

Hi-Lighter

MAY/JUNE 2026



Hanover Park ^{USA}
America's Global Village

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Holiday Closure

Village Hall will be closed Monday,
May 25th 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.

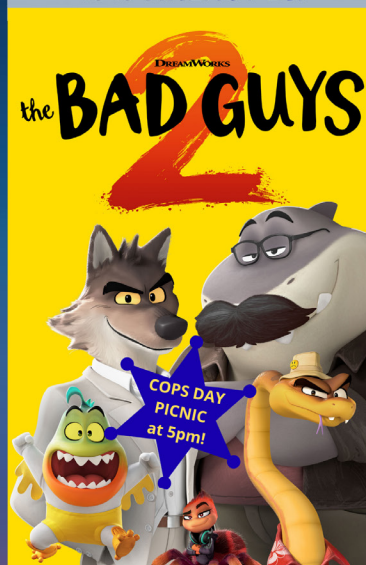
MOVIE IN THE PARK

GAMES AND ACTIVITIES START AT 7:45PM!

NATIONAL TREASURE
JUNE 19, 2026
EAST HARBOR PARK
4001 WOODLAKE DR



THE BAD GUYS 2
JULY 17, 2026
COMMUNITY PARK
1919 WALNUT DR



A MINECRAFT MOVIE
JULY 31, 2026
COMMUNITY PARK
1919 WALNUT DR



**Bring your blankets & lawn chairs and join us
for games, fun activities & a movie!**

**Refreshments
available for sale!
Courtesy of the
Lion's Club.**

Free Admission!

Movies start at dusk.



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Visit www.HPIL.org for additional information!

Calendar of Events

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Poké Palooza May 3 • 1:00 PM

Join us for a library-wide celebration of all things Pokémon™. Put your skills to the test in a video game tournament, create crafts, play games to showcase your trainer skills, and share your Pokémon fandom!

Summer Reading Challenge June 1 – August 1

Reading is Epic! Join Poplar Creek Public Library's Summer Reading Challenge and win awesome prizes for reading just 1,000 minutes.

Summer Reading Kick Off June 7 • 1:00 PM

Kick off our "Reading is Epic" Summer Reading Challenge with magician Scott Piner and a fun, interactive magic show for the whole family!

Family Concert Series

Stevie Swing: Sinatra & Beyond May 17 • 2:00 PM

All ages welcome to attend 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.



Hanover Park Branch Library

1266 Irving Park Road
Hanover Park
630-372-7800

Visit www.schaumburglibrary.org for the latest updates.

Crafternoon (5-12 years)

Firefly Paper Lantern
Wednesday, May 13 2026,
3:30pm - 4:15pm

3D Pineapple Craft
Wednesday, June 10 2026,
2:00pm - 2:45pm

Drop in to make an awesome craft; while supplies last.

Music Explorers Thursday, June 11, 18, 25, 2026 • 9:15-9:45 AM OR 10:00- 10:30 AM

Music Explorers classes encourage a child's natural musical abilities while educating their caregiver. Drop in.

Happy Birthday America! (5-12 years) Monday, June 29 2026 • 3:00-4:30 PM

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with bingo game, crafts and cupcakes.

Drop In Social Services Office Hours - Community Care @ Schaumburg Library Saturday, May 09 2026 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Saturday, June 13 2026 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Stop in to connect with a social worker about resources for mental health, housing, employment, health care, immigration, domestic violence and more.

Chair Yoga Monday, June 08 2026 • 10:30-11:30 AM

Join us for a morning of chair yoga, a gentle form of yoga practiced seated with some standing postures using the chair for support.

May

2	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
6	Special Events Committee.....	11:30 am / Room 212
7	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
12	Economic Dev. Committee....	12:30 pm / Room 214
14	Development Commission....	7:00 pm / Room 214
19	CIDC Committee.....	6:15 pm / Room 123
21	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
21	Water Bills Due	
25	Memorial Day Event.....	10:00 am / Village Hall
26	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
26	Environmental Committee....	7:00 pm / Room 214
28	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm

June

4	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
6	Apiary Open House.....	1:00 pm / 2500 Army Trail
6	Veterans Committee.....	9:00 am / PD Comm Rm
9	Economic Dev. Committee....	12:30 pm / Room 214
11	Development Commission....	7:00 pm / Room 214
16	CIDC Committee.....	6:15 pm / Room 214
18	Village Board Meeting.....	7:00 pm / Room 214
19	Movie in the Park.....	7:45 pm / 4001 Woodlake Dr.
20	Juneteenth Celebration.....	12:00 pm / HP Sports Complex
21	Water Bills Due	
23	Historical Committee.....	6:00 pm / Room 214
23	Environmental Committee....	7:00 pm / Room 214
25	Sister Cities Committee.....	7:00 pm / PD Comm Rm
26	CIDC Pride Month Event.....	6:00 pm / Room 214

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Spring has sprung! That means it's time for spring cleaning and yard work! A tidy yard isn't just nice to look at — it boosts curb appeal, keeps property values strong, and gives the message that we are proud of this community. A well-kept neighborhood reflects the care we have for one another and the place we call home. I encourage everyone to do their part this season to keep our community looking its best.

As we approach Memorial Day, we pause to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our country and made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. Their courage and dedication are the foundation of the liberties we enjoy every day, and we are forever grateful. I invite all residents to join us May 25th at 10:00 a.m. for our Memorial Day event, as we pay tribute, reflect, and come together as a community. Let us honor our veterans, celebrate their legacy, and show our gratitude for their service. Following the event, we will travel to the Hanover Park Sports Complex to dedicate a tree honoring Rick Roberts, Navy Veteran, Football Leader, and former Village Board Member.

Recently, I traveled to Springfield to participate in the Illinois Municipal League's Lobby Day. This is an important opportunity to represent our Village, meet with state legislators, and advocate for policies and resources that support our community's growth and well-being. The many municipal elected officials who attended advocated for fairness from our legislators concerning local control and sustainable funding. I am proud to speak on behalf of our residents and ensure that our local priorities are heard

at the state level. Engaging in this process helps us secure the support and funding needed to continue making our Village a great place to live, work, and thrive.

Our community is stronger and richer because of the diversity of our residents, and we take pride in celebrating the many cultures, identities, and experiences that make our Village unique. From our Juneteenth celebration hosted by the Sister Cities Committee to our CIDC Pride Month event, we offer opportunities for everyone to come together, learn from one another, and embrace the spirit of inclusion. I encourage all residents to join these events, celebrate our differences, and help foster a community where everyone feels valued, respected, and welcome.

In April, we held a "Honoring the Journey: A Celebration of Women" event. We were grateful to have Congresswoman Delia Ramirez as our keynote speaker, who shared her journey into leadership through her commitment to serving her community. She emphasized the responsibility of representation and mentorship. Her experiences serve as a powerful reminder of the importance of visibility, access, and

creating pathways for future leaders. This message is similar to our Village's belief that all youth will have hope and achieve success without exception.

Take time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful town, whether at our schools, places of worship, or assisting on the playing field. Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth and together we can make a difference in Hanover Park! It remains my honor to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you!

Finally, why the hat? I was honored to attend the inaugural session at the National Medal of Honor Museum's Griffin Institute. The US Conference of Mayors hosted the 2 day session entitled: "Leading in the Moment: Applying the Medal of Honor Values to Work & Life". This event included sessions focused on practical leadership lessons inspired by the Medal of Honor values of Courage, Commitment, Sacrifice, Integrity, Citizenship, and Patriotism. A special thanks to Arlington, TX Mayor Jim Ross for providing the hats.


Mayor Rodney Craig

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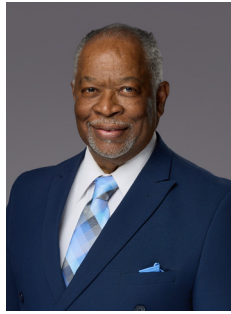
Jenni Broccolino



Liza Gutierrez



Jon Kunkel



Herb Porter

Clerk's Corner:



Kristy Merrill
Village Clerk

Spring in the Village: Solicitors, Garage Sales, and What Residents Should Know

With the onset of Springtime, residents may begin to notice an increase in commercial solicitors going door-to-door. The Village Clerk's Office reviews all solicitor applications and issues identification badges to those who are approved. Solicitors are required to wear their badge at all times while conducting business in the community. The badge includes the solicitor's photo, the company they represent, and the expiration date.

If someone approaches your door and is not wearing a badge or cannot produce one upon request, please call 911 and notify the Police Department of the solicitor's location. Residents who prefer not to receive solicitations may request a "No Soliciting" sticker for their front door. Stickers are available at Village Hall, or you may contact the Clerk's Office at tclark@hpil.org to have one mailed to you.

Spring is also a popular time for garage sales. Garage sales are permitted in the Village of Hanover Park, and residents may place one garage sale sign per frontage at the sale location. Signs may be up to 6 square feet in size and 4 feet in height and must be displayed on private residential property identifying the address and dates of the sale. Off-site signs are allowed on private property with the property owner's permission. Signs may be displayed one day prior to the sale and must be removed at the conclusion of the sale.

By following these simple guidelines, residents can help keep our neighborhoods safe, organized, and enjoyable for everyone.

FREE SUMMER DROP-IN

Open to Grades 5-12

Come hang out over the summer, play games, enjoy snacks, and make new friends in a welcoming, teen-led space.

FREE SIGN UP!
SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

EVERY TUES & THURS
1:00-5:00PM

1211 CATALINA DR

INSIDE GREENBROOK TANGLEWOOD
COMMUNITY CENTER





APIARY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026
1 PM - 4 PM
2500 Army Trail Road

Free giveaways & activities for kids

Join the Hanover Park Environmental Committee at our Apiary Open House. Visit our beehives, learn about honeybees, and how you can get started keeping honeybees in Hanover Park!



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

Main Number630.823.5600
Police Information630.823.5500
Public Works Dept.....630.823.5700
Comm. Development.....630.823.5780
Finance Department.....630.823.5790
Water Billing630.823.5799
Fire Department.....630.823.5800
Inspectional Services.....630.823.5860
Police Department fax...630.823.5499
Public Works fax630.823.5704
Municipal Building fax...630.823.5786

Graffiti Hotline
630.823.5705

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

Are you interested in serving on one?
Visit www.HPIL.org.

Curfew hours:
For those under 17 years of age -
10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursdays
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 VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK SISTER CITIES COMMITTEE AND FRIENDS
OF SISTER CITIES HANOVER PARK ARE PLEASED TO HOST

Juneteenth

CELEBRATION

FAMILY * FRIENDS * FOOD * FUN

**Saturday, June 20, 2026
12:00 TO 5:00 PM**

**Hanover Park Sports Complex
1200 Sycamore
Hanover Park, Illinois**

**Get ready to celebrate with
live entertainment, food trucks, games, & more!**

For event information, call 630-823-5577 or email
sistercities@hpil.org

To advertise in the event program booklet, call 630-776-6935 or
email friendsofsistercitieshp@gmail.com

Service to Hanover Park Award

The Service to Hanover Park award is given to an individual who has been actively engaged in helping and improving the lives of others in Hanover Park. Congratulations to this year's recipient, Gurmeet Singh.

Gurmeet currently serves as a member on the Village's Sister Cities Committee. You will frequently find him at the Village's special events, snapping away with his camera. Gurmeet's commitment to community service extends beyond Hanover Park. As founding President of the Midwest Punjabi Association, this non-profit organization is dedicated to promoting the Punjabi culture and heritage.

He is also President of Adbhhut Media, which gives back to the community by organizing events with media partners and providing support for unprivileged children and families worldwide.



Service Line Warranties of America Program

The Village of Hanover Park has an agreement with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA), a HomeServe Company, a leading provider of home repair solutions, to provide optional repair service plans to our resident homeowners.

These service plans offered to Village of Hanover Park homeowners through SLWA are affordable solutions to protect them from the cost and inconvenience of home repair emergencies, including water service line leaks on their property. It can be frustrating to residents when they discover a broken water pipe and then learn that the repair is their responsibility. Homeowners are often unaware when these types of repairs are not covered by basic homeowners insurance policies or the Village. The Village recognized that we could assist residents by offering an optional service program that would protect homeowners from the cost and inconvenience of this type of repair.

The Village of Hanover Park and SLWA have worked together to tailor this program to meet the needs of our residents.

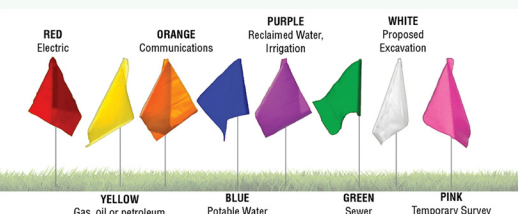
- Coverage plans include the Exterior Water Service Line, Exterior Sewer/Septic Line and In-Home Plumbing & Drainage which can be billed, monthly, quarterly or annually directly through SLWA.
- SLWA plan holders have access to a repair hotline that is accessible 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and repairs 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.
- Founded in 2003, Utility Service Partners, together with its parent company, HomeServe USA, has partnered with over 800 leading cities, municipalities, and utilities to provide repair service plans that offer peace of mind and convenience. 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.

Call Before You Dig

Beneath the surface of your front lawn lies a complex labyrinth of utilities that power modern life. Just a few feet down, a crowded "utility corridor" hums with activity, containing everything from high-pressure natural gas lines and water mains to the delicate fiber-optic cables that provide your high-speed internet. These systems are often stacked at different depths. Because these lines are invisible from the surface even a routine project, like planting a tree or installing a fence post, can turn into a high-stakes gamble if you aren't aware of what lies beneath the soil.

This underground maze is why contacting JULIE (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators) is the most critical step of any outdoor project. When you call 811 or enter a request online at illinois1call.com, professional locators visit your property to mark the exact path of these buried lines using a universal color-coded system. These flags act as a "treasure map" in reverse, showing you exactly where you must avoid digging to prevent catastrophic accidents, such as a gas leak that could endanger your neighborhood or a severed fiber line that could knock out internet for the whole neighborhood.

Taking the time to "call before you dig" is not just about safety; it is also a matter of legal and financial protection. In many areas, hitting an unmarked utility line because you failed to notify JULIE can result in massive repair bills reaching into the thousands of dollars, along with potential legal fines. It is a free, simple service that helps keep our Village running smoothly and keeps you and your neighbors safe.



Interior Plumbing and Drainage Coverage

The plumbing and drainage inside your home could fail without warning due to leaking or broken water supply pipes or clogged drain lines leaving you to have to deal with the cost of a repair.



Exterior Sewer/Septic Line Coverage

Your home's sewer/septic line can clog or break due to invasive tree roots or shifting soil. Help keep what's underground covered with a home service plan.



Exterior Water Service Line Coverage

Let Exterior Water Service Line Coverage help protect you from expensive repairs to the line that brings water to your home.



PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATION

**Hanover Park
Village Hall Board Room
Friday, June 26th
6:00pm-8:00pm**

**Join us in celebrating LGBTQ+
culture & history during Pride Month!
Please RSVP by Friday, June 19th to bkurcz@hpil.org**

Allyship - Education - Entertainment - Food

Hanover Township Sprint to Spring 5k on May 2

Hanover Township's 11th annual "Sprint 2 Spring" 5K run/walk will be held on Saturday, May 2 at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Reserve in Elgin. The race aims to promote health and wellness within the community but also raises funds for the Hanover Township Foundation in assisting low-income residents in obtaining dental and medical services.

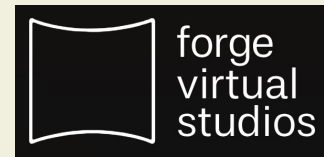


Online registration is now open through Friday, May 1 online and available in-person the day of the 5K before the race begins. Early bird registration is \$30 per participant until March 31 and then increases to \$35 through May 1 and \$40 on the day of the race.

Participants can check-in from 6:30 – 7:45AM the day of the event. The 5K will step off at 8AM from the Hanover

Township Izaak Walton Center, 899 Jay Street in Elgin. The 3.1-mile course will take participants through local neighborhood streets of Elgin east of Liberty Street and south of Villa Street. The 5K route will return participants to the Izaak Walton Center. For a complete route map and to register, please visit www.sprint2spring.com.

small business
SPOTLIGHT



**1555 Hunter Road
www.forgevirtualstudios.com**

Forge Virtual Studios is a new kind of production playground – right here in Hanover Park!

Television ads, music videos, movie scenes...you name it, they can create it! The 30,000-square-foot facility has been completely renovated and offers two cutting-edge LED stages. Studio A has an expansive 82' x 16' LED wall plus a full LED ceiling that can surround a set with any background imagery desired. It's ideal for high-end commercials, cinematic narrative scenes, and visual campaigns. Studio B offers a more versatile 25' x 13' LED wall that's great for smaller productions like corporate videos or social media shoots.

This high-tech facility rivals any Hollywood soundstage and Forge's creative teams can conjure up almost any location or fantasy world on the LED walls – everything from those great sweeping landscapes to futuristic cityscapes with a few simple clicks.

Forge was co-founded by CEO Drew English and President Connor Rowan. Their mission was to eliminate barriers to creativity by offering a world-class virtual production studio with the best technology in an accessible, collaborative environment.

Hanover Park is proud to be the home of such a high-tech creative force!





Police Department Deploys Upgraded Body Worn Cameras

Since 2022, Hanover Park Police Officers have been equipped with Axon body worn cameras. This program has been a great success, not only in terms of case building and evidence gathering but also in assuring the highest level of transparency in police service to the community. This spring, the Police Department will be upgrading the program by deploying the Axon Body 4 cameras



to every police officer. The Axon Body 4 represents a significant technological upgrade from previous versions. In addition to providing extended battery life, higher definition video, and enhanced live streaming capability, the Axon Body 4 will greatly enhance the ability of officers to communicate with citizens from diverse backgrounds. At the touch of a button, the camera can recognize 57 different spoken languages and translate back and forth into English. This will allow officers to have conversations in the field without the delays associated with locating translators.

The Hanover Park Police Department has a comprehensive service contract with Axon that provides many tools in addition to body worn cameras. Hanover Park Police Officers are equipped with Axon tasers, in car cameras, and utilize the Axon digital evidence platform. Later this year, officers will have access to the Axon virtual reality scenario-based training system and a real-time crime center known as Fusus that will allow businesses and schools to share surveillance camera feeds with officers in the field via their squad car computers.



Know Before You Ride: E-Bike Rules in Hanover Park



WHAT?

**E-bikes Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3**

**Low-speed electric scooters****Motor-driven scooters****Motor-driven cycles**

WHO?

**Must be at least 16 years old to operate an e-bike with motorized assistance.**

**Age restriction does not apply when using Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike under manual power.**

WHERE?

**E-bikes (Class 1, 2, & 3) may be operated only on streets with a posted speed limit of 35 mph or less.**

**Riders may use e-bikes in manual (pedal-only) mode on bicycle paths and multi-use paths.**

**E-bikes (Class 1, 2, & 3) may not be operated with motorized power on:**

**Public sidewalks****Bicycle paths****Multi-use paths**

**Any other public property or roadway where motor vehicles are not permitted**

**Violations may result in fines ranging from \$50 to \$500 based on offense.**

It is unlawful for a parent or guardian to knowingly allow a minor under their care to violate these regulations. The Village encourages all riders to operate responsibly, wear helmets, and follow the Rules of the Road at all times.

Hanover Park Memories: Past Businesses on Irving Park Road

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



Irving Park Road (Route 19) was named after the Irving Park neighborhood in Chicago, which was named after the author Washington Irving. Various businesses sprung up in the 1960s and 1970s around the intersection of Irving Park and Barrington Roads, after the Village annexed farmlands. A few businesses that opened in these decades were Chicken Unlimited, the Tri-Village Drive In (Home of the Lotaburger), Eagle Food Store, and St. George and the Dragon restaurant. You might remember someone in a costume waving in front of that restaurant!

The Tradewinds Shopping Center was at this intersection (where the Menards is now). Zayre Discount Store opened in 1969, and Tradewinds Cinema opened in 1973, offering seats for \$1.00. Which businesses that are no longer on Irving Park Road do you remember?

You can find more Hanover Park history by visiting Poplar Creek Public Library's collection at pclub.org/localhistory. Email history@pclub.org or call (331) 808-3535 with any research questions. Our website shares images provided by the Hanover Park Historic Committee. If you are interested in helping preserve Hanover Park history, the Historic Committee meets at Village Hall every fourth Tuesday of the month.



Summer Day Camp
Pre-K - 9th Grade

A summer of fun, friends, and unforgettable experiences filled with games, creativity, and adventure.

Enriching Lives all summer long.

Discovery Camp
Pre-K - 1st Grade

Swimming, art projects, outdoor games, field trips, and weekly visits to Seafari Springs Aquatic Center.

Location: Ahlstrand Fieldhouse

Adventure Camp
2nd - 5th Grade

Theme days, crafts, games, weekly field trips, and three pool visits per week at Seafari Springs.

Location: Ahlstrand Fieldhouse

Sports & Splash Camp
3rd - 6th Grade

Campers will try a new sport each week, cool off at Seafari Springs, and enjoy a weekly sports-themed field trip.

Location: Community Center

Teen Camp
6th - 9th Grade

Team-building activities, service projects, community outings, and swimming three days per week at Seafari Springs.

Location: Community Center

Spotlight Theater Camp
Tuesdays & Thursdays

Acting, improv, dance, and creative movement activities. Ends with a special family show-case performance.

Location: Community Center

4 SHOWS THIS SUMMER!

JUNE 10 JULY 1 JULY 22 AUGUST 12

Live Music All Summer!

Enjoy live music all summer long at the Hanover Park Park District's Summer Concert Series! Join us on select Wednesday evenings for a variety of performances at 2 convenient Hanover Park locations!

Bring your lawn chairs, relax with friends and family, and experience great music in your community.

Hanover Park Park District

The Wayouts

Wednesday, June 10
1919 Walnut Ave.

Totally Taylor

Wednesday, July 22
1919 Walnut Ave.

Hanover Park Sports Complex

Beyond the Blonde

Wednesday, July 1
1200 Sycamore Ave.

Classical Blast

Wednesday, August 12
1200 Sycamore Ave.

Bring The Sizzle.... Not The Sirens

Nothing kills a backyard vibe faster than an unplanned visit from the Fire Department. While the smell of charcoal & the sound of a perfect sear are the hallmarks of summer, the line between a legendary cookout and a dangerous flare-up is thinner than a burger patty. Whether you're a seasoned pitmaster or a weekend warrior, mastering grill safety is about more than just avoiding burnt ends – it's about protecting your home and your guests while the flames are high. While the grill should definitely be bringing the sizzle, it definitely shouldn't be bringing the sirens.

Here are a few safety tips about outdoor grilling safety:

- Propane & Charcoal BBQ grills should ONLY be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves or overhanging branches.
- Keep children & pets at least 3 ft. away from the grill.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting.
- Propane – If you smell gas while cooking, immediately step away & contact the Fire Department.
- Charcoal – When you finish grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

For more information, contact the Hanover Park Fire Department at 630-823-5800.

Seasonal Safety: Spring Preparedness Reminders for Residents



Spring is a great time to start an emergency preparedness plan for your family. Consider pulling together a few items into a bin and store it in your basement or your designated severe weather sheltering location. These items could include some portable lights, blankets, batteries, back-up medications, pet supplies, snacks and water. Disasters always happen when least expected and having a kit in your sheltering space is a great preparedness plan.

Essentials

- Water (1 gal/person/day, 3 days)
- Non-perishable food + manual can opener

Comfort

- Blanket or sleeping bag
- Extra clothes & sturdy shoes
- Basic hygiene items

Safety & Health

- First aid kit & prescription medications
- Flashlight + extra batteries
- Battery-powered/hand-crank NOAA weather radio
- Masks & hand sanitizer

Optional

- Cash, pet supplies, small entertainment (book/game)

Tools & Communication

- Multi-tool or pocket knife
- Whistle
- Phone charger (portable)
- Copies of important documents (ID, insurance, medical) in waterproof bag



When Sirens Sound: Are You Tornado-Ready?

Do you know the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning? A Watch means that there is a potential for severe weather to occur and a Warning means the tornado has formed and it is time to get to your shelter location!

Did you know?

The Chicagoland area is one of the few regions in the United States that does not allow the National Weather Service to override FM radio channels. So how do you stay informed on Severe Weather while you are driving? Here are a few tips from the National Weather Service.

- Use multiple alert methods—NOAA Weather Radio, local TV/radio, and smartphone alerts—to ensure you receive warnings quickly.
- Know the difference: a tornado watch means conditions are possible; a tornado warning means take action immediately.
- Keep weather alerts turned on at all times, including overnight, as tornadoes can occur at any hour.
- Check forecasts regularly, especially during severe weather season, to stay aware of changing conditions.
- Have a way to receive alerts wherever you are, with backup options in case of power or service outages.

Visit <https://local.nixle.com/hanover-park-police-department/> to sign up for alerts.

Your Mobile Device Could Save Your Life

text messaging service

social media

weather apps

There are multiple ways to
receive warnings
at your fingertips

mobile.weather.gov

from your family and friends

wireless emergency alerts - WEA



mobile.weather.gov



Protect Your Pipes: Proper Grease Disposal at Home

Summer is the season for backyard barbecues and family feasts, but all grilling can leave behind a tricky byproduct: grease. While it might be tempting to pour that grease can straight down the kitchen sink, it can cause major trouble once it leaves your sight. As grease cools inside your plumbing, it hardens into a stubborn barrier that catches other debris, eventually leading to slow drains and expensive repairs that can put a real damper on your summer fun.

Keeping your pipes happy and clear is simple if you follow a few easy steps. Instead of using the drain, grab an old glass jar or metal can and pour the grease inside to cool. Once the grease has solidified, you can simply toss the container into your regular trash bin. By choosing to “can it” instead of “drain it,” you help protect your home’s plumbing and keep the Village’s infrastructure running smoothly all season long.



Holiday Solid Waste Collection Schedule



Please remember that due to the Memorial Day holiday, your regular garbage collection day will be affected. Pickup will occur on Saturday, May 30, 2026.

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

A Homeowner’s Guide to Healthy Tree Trimming

As the seasons shift, many of us feel the itch to head outside with a pair of shears and tidy up the yard. Before you start snipping, keep in mind that a little knowledge goes a long way toward ensuring your trees stay vibrant and structurally sound for years to come. Proper pruning is part art and part science and doing it right the first time saves you from future headaches and expensive repairs.

Timing is Everything

For most trees, the ideal window for a trim is during late winter or very early spring while they are still dormant. This timing allows the tree to put all its energy into healing those cuts as soon as the growing season kicks off. However, there is a notable exception for Maples and Birches. These species have high sap pressure in the early spring, and cutting them then will result in a messy, oozing situation. While usually not fatal, it is best to wait until late spring or summer to prune these specific trees once their leaves are fully out.

Knowing What to Cut (and When to Stop)

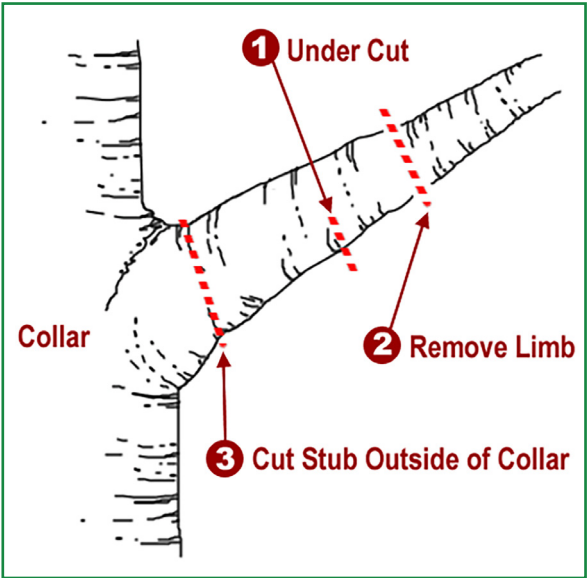
When you approach your tree, look for the three “unwants”: dead wood, fast-growing shoots growing from the base, and weakly attached water sprouts shooting straight up from branches. Your goal is to encourage a strong, natural structure rather than just hacking away at the height. A common mistake is being too aggressive with the saw. To keep a tree from going into shock, try not to remove more than ten percent of a mature tree’s canopy in a single season. Younger trees are a bit more resilient and can handle up to twenty percent, but “less is more” is a great mantra to live by.

The Art of the Perfect Cut

To protect the trunk, it is recommended to use the “Three Cut Method” for any branch larger than a twig. This involves making an initial shallow undercut a few inches away from the trunk, followed by a top cut further out to remove the weight of the limb. This prevents the heavy branch from tearing the bark down the side of the tree as it falls. Your final cut should be made just outside the branch collar, which is that slightly swollen ring where the branch meets the trunk. Whatever you do, avoid leaving long stubs or making “flush cuts” level with the trunk. Leaving the collar intact allows the tree to naturally seal over the wound—a process arborists call compartmentalization.

Safety and Parkway Trees

Your safety is the highest priority, so always wear proper protective gear like gloves and eye protection. Most importantly, never attempt to prune branches anywhere near power lines; that is a job strictly for professionals. Finally, if you notice a tree on the parkway that looks like it needs some TLC, please don’t tackle it yourself. Give the Public Works Department a call at 630-823-5700 and we will be happy to take a look and handle the maintenance for you.

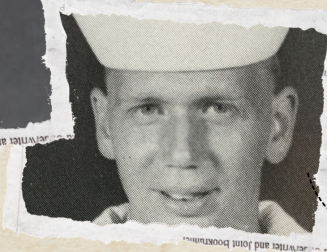




MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

MAY 25, 2026
10:00 AM

VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA
HANOVER PARK VILLAGE HALL
2121 W. LAKE STREET



This Memorial Day, we pause to honor those who have given their courage, their strength, and their hearts to protect us all.

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