, they are passionate about showcasing the vibrant and diverse culinary traditions of Mexico, from street food favorites to elevated fine dining experiences. Their talented chef draws inspiration from regional flavors and local produce to craft dishes that are both visually stunning and irresistibly delicious.

Sleek and stylish dining space with a modern design, beautiful bar, and exceptional food – a professional chef has created their menu and prepares all dishes fresh to order! Located at 7219 Orchard Lane, just off Irving Park Road. Open Tuesday through Sunday, 11am – 9pm, and are also offering brunch from 11am – 2pm.

Visit their website at oralemexicanbarandgrill.com to place an online order. Treat yourself, family and friends to exquisite Mexican food for the modern palate.



La Joya Mexican Grill
1222 Lake Street (Caputo's
Shopping Ctr)
224-769-8428

Ready for some great authentic Mexican food? La Joya Mexican Grill is the perfect place to find your favorite tacos with so many types

of meat and toppings to choose from - beef, steak, chicken, pork, chorizo, shrimp, or fish. They even offer vegetarian tacos. Burritos? Gorditas? Yes! They are stuffed with your favorite meat plus beans, lettuce, cheese and tomato plus rice.

Try their delicious tortas or quesadillas with your choice of meat and plenty of cheese! They also offer chilaquiles, sopas, nachos and kids meals – so there is something for everyone in the family.

La Joya is open Monday – Friday from 10am – 8pm, and Saturday from 9am – 8pm. Closed on Sundays. Conveniently located in the Caputo's shopping center.

Business of the Year

Congratulations to Hanover Park's Business of the Year, ChiroCenter. ChiroCenter is located at 7315 Cumberland. Be sure to visit them for a variety of services, including Chiropractic care, physical therapy, acupuncture, nutritional counseling and ergonomic and lifestyle advice. They combine techniques across several disciplines and philosophies to get to the root cause of pain!



Help Restock the Hanover Township Food Pantry

Compared to last year, the Township Food Pantry is experiencing a 20% increase in the number of visits from residents in need. Since no tax dollars are used to stock the shelves, the Township relies on donations from individuals and families, local businesses, community groups, civic organizations, schools, sports teams, neighborhood associations, places of worship, and others.



Most needed items include canned goods, pasta, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, paper products, personal hygiene items, cereal, pancake mix, instant potatoes, and cooking oil as well as gift cards to grocery stores.

Donations can be dropped off at the Astor Avenue Community Center & Food Pantry (7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park) or at any Township office. The pantry's Amazon shopping list can be found at www.hanover-township.org with items sent directly to the community center. For questions, or to learn about volunteer opportunities at the pantry, please call (630) 540-9085 or email info@hanover-township.org.

Ride with Hanover Township

Grocery stores, medical appointments, personal care, and more; transportation is provided anywhere within the Hanover Township and up to five miles outside the Township boundaries for residents ages 55+ or 18+ with a disability.

Rides are offered Monday – Friday from 8AM to 3PM.

Please call the Township Dispatch office at (630) 483-5656 to schedule a trip.

Ontarioville Elementary School: A Brief History

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



The history of the Ontarioville Elementary School building stretches back almost a century, and the history of Ontarioville schools is even older.

In the early 20th century, before a more permanent building was finished, Arthur Schlueter allowed the school district to use his auto service station to house the students. This garage was located on Lake Street near the current location of the police department. There was always only one class in the one-room building, and the school went up to 8th grade. There was no high school in the district, so students had to take the train into Elgin and then walk to the school.

In 1928, School District 50 voted to build a modern two-room brick building with central heating, indoor plumbing, and a basement auditorium. The school had twenty-nine students that year, and class sizes stayed low for many years, especially during the Great Depression. Ninety-six years and several additions later, Ontarioville School still stands at this same location on Elm Avenue, still serving Hanover Park's children.

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 at Poplar Creek Public Library's Digital History Collection at pclub.org/localhistory, which shares images provided by the Historic Committee. Email history@pclub.org with any research questions regarding local history.



Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Awards

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 selected based on academic initiative, career initiative, leadership initiative and community initiative. Each year, a high school senior is selected as the Hanover Park "Youth of the Year." Congratulations to the 2024 Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year, Melanie Solorio, who received a \$1,000 Scholarship. Also congratulations to the Runner-Ups, shown below, who received \$500 Scholarships.



2024 Michael H. Coleman Youth of the Year Melanie Solorio, Mayor Craig and Patrick Coleman, father of Michael Coleman.



Youth of the Year Finalist: Vanessa Boafo and family with Mayor Craig & Pat Coleman



Youth of the Year Finalist: Shannon Craig and family with Mayor Craig & Pat Coleman



Youth of the Year Finalist: Kaylin Prouza and family with Mayor Craig & Pat Coleman

Youth of the Year Finalist:
Myroslava Kovtun, not in attendance, also recieved a \$500 Scholarship

New Fire Station #16

A new era has begun for the Hanover Park Fire Department with the opening of Fire Station 16 at 2355 Schick Road. The new station is expected to become operational at the beginning of May 2024. This new station will replace the current station which is located near County Farm and Army Trail Road.



New Station 16 has 14,000 square feet of space; environmentally smart features such as radiant floor heating to efficiently warm the bays

and to dry wet equipment and bi-fold bay doors that open and close in about a third of the time to speed emergency egress and limit heat loss. This state-of-the-art fire station was built with efficiency and lasting functionality as the goal. It will increase our ability to serve our residents, businesses, and the surrounding areas as quickly and effectively as possible.

This facility uses layout and physical features to decrease the exposure to carcinogens, products of combustion, and other pathogens by dedicating areas as either green, yellow, or red based on level of contamination. The new station incorporates formal work areas. A conference room/training area will allow the crews to stay in the station for meetings and daily training instead of traveling to the North station. Strengthening mental health and physical well-being through station design was also a critical goal of our team. The new station incorporates a fitness facility for exercise with group driven programs, individual dormitory style sleeping quarters allow for more restful sleep; and a private area to decompress after a stressful situation. The station also incorporates an outdoor wellness and seating area. The station training components will be enhanced by creating more area behind the station to maneuver vehicles with room to set up and operate the tower ladder. We will also now be able to have an indoor training area where ladders can be raised and fire fighter safety drills, such as bail outs or ladder rescues, can be completed. The new station will house Engine 16, Medic 16, and reserve Tower Ladder 17.

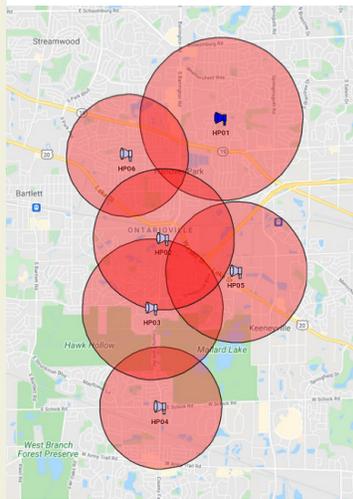
Watch the Village's Facebook page for information on an Open House, which will be scheduled at a future date.

The current station located at 3855 County Farm will remain open until the new station is fully operational.

Preparedness Pointers



The Village of Hanover Park has six Outdoor Warning Sirens that alert when activated by our 9-1-1 Dispatch Center DuComm. DuComm and Fulton Sirens are in the process of upgrading our Outdoor Warning Siren system this Spring. This upgrade will allow a more targeted activation of the sirens instead of a whole area-wide activation based on the National Weather Service's warnings. In previous years, entire counties would have their sirens activated, even though the storm could be miles away from a jurisdiction. Within the last decade, warnings have been activated manually by DuComm for each village as a whole. This next improvement to the Outdoor Warning Siren system will allow the National Weather Service to predetermine siren groupings to be activated for a specific warning location based on the storm track. Residents will be able to gain confidence in the Outdoor Warning Siren system and know when those sirens sound, it means the severe weather is near you.



Do you have a plan for severe weather that happens at night? When a Tornado Warning is activated by the National Weather Service, your cell phone will receive a WEA or a Wireless Emergency Alert. Even if your phone is set to silent, this alert will sound. Be sure to have your cell phone near your bed to receive those warnings. If you do not own a cell phone, it may be a good idea to invest in a NOAA Weather Radio. This radio will be activated by the National Weather Service and alert a sound to warn of a Tornado Warning for our area.

Be Prepared for Nighttime Tornadoes



Become a Storm Spotter

Are you interested in being a Storm Spotter for the National Weather Service? The NWS- Chicago office hosts annual Spotter Training courses in preparation for Severe Weather season. There are both in-person and virtual courses available. You will learn how to submit photos of weather-related damage, hail, and funnel clouds that will assist the NWS office with severe weather warning and damage assessments. Go to: https://www.weather.gov/lot/spotter_talk for more information on courses available.



2024 Construction Season

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2024 will be an extremely busy year for construction projects in the Village of Hanover Park. Projects will include water main replacement, roadway maintenance and resurfacing, ADA sidewalk improvements, curb and gutter repairs, and pavement surface patching. These projects are very important to the Village as construction is a vital part of our economy and community.

Visit the Village's website at <https://www.hpil.org/Construction> to find interactive project updates or call the Engineering Department at 630-823-5700 for specific inquiries about the projects.

Please remember to drive slowly in construction zones and be extra careful around the workers. They're working hard to improve your community so we want to make sure they go home safely.



Yard Restoration

Parkways damaged during Village activities will be restored when the proper weather and soil conditions are present. The Public Works Department will assess the area and determine if the damage to the turf was perhaps caused by a snowplow, a water main break, or any other emergency work.

Crews will level out any damaged area and then apply grass seed. Residents that receive restoration should follow the guidelines below to help the new grass seed germinate and establish.

- The top inch of soil should stay moist. Watering is critical to a successful lawn. Once seed germination has begun do not let the seed dry out.
- In hot weather the grass needs to be watered two or three times a day to maintain adequate surface moisture. Water earlier in the day so that leaf blades do not remain wet overnight.
- Watering can be shifted to every other day and then to every three days once the grass seed has about two to three weeks of growth. The watering frequency is decreased, but the duration of water is increased. The water now needs to be available at the root zone and should penetrate the soil so that the top four to six inches of soil is moist.
- Stay vigilant because quicker establishment allows for fewer weeds to grow.
- Young seedlings are easily injured. Newly seeded areas should be restricted from foot traffic for at least a month after the seed has germinated.

Once the grass has sprouted, established its roots, and reached a height of three to four inches you can begin to mow the area. Be careful not to mow the turf too low. Removing too much of the leaf blade at each cutting stresses the new lawn.

Please wait to apply any weed control products until the newly seeded lawn has been mowed at least two times.

Residents who believe their grass was damaged by the Village should report it as soon as possible to the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700.

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Bees! Bees! Bees!

In 2011, Hanover Park became the first community to have a village-sponsored community apiary and it is still being used by local beekeepers to house their hives. The apiary is located near the intersection of Bayside Drive and Army Trail Road.

Did you know you can also have beehives in your backyard!?

An ordinance was passed in November 2019 allowing beehives in your backyard. If you are interested in beekeeping, there are many courses and classes online and the Village of Hanover Park Environmental Committee hosts an annual open house on June 22, 2024.

WHY HONEYBEES ARE VITAL TO HUMANS:

Honeybees pollinate many of our food crops (particularly fruits, vegetables, nuts, and berries, as well as crops that are fed to livestock), and are responsible for more than \$15 billion in domestic crop production. There are no substitutes – nothing else is as efficient for food pollination.

Pure, natural honey is nutritious and possesses antibacterial, antifungal, and anti-viral properties.

For more information regarding beekeeping at the apiary, please contact 630-823-5706.



APIARY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024
1 PM – 4 PM | 2500 Army Trail Road, Hanover Park

Bees play a vital role in our world, impacting both humans and the environment. Come and visit our beehives, learn about honeybees, and learn how you can get started keeping honeybees in Hanover Park.

CALL 630-823-5700 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
www.HPIL.org



WE HONOR YOU. WE REMEMBER YOU.

The Village of Hanover Park's Memorial Day Observance
Monday, May 27, 2024 at 10:00 am

Veterans Memorial Plaza - Village Hall - 2121 Lake Street

Memorial Day Observance

Please join our Village as we take this time to honor, reflect, and remember those who have sacrificed for their country.

The Veterans Committee invites all residents to attend our Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 27th at 10:00 am in front of the Veterans Memorial Plaza at 2121 Lake Street.

The ceremony will honor and mourn all the military personnel who have lost their lives in the performance of their military duties while bravely serving in the United States Armed Forces.



2121 W. Lake St., Hanover Park, IL 60133
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