

# Hi-Lighter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024



Hanover Park<sup>USA</sup>  
America's Global Village

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## Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday, December 24th and 25th for the Christmas Holiday, and January 1st for New Year's Day.

Police & Fire will remain open 24/7.



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# Tree Lighting Ceremony



DECEMBER 6, 2024 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM

JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL EVENING OF CAROLS, TREE LIGHTING EVENT, MINI TRAIN RIDES, HOT COCOA, S'MORES, FACE PAINTING, AND PHOTOS WITH SANTA IN THE VILLAGE CENTER LOCATED AT 1900 ONTARIOVILLE RD. HANOVER PARK, IL



# Calendar of Events

## Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane  
Hanover Park  
630-837-6800

### Family Concert Series

**Northside Brass Quintet**  
November 10 • 2 p.m.

**Random Ringers**  
(Holiday Handbell Choir)  
December 15 • 2 p.m.

All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts. 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.

**Holiday Market**  
November 9 • 12 p.m.

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

**Jolly Jingle Fest**  
December 8 • 1 p.m.

Join us for a fun and family-friendly winter celebration! There will be games for kids, prizes, photo ops, a holiday concert and even a visit from Santa! No registration is required—just drop in.



**Read Under the Northern Lights**

Sign up for our all ages Winter Reading Challenge from December 9 through January 24. Earn prizes just by reading! For details, please visit our website at [pclib.org/wrc](http://pclib.org/wrc) or call 630-837-6800.

It's Time to **NOMINATE** Your Favorite Hanover Park Business for

**2024 BUSINESS OF THE YEAR!**



To submit a nomination, scan the QR code, go to <https://www.hpil.org/658/> Business-of-the-Year-Award or stop by Village Hall for a form

**Deadline to nominate a business is December 2, 2024**

## November

- 2 Veteran's Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 6 Special Events Committee ..... 11:30 pm / Room 212
- 7 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11 **Veteran's Day Event..... 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
- 28 **Village Hall Closed - Thanksgiving**
- 29 **Village Hall Closed - Thanksgiving**

## December

- 5 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 6 **Tree Lighting Event..... 5:30 pm / Ontarioville**
- 7 Veterans Committee. .... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 10 Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 12 Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 17 CIDC Committee ..... 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 19 Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21 **Water Bills Due**
- 24 **Village Hall Closed - Christmas**
- 25 **Village Hall Closed - Christmas**

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# MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Mayor Craig pictured with Hanover Park resident Gerardo Lopez, who recently turned 100 years old

The Holidays are once again upon us...Happy Holidays! 2024 has flown by and we are ready for yet another spectacular Tree Lighting event. Join us on December 6th at 5:30 p.m. for a great time! Visit Santa, sing carols, make s'mores over the fire pit, and much, much more. Also be sure to come to the gazebo in our Village Center on December 9th and 16th from 6:00-7:00 p.m. to have your photo taken with Santa.

Another very important event taking place on November 11th is our Veterans Day Observance. Wes Becton will be our keynote speaker. After graduating from George Washington University, Wes served as a platoon leader in the Demilitarized Zone in Korea and later as the Commander of the U.S. Army's Honor Guard Company. Join us at 7:00 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!

Back in September, we said goodbye to Village Trustee Syed Hussaini who moved out of Hanover Park, and welcomed new Trustee Troy Albuck in his place. Thank you Trustee Hussaini for your service to the community. Trustee Albuck, we welcome you and are happy to have you on our Board! We also welcomed a new Deputy Village Manager Courtney Sage. Welcome Courtney!

The Village had many accomplishments this year, one being our new Fire Station #16. It has been serving the community nicely and what a beautiful station it turned out to be. We hope you were able to attend its Ribbon Cutting event.

We celebrated ten years of success at the Education and WorkNet Center. This is an amazing success story of bringing Elgin Community College, Harper College, and the Illinois WorkNet Center together in Hanover Park to serve our residents better. It has been a strong collaboration by all involved. Thank you!

DuPage Habitat for Humanity continues to partner with the residents of Greenbrook Tanglewood, the Village of Hanover Park, the School District, and other community organizations and businesses to revitalize this neighborhood. With 23 new homeowners, a vibrant Teen Center, and new townhomes constructed, this is another great success story! Additionally, ten homes within the Tanglewood area have been restored and presented to new families within the same guidelines.

The Boys & Girls Club is being welcomed into our Schools and I am assuming a leadership role with the Hanover Park Board. We are looking to grow the Board to eleven members and we are half way there.

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

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Troy Albuck



Yasmeen Bankole



Liza Gutierrez



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter



Bob Prigge

## 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.

## Letters to Santa

Starting on December 1, 2024, Santa's Mailbox will be next to the pavilion in our downtown area at 1900 Ontarioville Road. 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.



## Guess Who's Coming to Town!

*Kick off the holidays by getting your picture with Santa!*

Meet Santa on  
Monday, December 9th &  
Monday, December 16th  
From 6pm to 7pm  
Village Center  
1900 Ontarioville Rd.  
Hanover Park, IL  
In the Gazebo



# Hi-Lighter

November/December 2024 Issue

The Hi-Lighter is published bi-monthly by the Village of Hanover Park  
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)



## Upcoming Water Rate, Sewer Rate, and Infrastructure Service Charge Increase. Effective January 1, 2025

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, 2025, 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.

### New Rates Effective January 1st, 2025:

- Water Rate: \$10.67 per Tgal
- Cook County Sewer Rate: \$2.36 per Tgal
- DuPage County Sewer Rate: \$6.36 per Tgal

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

- 3/4-inch meter and less: \$23.30/month
- 1-inch meter: \$41.48/month
- 1.5-inch meter: \$93.22/month
- 2-inch meter: \$165.70/month
- 3-inch meter: \$372.87/month
- 4-inch meter: \$662.78/month
- Discounted rate for 3/4-inch meter and less: \$7.87/month

Some residents may be eligible to receive the discounted rate of \$7.87 for the Infrastructure Service Charge.

### Who is Eligible for the Service Charge Discount?

- Residents age 65 or older; or
- Residents enrolled in the Illinois Benefit Access Program; or
- Residents who qualify as low income by a uniform criteria by the Township that services the residential unit can apply for a reduced service charge of \$7.87 per one-month billing period.

Please visit the Village's website at [www.hpil.org/163/Water-Sewer-Rates](http://www.hpil.org/163/Water-Sewer-Rates) for more information.





ABC Toon Town

1970 Army Trail Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-893-6180  
[Abctoontown.com](http://Abctoontown.com)

### ABC Toon Town Childcare and Preschool

**Coupon good for 50% OFF**  
the registration fee  
(up to a \$75 value) when  
presented upon enrollment

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



A&A Music & Art Academy  
1975 E. Devon Ave  
Hanover Park IL  
630-837-7484  
[AAmusicacademy.com](http://AAmusicacademy.com)

### A & A Music & Art Academy

**Buy 3 Get One FREE**  
Private music lessons or  
Art/Drawing classes

**NEW STUDENTS ONLY**  
(\$35.00 value)  
*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



6602-F Barrington Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
847-836-1099  
[vohratarax.com](http://vohratarax.com)

### VOHRA Tax & Accounting

**15% OFF Service Fee**  
Plus a **FREE gift!**

with this coupon  
*Expires April 30, 2025*

Making Taxes Easy,  
Maximizing Returns



Located in the Caputo's  
shopping center  
1182 E. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-853-2269  
[Bhartistailor.com](http://Bhartistailor.com)

### Bharti's Tailors

**Get 1 shirt cleaned FREE**  
(a \$2.25 value)  
with each item drycleaned

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



5537 S. County Farm Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-289-4840  
[Gentledentalsmile.com](http://Gentledentalsmile.com)

### Gentle Dental Smile

**FREE exam & ortho**  
consultation,  
**\$250 off for ortho treatment,**  
**40% off any treatment,**  
**\$399 Zoom Whitening**  
special - limited time only

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*

### FEAST ASIAN BUFFET

Located in the Tony's  
shopping center  
7620 Barrington Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
708-888-0455  
[FeastAsianBuffet.com](http://FeastAsianBuffet.com)

### Feast Asian Buffet

**15% OFF with ANY purchase**  
Dine-in only

Cannot be combined with any  
other coupon or offer

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1005 Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-830-0400  
[kamphausautocare.com](http://kamphausautocare.com)

### Kamphaus Auto Care

**\$25 off of \$100 repair service**  
**\$50 off of \$300 repair service**  
**\$100 off of \$750 repair service**

Valid with coupon only. Offer  
does not include oil change,  
tires, or 12V battery service

*Expires April 30, 2025*



Little Bear Academy  
6612 Barrington Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-213-2020  
[Facebook.com/littlebeardc/](https://Facebook.com/littlebeardc/)

### Little Bear Academy

**FREE**  
**REGISTRATION**  
With enrollment  
(\$50.00 value)

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1808 Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-212-2446  
[Halconesboots.com](http://Halconesboots.com)

### Halcones Boots Western Apparel Store

**25% OFF**  
boots, belts, hats  
botas, cintos, sombreros

*Valid with coupon only*

*Expires April 30, 2025*



2360 Walnut Ave.  
Hanover Park, IL  
224-343-9779  
[Issasvenezuelanfoodhanoverpark.com](http://Issasvenezuelanfoodhanoverpark.com)

### Issa's Venezuelan Food

**Get 6 FREE**  
**Cheese sticks**  
For every \$20 spent!

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



2184 W. Lake St.  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-736-9694  
[mariscosamigo.com](http://mariscosamigo.com)

**Mariscos El Amigo  
Mexican Cuisine**

**Buy one dinner plate  
Get the second one  
50% OFF or  
Buy one dinner plate and one  
child eats FREE**

*Valid with coupon only  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1505 W. Irving Park Rd  
630-246-2153  
1804 Army Trail Rd  
630-504-6633  
Hanover Park, IL

**Midas**

**\$59.99 Full synthetic oil change  
Includes oil and filter change  
and up to 5 quarts of oil on  
most vehicles**

**BONUS: \$50 off \$500 or more  
Excludes tax, tires, batteries, and  
oil changes.  
Discount off regular prices  
Expires April 30, 2025**



1850 W. Army Trail Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-2050  
[neehees.com](http://neehees.com)

**Neehee's**  
You Need to Try Them!  
Try Neehee's popular samosas

**2 FREE samosas  
(\$4.99 value)**  
Hanover Park location only  
Must present coupon at time of  
purchase. Cannot be combined  
with other offers  
*Expires April 30, 2025*



7219 Orchard Ln  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-5736  
[Oralemexicanbarangrill.com](http://Oralemexicanbarangrill.com)

**Orale Mexican Bar & Grill**

**\$5.00 OFF**  
Any purchase of  
\$50 or more (before tax)

*Valid only with coupon*

*Expires  
April 30, 2025*



1971 E. Devon Ave.  
Hanover Park, IL  
331-308-0711  
[Raizsalon.taplink.ws](http://Raizsalon.taplink.ws)

**Raiz Salon Studios**

**Receive 20% OFF  
Your first appointment**

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1601 Tanglewood, #105  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-3911  
[taxcommunityservices.com](http://taxcommunityservices.com)

**Tax Community Services**

**25% OFF  
Tax preparation**

New clients only

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1553 Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-4586  
[Zenramenandgrill.com](http://Zenramenandgrill.com)

**Zen Ramen & Grill**

**\$5.00 off a \$30.00 order  
\$10 off a \$60.00 order  
Buy One Bubble Tea,  
Get one 50% OFF**

*Valid with coupon only*

*Expires April 30, 2025*



in Caputo's shopping center  
1130 E. Lake St  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-213-1006  
[Facebook.com/TimeOutWest/](https://Facebook.com/TimeOutWest/)

**Time Out West  
Sports Pub**

**Buy 2 entrees and  
Receive a FREE appetizer  
(excludes chicken wings)**

*Valid only with coupon  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1509-A Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-4566  
[sbwineandspirit.com](http://sbwineandspirit.com)

**SB Wine & Spirits**

**10% OFF  
All Wine & Spirits**

**Must be 21 years of age  
Valid I.D. required**

*Valid with coupon only  
Expires April 30, 2025*



1509-B Irving Park Rd  
Hanover Park, IL  
630-855-2397  
[facebook.com/  
antojitos.miloko/](https://facebook.com/antojitos.miloko/)

**Antojitos Mi Loko  
Bar & Grill**

**15% OFF  
Any food or drinks**

*Valid with coupon only*

*Expires April 30, 2025*

# Hanover Park Police Department to Host Annual "Shop with a Cop" Event

The Hanover Park Police Department, in partnership with the Roselle Police Department, is delighted to announce the 8th annual "Shop with a Cop" event, set for December 14, 2024. We are eager to make this year's celebration the most impactful yet, bringing joy and warmth to even more children in our community.



Reflecting on last year's success, we were able to accompany 12 elementary-aged children from Hanover Park on a memorable shopping adventure, thanks to the incredible generosity of our sponsors. Twelve equals the largest group we have hosted since we began participating in this heartwarming program. With your continued support, we aim to extend this joyful experience to even more young hearts this year.

The festivities begin with our officers meeting their young shopping companions. Together, they embark on an exhilarating parade of police vehicles—lights flashing and sirens sounding—as they make their way to the Meijer store in Bloomingdale. Once there, the children have the opportunity to select gifts for themselves and their loved ones, creating holiday memories they might not have otherwise enjoyed.

After the shopping spree, the celebration continues over lunch, where a special guest from the North Pole makes a surprise appearance. Santa Claus himself joins us, bringing gifts to add to the festive spirit. Each child also receives a new coat and hat from Maddie's Mitten March, a dedicated non-profit committed to providing essential clothing to those in need within our area.

For our officers, this event is more than just a day of giving—it's a cherished tradition that highlights the true spirit of community and compassion. It's often cited as a favorite experience of the year, allowing us to connect with our younger residents in a meaningful way.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our generous sponsors, including the Roselle Police Foundation. We are committed to making a positive impact on as many families as possible, but we can't do it alone.

If you're interested in sponsoring a child or learning more about how you can contribute to this meaningful cause, please contact Sergeant Ted Crawford. Together, we can make this holiday season brighter for even more families in Hanover Park.



## Corporate Partnership Program

The Village would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the companies who participated in the 2024 Corporate Partnership Program. Without their generosity, many of the events and activities that occur in the Village might not be possible.

Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

If you are interested in learning more about our Corporate Partnership Program, please contact Sue Krauser at [skrauser@hpil.org](mailto:skrauser@hpil.org) or visit the Village's website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)

<b>PLATINUM</b>				
				
<b>GOLD</b>				
				
				
<b>SILVER</b>				
				

# Trustee Resignation Leads to New Appointment on Village Board

On September 5, 2024, Village Trustee Syed Hussaini resigned from the Village Board, as he had made the decision to move out-of-town. Trustee Hussaini was elected as Village Trustee in 2021. In the time he was on the Village Board, Trustee Hussaini served as the Board Liaison on the Development Commission, and formerly the Economic Development Committee.

Village President Craig stated, "I would like to thank Trustee Hussaini for his commitment to the community and for his service to the people of Hanover Park. I wish him the best of luck on his future endeavors."

The Village of Hanover Park is happy to welcome new Village Trustee Troy Albeck, who was sworn in at the October 3, 2024 Village Board meeting. Trustee Albeck received his Bachelors of Arts - History from Illinois State University. He is a Veteran who served in the United States Army, and has been on the Village's Veteran's Committee since 2023, and serves on the Village's Fire Pension Board.



## The Village Welcomes New Deputy Village Manager Courtney Sage



On Monday, October 21, 2024, the Village welcomed new Deputy Village Manager Courtney Sage. Courtney Sage replaces retired Deputy Village Manager David Webb.

Prior to being appointed as Deputy Village Manager for the Village of Hanover Park, Courtney Sage attended Eastern Illinois University for undergraduate and graduate studies.

She received her Bachelor's degrees in political science and history, both with concentrations in international studies. She received her Master's degree in political science with a public administration focus.

Courtney brings to the Village experience in communications and social media, budgeting, human resources and information technology, as well as urban planning. Previous municipalities include serving the Village of Cary for the past 7.5 years, originally in the Public Works Department as a Management Analyst and then as Assistant Village Administrator, as well as serving as a Planner for Coles County Regional Planning in Charleston, IL.

Courtney holds a certification with SHRM-CP and is an IL Public Service Institute Graduate. She also serves as a member of the IRMA Training and Risk Management Committee; Society for Human Resources Management; IL Public Employer Labor Relations (IPELRA); IL City/County Management Association (ILCMA) and the IL Association of Municipal Management Assistants (IAMMA).



# HAPPY HOLIDAYS



**FROM THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT,  
VILLAGE CLERK,  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND STAFF**

# Keep The Wreath Red

**While October was Fire Safety Month, inclusive of Fire Prevention Week, we are now approaching the holidays, from Thanksgiving to New Year's, with all of their special fire hazards. From fires sparked by holiday decorations to kitchen fires from an overloaded appliance, it's the time of year for increased fire calls – and an increase in the number of fire deaths and injuries.**

NFPA fire statistics confirm that during the winter months and particularly the holiday season – the number of structure fires increases.

## A Visual Reminder of Fire Danger

The Hanover Park Fire Department has duplicated a program entitled "Keep the Wreath Red," originated in 1954 by the Naperville (Illinois) Fire Department and then adopted in 1980 by the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association. The program has yielded outstanding community results in our area. The concept is simple, with "Keep the Wreath Red," each of our fire stations will display a holiday wreath, large enough to be seen by passersby or vehicles, decorated in all red holiday lights. 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.

Below are some tips from Hanover Park firefighters on what you can do to keep the holidays safe and fun for everyone:

**Test smoke alarms.** Make sure batteries are fresh, and place smoke alarms in the kitchen, laundry room, and bedrooms.

**Have your furnace checked.** It is worth the money to hire a professional to inspect and service your furnace once a year.

**Have your chimneys and vents checked.** Fireplaces produce creosote which can ignite. If you light fires frequently, you need a chimney sweep service once a year. When you burn wood, make sure it's dry and seasoned so that it produces more flame and less smoke.



**Cover the fireplace with a screen.** Tempered glass or a metal screen helps protect sparks from leaving the fireplace. Even so, make sure that children and pets sit at least three feet away when you light a fire.

**Beware of lighted candles.** Candles get forgotten or knocked over by accident.

**Beware of space heaters.** Space heaters need space. As with fireplaces, people and pets should not be allowed to sit any closer than three feet. Also, do not put space heaters near curtains, tablecloths, or other fluttering fabrics.

**Know how to put out kitchen fires quickly.** Water does not help a grease fire, which can get out of control. Keep lids handy to put on top of pots and pans that get too hot.

**Practice an escape route.** Businesses have fire drills; your family should as well. Teach your family to crawl to the nearest exit from every room. Show them how to drop and roll if their clothes were ever to catch on fire.



# Storm Damage Assistance from Hanover Park Residents

The Village of Hanover Park Fire Department is excited to announce our efforts made over the last year for severe weather damage assessment. Each year, our Village experiences about 5-8 severe weather events and they are becoming more frequent. These events can include heavy rain, high winds, lightning, hail and the potential for a tornado. This often leads to doing a hefty clean-up of downed trees, downed limbs, finding roof and siding damage, and being left to deal with the challenges of power outages.

The Village has improved our ability to document this type of damage and work with the National Weather Service to determine if the severe weather experienced warrants a storm rating. Once the NWS determines that a microburst or a tornado has occurred in our area, this information assists residents in making their insurance claims to fix the storm damage.



Our residents can help! We are looking to test a Damage Assessment Survey in Spring 2025 with our residents. After a significant severe weather event, you will be able to share your storm damage photos with the Village and help us determine what type of damage the storm has caused. This information will assist the National Weather Service to determine if a tornado or microburst has occurred. This information will also help the village determine the path of the storm and if additional public safety resources may be needed.

Keep an eye out for social media and the village's website postings on our Damage Assessment surveys this spring.

## Holiday Light 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. to 3:30 p.m.

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.

## Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule

With the holiday season approaching, it is important to note that garbage collection days can be affected by when the holidays fall on the calendar.

Holiday	Collection Date
Thanksgiving	Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024
Christmas	Saturday, Dec. 28, 2024

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

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

As fall approaches, please remember that leaves cannot be deposited onto the Village streets or parkways. Leaves can get into the curbline, clog storm drains, and cause flooding.

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. You must 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 30, 2024. 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.

# Refuse and Recycling Reminders

The Village would like to remind residents that during the upcoming winter months, it is important to maintain a cleared driveway with accessible refuse and recycling cart spacing. Be mindful of the snowplows and avoid placing carts on snowbanks or in the street.

When putting carts out at the curb, handles should face the property with the lid opening toward the street.

Refuse and recycling carts should be placed at the curb on pick-up day by 7:00 a.m. Load carts properly to avoid loose items like newspapers blowing around your neighborhood.

Yard waste collection will end on November 30, 2024, and begin again in the Spring.

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, January 4, 2025, and Friday, January 10, 2025. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these guidelines:

- Do not put trees in plastic bags.
- Remove the stand and all decorations including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails).
- Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.

Set your tree out on the above dates. However, if you miss the special collection dates, Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees with your regular garbage with a sticker attached.

Questions? Call the Village at 630-823-5700 or Groot Industries at 630-469-1036.

## Water Smart

Coming later this year, Water Smart is a new online customer portal offered by the Village of Hanover Park. It allows users to track their water usage, set alerts for potential leaks or unusual activity, and receive personalized water-saving tips. Additionally, Water Smart informs customers about upcoming community events and offers options to customize communication preferences, making it a comprehensive tool for managing water consumption and staying informed.

## Invoice Cloud

Launching in November 2024, the new Invoice Cloud platform will introduce a more convenient and user-friendly way to manage payments online. With just a few clicks, customers will be able to pay bills, enroll in AutoPay, and switch to paperless billing effortlessly. The upgraded system will support a wide range of payment options, including Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Google Pay, Apple Pay, PayPal, Venmo, and pay by text, offering enhanced flexibility and convenience for all users.

**MICHAEL H. COLEMAN**



# YOUTH OF THE YEAR SCHOLARSHIP

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.

## CRITERIA:

- ✓ Must be a resident of Hanover Park;
- ✓ Must be a member of the graduating class of 2025
- ✓ Must plan to continue your education at a university, community college, or technical school

**Deadline: 12/6/24**



More information at [www.hpil.org/youthoftheyear](http://www.hpil.org/youthoftheyear)



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### Elected Officials

Village President - Rodney S. Craig

Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

Troy Albuck, Trustee  
Yasmeen Bankole, Trustee  
Liza Gutierrez, Trustee  
Jon Kunkel, Trustee  
Herb Porter, Trustee  
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