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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed February 17th for Presidents' 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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Mayor Craig's

STATE OF THE VILLAGE

February 12, 2025

9:00 AM



2121 W. Lake St.
Hanover Park, IL 60133
www.HPIL.org

Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Family Concert Series

Great American Songbook February 16 • 2 p.m.

The Great American Songbook features some of the most important and most influential American popular songs of the 20th century – principally from film and theater. Written between the 1920s through the 1950s, they include hundreds of songs of enduring popularity. Hear Gavin Coyle, Carlyn Lloyd, and Jon Warfel bring the American Songbook to life!

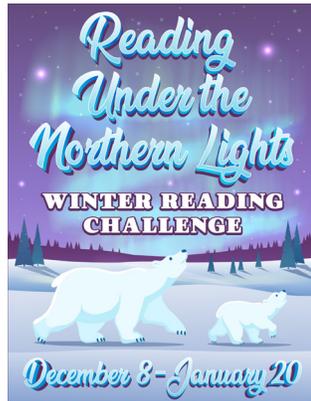
All ages welcome to our free Sunday concerts. To register, visit pclib.org/events or call 331-808-3515. Concerts take place at the Main Library, located at 1405 S. Park Avenue in Streamwood.

Book Sale January 11-12

Buy gently used and discarded Library books for your personal bookshelf at heavily discounted prices. Stop by the Main Library to browse through fiction and nonfiction titles, graphic novels, CDs, DVDs, and more.

Read Under the Northern Lights

Sign up for our ongoing, all-ages Winter Reading Challenge from now through January 20. Earn prizes just by reading! For details, please visit our website at pclib.org/wrc or call 630-837-6800.







OUR MISSION

To create Teen-Led, Teen-Driven™ centers focused on empowering the youth of today to become the impassioned, resilient, confident leaders of tomorrow.

Written by Alive Teens

Teen-Led, Teen-Driven™
 ALIVE Teen Centers are among the first teen centers in the nation to support junior and senior high schoolers through our Teen-Led, Teen-Driven™ model.

FREE Drop-In & Clubs
 Offers FREE clubs during our drop-in sessions like Teen Advisory Board, Build-A-Biz, and 3D Printing 101 and more designed to inspire creativity, growth, and connection.

FREE Tutoring
 With our partnership with Merry Tutors we offer tutoring every Wednesday from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM for every grade in every subject.

COME CHECK US OUT! ALIVE Hanover Park (inside Greenbrook Tanglewood Community Center) 1211 Catalina Drive, Hanover Park, IL
 DROP-IN Every Tuesday and Thursday 2:30 PM - 6:00 PM

 info@alivecenter.org

 alivecenter.org

January

- 1** New Year's Day - Village Hall Closed
- 8** Special Events Committee..... 11:30 am / Room 212
- 9** Development Commission..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 11** Veterans Committee..... 9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
- 14** Economic Dev. Committee... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 16** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21** CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Room 123
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 28** Historical Committee..... 6:00 pm / Room 214
- 28** Environmental Committee... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 23** Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



The Board, staff, and myself hope each and every one of you had an enjoyable, restful, and festive holiday season. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual Tree Lighting event! Your presence made the evening truly magical as we came together to celebrate the spirit of the season. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Village Clerk Kristy Merrill, our hard-working Public Works staff, and the Fire Department for putting on a great event, as well as our volunteers and performers. The Lion's Club, Alive, Boys and Girls Club, and Park District made this a fun event. We are truly blessed with everyone's commitment to the success of our Tree Lighting event.

The new year is upon us, which means another great year in Hanover Park. We will kick off the year with the State of the Village presentation on February 12th at 9:00 a.m. at Village Hall. I look forward to sharing the Village's 2024 accomplishments, as well as what to look forward to in 2025. I invite you all to join me!

In December, the Village Board passed our annual FY'25 Budget. We are pleased to say that this balanced budget was approved with a 0% (zero percent) property tax increase, while still maintaining Village services at levels our residents have come to expect. Thank you to our budget team, which includes Village Manager Juliana Maller, Finance Director Remy Navarrete, and Executive Assistant Sue Krauser, as well as our department heads, for their hard work in putting the budget together.

The Village has an exciting lineup of events planned for 2025. Keep an eye out for more details on these activities, including the Black History Month Breakfast Celebration, Doggie Eggstravaganza, and our Movies in the Park. Information about these events can be found on our website. The Village takes pride in offering enjoyable events for the families of our community to participate in and enjoy.

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to volunteer? If so, Hanover Park has many committees and commissions where you can volunteer your time and give back to our fine community. Whether it is serving on our Environmental Committee, Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee, or one

of the other committees or commissions, your contribution will help shape our Village's future in a meaningful way. Reach out to skrauser@hpil.org if you are interested. For more information about the various committees, visit our website.

The Hanover Park Police Department recently completed its Citizens Police Academy, a 10-week program which gives participants an opportunity to gain valuable insight into the daily operations, procedures, and challenges faced by our dedicated law enforcement professionals has been re-established.

"Happy New Year! I wish you the very best and a safe and prosperous New Year!"

Congratulations to those who completed the program. Contract Lt. Hendry at ghendry@hpil.org for 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!

Mayor Rodney Craig

BOARD OF TRUSTEES



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Bob Prigge

Clerk's Corner:

Another Successful Tree Lighting Event



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

Thank you to all the families and Santa Claus, who joined us for our Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Ontarioville Plaza. This was my third year coordinating this event, and I really enjoyed transforming the plaza into a magical winter wonderland.

Many thanks to the Lions Club for the hot cocoa & cookies, the Dare to Dream Club from Springwood Middle School for helping pass out S'mores, our talented face painters, train rides, the Dickens Carolers for their songs, HOTT productions for your "Polar Express" dancers, our very own Public Works Department for helping with the décor, tree, and lights and the Fire Department for delivering Santa safely! This event could not be possible without all your help.

This event has become my family's holiday tradition, and I am honored to share it with all of your families as well. This event kicked off the season's magical spirit and brought joy to all who attended. I wish you all blessings and hope for a Happy New Year!



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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



The Office of the Village Clerk is responsible for issuance of solicitors' permits, special event permits, raffle licenses, gaming licenses, tobacco licenses and liquor licenses. The Clerk also serves as Secretary to the Liquor Commission, recording the proceedings of the commission and issuing all licenses as directed by the commission. In addition, the Clerk maintains an up-to-date municipal code and prepares the monthly calendar of meetings.

Special Events vs. Block Party Applications:

Did you know that if you are planning a Special Event or Block Party, you need to complete a Special Event and 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 and organizations in Hanover Park to promote their 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



Solicitors:

Per Village of Hanover Park Code Sec. 58-393.1, it is unlawful to solicit or peddle on premises where a sign is posted. All Solicitors are required to have a permit always displayed. 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.

Please contact the Office of Village Clerk at 630-823-5601, and we will provide you with a FREE "No Soliciting" sticker for your door.

Consumer Protection Board: 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

Canvassing is permitted in the Village of Hanover Park, such as political or religious organizations. If you are not interested in speaking with them, please let them know.

FOIA information:

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) is a state statute that provides the public the right to access government documents and records. (example; plat of survey, building permits, financial information on properties).

Elections:

Voter registration and Election Day information is available online, by mail, and in person. Please visit www.elections.il.gov

2024 Development Year in Review

2024 was a busy year for development in Hanover Park! There has been new construction, new businesses, and construction ready to begin very soon. Our Village saw a lot of investment in 2024 through improvements of several properties. Here are some highlights that you will see around town:

- Shepherd's Academy, a new daycare with an artist's studio, has been approved for the northwest corner of Lake St. and Center Ave, directly across the street from Village Hall. This two-story building will feature contemporary architecture with space for over 150 children and a small artist studio with event space on the second floor. Construction expected to begin in 2025.
- Burger King Expansion (1660 Irving Park Rd), the inside and outside of the restaurant, has been completely remodeled, new landscaping, and will now include a second drive-through lane.
- New Fire Station (2355 Schick Rd) on the south side of the Village is now open! While enhancing the Village's emergency services, it also better serves the needs of the firefighters. The old fire station at 3855 County Farm was undersized and will be sold.
- New Single-family homes - Hanover Park is seeing continued investment north of Lake St. Three new single-family houses are under construction, and many vacant lots are now buildable due to a recent Zoning Code change.
- Self-Storage (1550 Hunter Rd) - Zoning approved and permit application is in review for a 100,000 square foot self-storage facility with over 750 storage units. Storage has been in high demand in Hanover Park and this will be the first storage facility in the southern part of the Village.
- Façade Improvement Grants: The Village provided grant funding for several properties to make exterior improvements. Check out the impressive transformations on these two properties that benefited from the grant in 2024:
 - Zen Ramen and the new Backstreet BBQ & Sushi (1553-1555 Irving Park Rd) - has undergone a major facelift, along with a new parking lot, monument sign, and new landscaping. New restaurant is set to open in Spring 2025!
 - Raiz Salon Studios – is a new business (at 1971 Devon Ave - previous location of A&A Music Academy, which is now located next door), and has made several improvements to the building. Check out the impressive interior and services!



For a complete list of ongoing projects, please visit the Development Updates map, available on the Village's website: www.hpil.org/933

Comprehensive Plan Update - Shaping the Village's Future

The Village's "Comprehensive Plan" helps set the Village's vision for the next 10+ years and lays out goals and objectives for the future development and growth. It addresses issues such as community character, land use, transportation, community facilities, natural resources, etc. While our last official Comp Plan was done in 2010, several sections have been updated since, such as the Village Center, but it is time to fully update the plan. The entire process will take about 15 months, including data collection, feedback from stakeholders, visioning, laying out goals and objectives, and an implementation section. This is the community's plan and we will have extensive public input. Stay tuned for upcoming open houses, visioning workshops, and other meetings in February!



Exterior renderings of Shepherd's Academy

A Brief History of Hanover Park's Fire Department

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



The Ontarioville Volunteer Fire Department was formed in 1928, made possible thanks to a \$282 collection from the community. Arthur Schlueter, the first fire chief, purchased a sixty-gallon two-wheeled cart from the Maywood Fire Department. Firefighters had to pull this cart by hand as fast as they could when responding to a call. An annual poultry raffle in 1930 helped buy a second vehicle for the department.

Vehicles and equipment were eventually stored in Schlueter's garage on Lake Street, making it Ontarioville's first official fire station. This garage later became Culverwell Antiques.

In 1957, the Ontarioville Fire Protection District was formed. This district merged into municipal governance under Hanover Park in 2000. The Fire Department now responds to 3,500-4,000 calls a year.

You can learn more Hanover Park history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's Local History Collection at pplib.org/localhistory, which shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. Email history@pplib.org with any research questions regarding local history. 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.



The Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce is YOUR Chamber, working to help businesses in Hanover Park and the surrounding area grow, develop, and reach new customers. The Chamber offers opportunities for businesses to enhance their visibility and market presence. They are located in the lower level of BMO Bank, 335 S. Main Street, Bartlett. Benefits of your business joining the BACC include:

- **BUILD YOUR BUSINESS:** Increase awareness and gain community support for your business. The Bartlett Area Chamber of Commerce will advocate for your business, highlighting you as a trusted member of our community.
- **EVENTS AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES:** People do business with those they know, like, and trust. Take advantage of opportunities to meet other local business owners, government officials, and community leaders.
- **VOICE:** The Chamber works to inform, educate, and advocate on our members' behalf.
- **CREDIBILITY & VISIBILITY:** Stand out and get noticed as an active member of our community. Host or sponsor an event to showcase your business.
- **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:** All of your employees can take advantage of chamber membership and benefits, including member to member discounts and professional development opportunities.
- Learn more on the Chamber website: www.bartlettareachamber.com or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BartlettAreaChamberIL>



Please join the Village of Hanover Park in celebration of



The Sister Cities Committee and Friends of Sister Cities will host a buffet breakfast featuring a special guest speaker and entertainment.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025
9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

My Celebration Party Room
1190 Lake St.
Hanover Park, IL 60133

Table: \$150 (8 person)
Tickets: \$20 (per person)

Tickets are available for purchase from Friends of Sister Cities Hanover Park 501(c)(3) by contacting friendsofsistercitieshp@gmail.com

For more information, contact 630-823-5504 or sistercities@hpil.org.

2025 Area Response Team (ART) Meetings

The Hanover Park Police Department continues to work to strengthen community relations to improve policing.

Our strategy is the Village's Area Response Teams (ART).

ART involves assigning officers as area representatives throughout the year. Each area also has an assigned supervisor who is responsible to investigate the crime that occurs and the officers assigned to the respective area.

Each area has a total of four officers assigned. Two officers for the day shift and two officers for the night shift. Residents are encouraged to call your Area Sergeants with any problems or concerns occurring in your neighborhood. This does not replace the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System. If you have an emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

In 2025, the department will host one quarterly meeting that combines all the ART areas instead of hosting four separate meetings over two days. This allows residents to attend one meeting to discuss issues and address concerns in their area, while gaining an understanding of what is going on within the Village and the department as a whole. The meetings will be conducted by an ART Area Sergeant and the times and locations are always posted in advance on the Hanover Park Police Facebook page. All meeting presentations will also be streamed on the Police Department's Facebook page for viewing at home. Viewers are encouraged to submit questions or comments which will be monitored by a supervisor.

Remember, community policing means all of us working together to improve your neighborhood. Come join us!



The dates for the 2025 ART meetings are as follows:

January 15, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

April 16, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

July 16, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

October 15, 2025 @ 7:30 p.m.

News from the Couch: Substance Use, Harm Reduction, and Treatment Resources



Over the past two decades, the United States has experienced a growing crisis of substance abuse and addiction that is illustrated most starkly by the rise in deaths from drug overdoses. Most of these deaths involved

some form of opioids (SHADAC, 2022). While overdoses are most common among those who use opioids, overdoses from other drugs have been increasing. This is because many drugs are now mixed with fentanyl, a very strong synthetic opioid, or xylazine, an animal tranquilizer. Fentanyl and xylazine are being mixed into various drugs purchased on the street, sometimes without the dealer or user knowing it is there. This greatly increases the risk of overdose for people who use any substance.

Harm reduction resources make sure everyone can stay safe, no matter where they are on the road to recovery. One way to reduce the risk of drug overdose is through the distribution of fentanyl and xylazine test strips to substance users. Another way to reduce the risk is to administer Naloxone (brand name, Narcan), an antidote which reverses the effects of an opioid overdose. If you or someone you know has an opioid

dependence, get trained on how to recognize and respond to an overdose and request a free Naloxone kit to be better prepared. To learn more about harm reduction and how to access resources such as test strips, Narcan training and distribution, support groups, and treatment providers, contact Hope DuPage at www.hopedupage.org or the Kenneth Young Center's Recovery Resource Department at 224-229-7456 or email recoveryresources@kennethyoung.org.

Many people who develop an addiction to opioids begin with the legitimate use of the drug (such as for pain relief after surgery), which later turns into misuse. To protect yourself and family members from the misuse of prescription drugs, remove any expired, unwanted, or unused medications from your home and dispose of them in a drug take-back receptacle. We have one in the lobby of the Hanover Park Police Department, and it is available to the public from 8:00am to midnight, 7 days per week.

If you or someone you know has a substance use disorder, know that recovery is possible. The Illinois Helpline can help connect you to treatment and recovery providers across Illinois. Call 833-234-6343 or go to www.helplineil.org. If you are in need of emotional support, access the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline by calling or texting 988 for 24/7 confidential support. For life-threatening emergencies, call 911.

Village Board Adopts 2025 Annual Budget

On December 5, 2024, the Hanover Park Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Budget, which establishes authorized expenditures and sources of revenues from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. For the ninth year in a row, the Budget was approved with a zero percent (0%) property tax increase.

Included in the Budget is an increase to the water and sewer rate of 4.50% per year for the next three (3) years, along with changing the infrastructure service charge based on meter size, with an 8.00% increase per year for the next three (3) years. The increase will take effect with the January 1, 2025 billing cycle. The increase will help fund water and sewer infrastructure replacement. Our current infrastructure has already exceeded its

useful life of 50 years. Also included in the budget is an increase in gasoline tax from \$0.02 to \$0.05 per gallon, effective January 1, 2025, which will help fund the annual street maintenance program.

This budget maintains Village services the citizens and business community of Hanover Park have come to expect. The budget is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of the Village's financial activities during the next twelve months. It is a balanced budget that meets the Village's fund balance policies. The Fiscal Year 2025 budget also reflects the Village's efforts to diversify revenues.

The budget includes the continuation of the Road Resurfacing/Reconstruction Project. Continuation of the water main

replacement project of \$25M over a five (5) year period from 2024 through 2028, is a significant investment in the replacement of water main in the Village. The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) administers the Public Water Supply Loan Program (PWSLP) to support community water systems wanting to make investments in their water production and distribution systems. These are low-interest loans made to public agencies at typically half the cost of bonding for the same project.

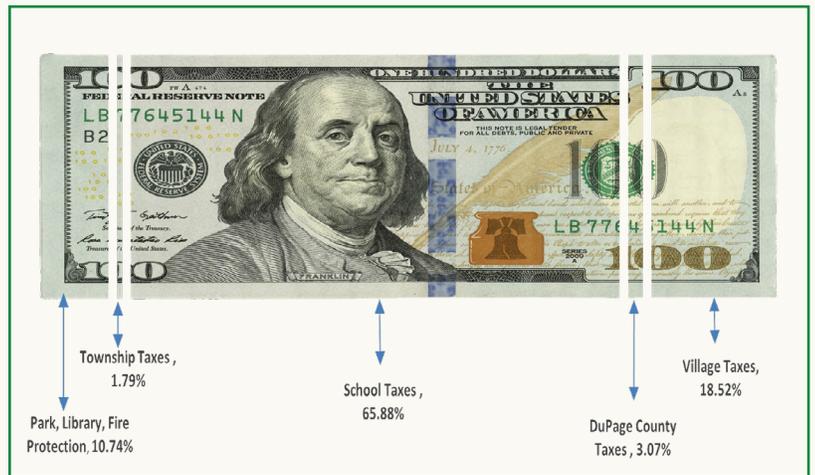
The complete budget book can be viewed on the Village's website at www.hpil.org.

Where do your Property Taxes Go?

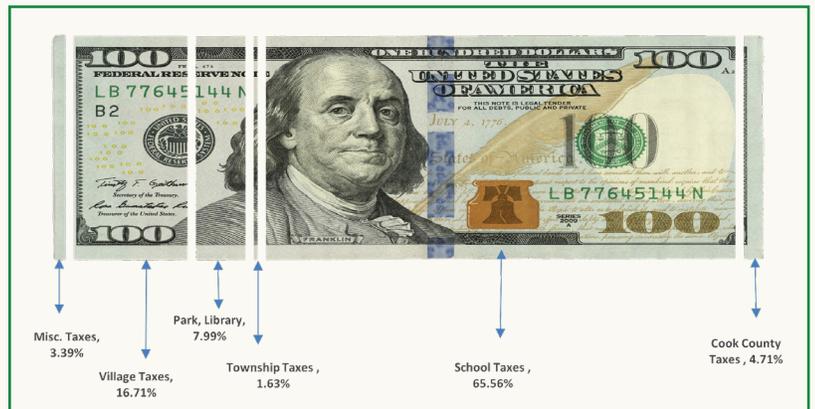
The Village of Hanover Park is located within two counties; Cook and DuPage. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents go to multiple taxing bodies that support various public functions.

The DuPage County 2023 tax bill (paid in 2024) which is representative of an average bill for a property owner in Bloomingdale, and Wayne Townships, includes taxes with different jurisdictions. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents in DuPage County go to multiple taxing bodies. For every dollar of property tax paid by a resident of Hanover Park, 18.52% (Bloomingdale Township) goes to the Village.

The Cook County 2023 tax bill (paid in 2024) which is representative of an average bill for a property owner in Schaumburg, and Hanover Townships, includes taxes with different jurisdictions. Property taxes paid by Hanover Park residents in Cook County go to multiple taxing bodies. For every dollar of property tax paid by a resident of Hanover Park, 16.71% (Schaumburg Township) goes to the Village.



DuPage County



Cook County

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Safety

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that often goes undetected. It affects victims when they least expect it or in their sleep.

More than 400 people in the United States die from unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning every year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. More than 20,000 visit the emergency room, and more than 4,000 others are hospitalized.

This “invisible killer” is produced by burning fuel in cars or trucks, small engines, stoves, lanterns, grills, fireplaces, gas ranges, portable generators or furnaces. This invisible gas is created when fuels like gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane burn incompletely. When the gas builds up in enclosed spaces, people or animals who breathe it can be poisoned. Ventilation does not guarantee safety.

It is recommended that battery-operated or battery back-up carbon monoxide detectors be installed in the hallway near sleeping areas in the home. Batteries should be replaced when you change the time on your clocks every spring and fall. Detectors should also be replaced every five years.

The following are tips for CO safety from the CDC:

- Install detectors according to manufacturer recommendations
- Test CO alarms at least once a month
- If audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries and replace if needed. If it still sounds, call 911
- If the CO alarms, immediately move to a location with fresh air. Make sure everyone is accounted for and call 911. Never ignore the alarm.
- Have your furnace, water heater and any other gas or coal-burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician every year
- Do not use portable flameless chemical heaters indoors
- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year, and make sure your fireplace damper is open before lighting a fire and well after the fire is extinguished
- Never use a gas oven for heating your home
- Never use a generator inside your home, basement or garage or less than 20 feet from any window, door or vent; fatal levels of carbon monoxide can be produced in just minutes, even if doors and windows are open
- Never run a car in a garage that is attached to a house, even with the garage door open; always open the door to a detached garage to let in fresh air when you run a car inside
- Make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of any blockage (for example: nesting, snow, lint)

The U.S. Fire Administration created a list of carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms and characteristics. Mild symptoms sometimes are mistaken for flu.

Low to moderate

- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Nausea
- Dizziness

High-level

- Mental confusion
- Vomiting
- Loss of muscular coordination
- Loss of consciousness
- Death



If you think you are experiencing any of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, go outside and get fresh air immediately and call 911.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER CPR (BLS)



2025 CLASS SCHEDULE

All 2025 Scheduled Classes will be Healthcare Provider (BLS).

Classes are held at Fire Station 15
6850 Barrington Road.

8:00 am - 12:00 pm

January 18	July 19
February 15	August 16
March 15	September 20
April 19	October 18
May 17	November 15
June 21	December 20

HCP CPR Class Fees:

Resident and Non-Resident \$65

To Register for a class and for payment options, click on the QR code.



For questions about CPR classes, please contact the Fire Department at (630)823-5800



Did you know that our 911 system is upgrading? When a Hanover Park resident calls 9-1-1, our dispatch center, called DuComm, is the agency that answers. DuComm is responsible for receiving 9-1-1 calls and dispatching both law enforcement and the fire service for emergencies.

The Next Generation 9-1-1 upgrade to our 9-1-1 Dispatch Center DuComm allows residents to send texts, photos, and videos directly to a 9-1-1 dispatcher during an emergency. Receiving additional information by text, videos, and photos can help first responders get more information about the situation and can assist the response process. This upgrade will help emergency personnel better determine the location of the caller.

The Next Generation 911 upgrade to the DuComm system is scheduled for Spring 2025. Keep an eye out for updates on our village social media!

Service Line Warranties of America

Did you know that the Village of Hanover Park offers residents Service Line Protection through Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA)?

The service plans offered to homeowners through SLWA are affordable solutions to protect you from the cost and inconvenience of home repair emergencies, including water service line leaks on their property.

- Coverage plans available are the Exterior Water Service Line, Exterior Sewer/Septic Line and In-Home Plumbing & Drainage which can be billed, monthly, quarterly or annually directly through SLWA.
- SLWA plan holders have access to a repair hotline that is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and repairs are performed by local, licensed, and insured contractors.

Village of Hanover Park homeowners can learn more about these optional plans and SLWA by visiting www.slwofa.com or calling toll-free 1-866-922-9006.

The SLWA program maintains an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau and is recognized as a trusted source of utility line service plans and is also endorsed by the National League of Cities.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, January 4, 2025, and January 10, 2025. Christmas trees picked up after these dates will need a yard waste sticker. 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.
- Groot Industries will collect Christmas trees with your regular garbage collection. This service will be provided to the homeowners' associations regularly serviced by Groot.

Questions? Call the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 or Groot Industries at 866-782-5161.

Keep Your Mailbox Safe This Winter!

Winter's coming, and sometimes accidents happen while we're busy clearing the roads for you. If one of our snowplows accidentally bumps into a properly installed mailbox, don't worry! We'll fix it or replace it with a standard metal mailbox on a standard wooden post. Just make sure that your mailbox is installed per the US Postal Service Regulations.

How to protect your mailbox:

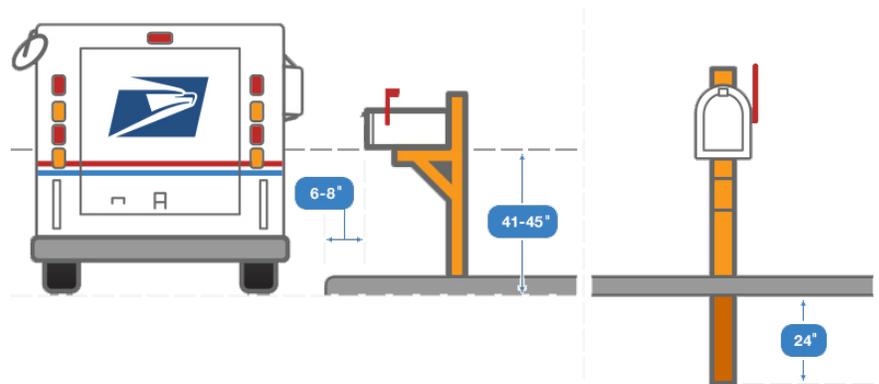
To help keep your mailbox safe, make sure it's the right distance from the road. The U.S. Postal Service has some handy guidelines:

1. Set it back: Place your mailbox 6 to 8 inches back from the curb.
2. Proper height: The bottom of your mailbox should be 41 to 45 inches from the ground.

Want more tips on mailbox placement? Check out the USPS website!

If you think a Village snowplow might have hit your mailbox, give us a call at the Public Works Department at (630) 823-5700. Let us know as soon as you notice the damage. We'll set up a temporary mailbox so you can still get your mail, and then we'll install a brand new one when the weather warms up in the spring, if it was hit by a Village plow truck and was properly installed.

We're here to help keep your mail delivery smooth and safe all winter long!



Chicago Area Winter Facts and Figures

Chicago area winters can be very interesting, to say the least, and can provide some interesting statistics.

Did you know?

- On January 20th, 1985, temperatures plummeted to -27 degrees with wind chills 60 degrees below zero.
- In 1967, 23 inches of snow accumulated from just one snowstorm.
- Seasonal snowfall has ranged from 9.9 to 89.7 inches.
- The average winter accumulation of snow is 36 inches.
- The Chicagoland area will generally experience almost 9 days a year during which temperatures drop below 0°
- Though rare, frost quakes can occur when the water-saturated ground freezes rapidly. The expansion of freezing water can cause the ground to crack, producing a loud booming sound that some describe as like an earthquake.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR RECOGNIZES THE VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK FOR HIRING VETERANS

Village Receives the 2024 Hire Vets Medallion Program Demonstration Award

The U.S. Department of Labor presented the Village of Hanover Park with the 2024 HIRE Vets Medallion Program Demonstration Award in recognition of its employment of military veterans. This is the fifth straight year the Village has received this honor. This award is part of the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (HIRE Vets Act).

The Village received a Gold level award in the medium sized employer (51-499 employees) category. To achieve Gold status, at least 7% of employees must be military veterans, with 75% employed for 12 months. The Village exceeds these criteria, with 12% of its workforce made up of veterans, with the majority being employed with the Village for more than 10 years.

"The Village of Hanover Park values the skills which each of our American veterans bring to our workplace---these include leadership, teamwork, and integrity," said Human Resources Director Barry Kurcz. "We are extremely proud of our veterans and this award recognizes the Village of Hanover Park's commitment to maintain our exceptional standard in hiring and advancing veterans in our workplace. We proudly support these heroes for their dedication and service to our great country" said Village President Rodney Craig.

For additional information on the program, visit www.hirevets.gov or contact HIREVets@dol.gov



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Elected Officials

Village President - Rodney S. Craig

Village Clerk - Kristy Merrill

Troy Albuck, Trustee
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Liza Gutierrez, Trustee
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