

Hi-Lighter

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Holiday Closing

The Municipal Complex will be closed for the following holiday:

- President's Day (2/15)



Police and 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.

U.S. Department of Labor Recognizes the Village of Hanover Park for Hiring Veterans

The U.S. Department of Labor presented the Village of Hanover Park with the 2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Program Demonstration Award in recognition of its employment of military veterans. This award is part of the Honoring Investments in Recruiting and Employing American Military Veterans Act of 2017 (HIRE Vets Act).



The Village received the 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 at least 12 months. The Village exceeds these criteria, with nearly 11% 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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*from the Village of Hanover Park's Village President,
Village Clerk, Board of Trustees and Staff,
we wish you a healthy, safe and prosperous New Year!*



Calendar of Events

Protecting You and Your Kin

Whether it's winter sniffles, the flu or something else, don't ignore the warning signs when you're not feeling well. Here are some helpful tips to help you weather whatever comes your way:

- **If you're feeling sick...** Keep away from others, whether it's the virus or not. Have someone else run essential errands or utilize delivery services. Monitor your symptoms, call your doctor and take their advice. If you need to get a COVID-19 test, visit dph.illinois.gov/testing to find the site nearest you.
- **If you think you've been exposed to COVID-19...** Whether you have symptoms or were potentially exposed during a gathering or travel, consider getting tested for COVID-19. Before and after a test, quarantine and be sure to keep your distance from those in your household. While you're waiting for your results, start to retrace your steps in case it comes back positive.
- **If you were in close contact with someone who tested positive...** While you'll get specific guidance from a public health worker, typically you should get tested and quarantine for up to 14 days. Make sure to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19, like a fever, cough or shortness of breath. If your symptoms worsen or become severe, seek immediate medical care.
- **If you test positive for COVID-19...** A positive result can be nerve-racking, but don't panic — around 97% of people who contract coronavirus recover. To keep from passing the virus onto others, be sure to isolate until a health professional gives you clearance (typically 10 days from symptom onset). You can also help us with contact tracing, a proven health practice that has helped save countless lives. Answer the call from IL COVID HELP — that's one of our public health workers who will reach out to you and your close contacts to provide health guidance, answer questions and offer support.

Sonya Crawshaw Branch Library

4300 Audrey Lane
Hanover Park
630-837-6800

Visit www.pclib.org for current hours and the latest updates.

Lift Every Voice

The Poplar Creek Public Library proudly presents Lift Every Voice, a month-long event exploring the African American experience through poetry. Poets, scholars, musicians, and exhibits will all be part of the programming, which will be free and open to the public, either in person, and/or virtually. Visit pclib.org to view the full schedule of events; registration required.

The Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters is a national public humanities initiative of Library of America.



Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters Poetry Reading & Discussion presented by Chasity Gunn February 7 at 2 p.m.

Stories & Songs of the African People Presented by Shanta Nurullah February 14 at 2 p.m.

The Downtown Charlie Brown Blues Band February 21 at 2 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, meeting and event dates are subject to change or cancellation. Please visit our website or follow our Facebook page to be kept up-to-date on the latest information.

January

- 1** Village Hall Closed - New Year's Day
- 6** Special Events Committee... 11:30 pm / Room 214
- 12** CIDC Committee..... 6:00 pm / Virtual
- 12** Economic Dev. Committee... 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 14** Development Commission... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 16** HCP CPR (BLS)..... 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 19** CIDC Committee..... 6:15 pm / Virtual
- 21** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 26** Environmental Committee 7:00 pm / Virtual

February

- 4** Village Board Meeting..... 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 9** Economic Dev. Committee.. 12:30 pm / Room 214
- 9** Sister Cities Committee..... 7:00 pm / Virtual
- 11** Development Commission .. 7:00 pm / Room 214
- 15** Village Hall Closed - President's Day
- 16** CIDC Committee 6:15 pm / Virtual
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- 20** Heartsaver CPR/AED 8:00 am / Fire Station #1
- 21** Water Bills Due
- 23** Environmental Committee. 7:00 pm / Virtual

MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR



Happy New Year everyone! Many of us are breathing a sigh of relief that 2020 is over. What a crazy year it was, but we made it through and have hope that 2021 will be a much better year. Later in January, I will be releasing my State of the Village address video. Watch our Facebook page and website towards the end of January to be kept up-to-date on what is happening throughout the Village.

On December 3rd, the Village Board passed a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2021, which includes our fifth year with no property tax increase and no increase for the sixth consecutive year for our water rates. It also includes continuation of the Village's high level of service. A big thank you to our budget team, Village Manager Juliana Maller, Deputy Village Manager David Webb, Finance Director Remy Navarrete, and Executive Assistant Sue Krauser. I also thank our department heads and the Village Board who all understand the need to keep municipal property taxes off the backs of our homeowners!

The past few months, I have witnessed the greatest testament of giving, sharing, and caring within our community. IDPH testing, pop-up private testing, information gathering and sharing. Our Emergency Management efforts, under our Fire Department, focused on leading our Village's response to the pandemic and has been doing an excellent job. I have seen meals to homeless, meals delivered to families across our community, food pantries working hard to serve, and much more. Though it may take months to distribute, the vaccine is

coming! I pray for everyone's health and commitment to stay safe by continuing to wear your mask, wash your hands, and keep a six foot distance from others. We are a blessed community!

I am so proud of our Police Department for earning Accreditation Honors from CALEA. The citizens of Hanover Park are so fortunate to have a department that has demonstrated such excellence. We are honored!

As our infrastructure dollars and grants came together....Phase I of the future downtown is really looking good. The area South of the Metra train station is shining! A new plaza and park for community events, new sidewalks for better pedestrian connections, new landscaping, lighting and a 'streetscape' for pedestrian comfort have all been installed.

In November, the Village continued its dedication to supporting our Veterans and we were rewarded with the U.S. Department of Labor presenting the Village of Hanover Park with the 2020 HIRE Vets Medallion Program Demonstration Award in recognition of

our employment of military veterans. The Village received a Gold level award in the medium sized employer category. Hanover Park is one of only two municipalities in the State of Illinois to receive this honor and is one of only nine employers in the entire State of Illinois.

"Be sure to watch our Facebook page in late January for my State of the Village video."

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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Clerk's Corner:

Key Dates for the April 6, 2020 Municipal Election

You have several options to vote in the Municipal Election of April 6, 2021. Note the important dates below:

- 1. Mail Ballot:** Apply for your mail ballot by April 1, 2021. Once you receive your mail ballot you can make your candidate choices from the comfort of your home and return your ballot by either post-marking the ballot by Election Day or dropping off the ballot at designated locations.
- 2. Vote Early:** Designated locations by your county will permit you to vote March 22 through April 5.
- 3. Election Day:** Vote at your local polling place on April 6.

DATE	EVENT
3-09-21	Voter registration closes for deputy registrars and local election officials.
3-10-21	First day of grace period registration and voting.
3-21-21	Last day to register to vote by online application.
3-22-21	First day of early voting.
4-01-21	Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters.
4-05-21	Last day of early voting.
4-05-21	Last day of grace period registration and voting.
4-06-21	Last day mail ballots can be postmarked.
4-06-21	Election Day!



Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
Village Clerk

Santa Comes to Hanover Park

Thank you to all the families that joined us to wave a cheerful hello during our Tree Lighting Ceremony & "Santa is Coming to Hanover Park" event. I have really enjoyed coordinating the annual celebration for 12 years.

It has become my family holiday tradition to share it with all your families. Every year this event kicks off the season's magical spirit - and this year it brought a little bit of much needed joy.

I wish you all blessings and hope for a new year.

Sincerely,

Eira L. Corral Sepúlveda
Village Clerk



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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 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 Commission
- 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

Village Adopts FY'21 Budget

On December 3, 2020, the Village Board approved the Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Budget, which establishes authorized expenditures and sources of revenues from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

For the fifth year in a row, the Budget was approved with a zero percent (0%) property tax increase, no water and sewer rate increase (sixth year in a row), and continues to maintain Village services at the levels residents have come to expect. Despite continued economic challenges, the Village enters FY2021 on stable financial footing.

Beginning around March 2020, the Novel Coronavirus, known as COVID-19, was declared a global pandemic and continues to spread rapidly. The economic impacts of COVID-19 are already shaping up to be significant across the country. Municipalities (local government) as a whole have been affected. As the crisis unfolds, the impact on cities' and villages' bottom lines will be driven by overall economic conditions, specifically the parts of the economy where revenue is generated through income tax and property taxes.

Since the onset of the pandemic, employees across the organization have been dedicated to responding to the virus, working to keep our residents safe, and to continue to provide vital Village services in frequently changing circumstances. While Village employees work harder than ever, the Village has experienced a significant loss in revenue to the operating fund (General Fund), as a result of the pandemic.

Altogether, by the end of FY2020, the Village is expected to lose upward of \$1.1M in General Fund revenue. Income Tax and Property Tax are expected to be 9-13% below budget. Some smaller revenue sources, such as hotel/motel fees, food & beverage, auto rental taxes, and impound fees show losses of around 17% of the budget.

Due to this pandemic, the Village continued to make COVID-19 related expenditures that were not part of FY2020 budget. We project COVID-19 expenses will total \$600,000 by the end of FY2020, all of which were not budgeted.

The Village has taken many steps to mitigate the impact of the revenue losses and reduce the Village's deficit in the current fiscal year. Many budgeted expenditures were put on hold or even frozen throughout all Village Departments. Seasonal personnel were not hired and hiring was put on hold for several positions. The Village deferred employer Social Security contribution until December 31, 2020 (payable in year 2021 and 2022), and canceled all upcoming conferences, travel, and special events. Many fines and fees were waived, and due dates extended for residents and businesses resulting in further reduced revenue to the Village.

The Village has continued to fund its annual pension obligations year after year. However, over the last eight years, the levy requirement has increased by 70.16% on the Police Pension side, 100.52% on the Fire Pension side, and -24.80% on the IMRF side based on the Village's actual funding FY2012 to FY2019. The Village, along with all Illinois municipalities, will need to continue to work to find ways to address these increases and work with the State of Illinois on a different model.

This year's budget is in response to the needs of the citizens and business community of Hanover Park, and 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, and all current levels of service are well maintained. The Fiscal Year 2021 budget also continues to reflect the Village's efforts to diversify revenues.

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What is a Water Main Break?



A water main is an underground pipe that delivers water to the customer's service pipe. In residential areas, the "main" usually runs under the street or parkway. Some neighborhoods have them in the back yard. If a hole or crack develops in a pipe, the water will typically find its way to the surface. Because the water main is under pressure, water will continue to flow until the break is repaired. A water main break is not something you can predict and it is usually identified by water running in the curb line from an unknown source, or if a large amount of

water begins to accumulate in a backyard or in the street.

To repair a main break, the water needs to be turned off as soon as possible. An uncontrolled break can damage private property or flood a home in just minutes. Nearby residents may get little or no notice that water is being shut off.

The process to repair a water main break is fairly standard. The leak is isolated by shutting nearby valves. This will allow large parts of the neighborhood to be unaffected while just a small portion of the water is shut down. The Village will then contact other utilities (J.U.L.I.E. one call system – Call 811) to make sure we can dig without damaging natural gas mains or cable television lines. We find the exact location of the pipe using an electronic detector and then dig to expose the failed section. Depending on the type of failure, we may apply a repair clamp or replace a portion of pipe. The entire repair usually takes between two

and four hours. Of course, there can be times when we run into unforeseen circumstances and the repair can take longer. Some water main breaks have lasted as long as 24 hours to complete the repair.

After a main break, customers may notice brown or cloudy water coming from their tap. If so, do not use appliances (ex. laundry) or drink the water until it runs clear. Let the water run to flush out the pipe. This is not a common occurrence, but can happen if sediment in the pipe is disturbed during the break.

There are generally between 40 and 50 water main breaks annually. If you see water and don't know where it is coming from, please call the Public Works Department during normal working hours (8:00 am to 4:30 pm) at 630-823-5700 or the non-emergency Police number, 630-823-5500, after hours.

Spooktacular House Decorating Contest Winners

In October, the Village held a Spooktacular House Decorating Contest for Halloween. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all our participants and judges!

2nd Place: People's Choice Award; Hemlock House of Horrors at 6988 Hemlock; Village Board Award: Tomsovic Family at 1465 Spinnaker; Park District Award: Figueroa Family at 1540 Windjammer Lane; Most Creative Pumpkin Display: Yazdani Family at 6853 Orchard Lane.



People's Choice Award:
Creepin' on Carlos
1 Don Carlos Lane



Village Board Award:
Salas Diebold Haunted House at
7605 Northway Drive



Most Creative Pumpkin Display:
The Lockett Family at
7046 Glenwood Lane



Park District Award:
The Evil Estate
2100 Baldwin Lane



Police Department Earns Accreditation Honors

The Hanover Park Police Department is pleased to announce that on November 13, 2020 it received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). CALEA is the premier credentialing authority providing accreditation to police agencies. CALEA has developed thousands of professional standards that cover all areas of law enforcement operations, including use of force, employee conduct, internal investigations, social services, and more.

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To be accredited, a law enforcement agency must meet these high professional standards and demonstrate compliance in their policies, procedures, and practices on an annual basis. The agency then undergoes a rigorous site-based assessment every four years. During this on-site examination, the assessors conduct interviews, meet with the public, and observe first-hand how well the agency complies with the CALEA standards.

Accreditation by CALEA is a challenging endeavor. In the United States, only 485 of the more than 12,500 police departments are accredited. In Illinois, only 38 of the more than 800 municipal police departments have received accreditation. The Hanover Park Police Department has now been continuously accredited since 2001.



"I am very proud of the quality of service our police officers and civilian staff provide the community. This accreditation illustrates the hard work and professionalism of all of the men and women who make up the Hanover Park Police Department," said Police Chief Michael Menough.

Mayor Rodney Craig said, "The citizens of Hanover Park are very fortunate to have a department that has demonstrated its commitment to excellence. To be internationally recognized for achieving the highest standards in public safety is truly a great honor."

2021 Area Response Team (ART) Meetings

The Hanover Park Police Department is working to strengthen community relations to improve policing. This strategy is called Area Response Teams (ART).



ART involves assigning officers as area representatives for one year periods. Each area also has an assigned supervisor who is responsible for 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 Officers 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.

Residents also have the opportunity to meet with their area officers quarterly throughout the year. Meetings for ART areas 3 and 5 will be combined, as will the meetings for ART areas 2 and 6. The majority of the ART meetings take place at the Hanover Park Police Headquarters in the Community Room, which is located at 2011 Lake Street. At least one meeting for each area is held out in the community, usually the July meetings. The times and locations are always posted in advance on the Hanover Park Police Facebook page. All meetings will also be live streamed on the Police Departments 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 2021 ART meetings are as follows:

- Y1 - 1/18, 4/12, 7/12, 10/18 @ 7:30 pm
- Y2 - 1/20, 4/14, 7/14, 10/20 @ 6:00 pm
- Y3 - 1/18, 4/12, 7/12, 10/18 @ 6:00 pm
- Y4 - 1/20, 4/14, 7/14, 10/20 @ 7:30 pm
- Y5 - 1/18, 4/12, 7/12, 10/18 @ 6:00 pm
- Y6 - 1/20, 4/14, 7/14, 10/20 @ 6:00 pm

Spotlight on Business

Halcones Boots
1808 Irving Park Road
630-212-2446



Come in and smell the leather! Halcones sells leather boots, shoes, work shoes, jackets, belts and accessories, along with other western wear for adults and kids. Halcones has a boot for everyone in many different styles, colors and sizes to choose from. Quality craftsmanship means these boots will provide years of fashionable enjoyment for work or weekend wear. Pair your boots with a leather jacket and a hat to complete your look or create an outfit to give as a gift!

Halcones Boots is open daily from 10:00 am – 9:00 pm.

Visit their website at www.halconesboots.com



SP Marketing
1260 Bamberg Ct.
847-551-5629



SP Marketing, Inc.

SP Marketing, Inc. is a full-service product marketing agency. Contact their promotional products experts to get the perfect product that represents your company into your customers' hands for higher customer retention and acquisition. They print their apparel in-house and have access to over 100,000 promotional products and provide free local delivery.

SP Marketing also has national brands:

- **CookCraftCo.com** – Cookware built to last a lifetime and made of high-quality tri-ply stainless steel with patented latch lids
- **WineandDogs.net**- Unique and whimsical gifts for the wine and dog lover.
- **GoFarTravelGear.com** – Organized travel accessories for the travel enthusiast.
- **SophiesJoy.com** – Flameless candles and lanterns to light up your home beautifully.
- **SPMSportsStore.com** – team oriented personalized websites, in-person event sales and custom graphics on team products/apparel.

In addition to their brands and promotional products, they also specialize in school spirit wear, social media management and web design. For more information contact Shannon Potenzo-shannon@GOspmarketing.com or check out their website www.GOspmarketing.com

Learn Something New!

Did you know that Hanover Park is home to several private and instructional schools for children and adults. Learn dance, gymnastics, taekwondo, or gun safety and shooting. Take art classes for drawing, painting and even crocheting. Enroll your children in a Montessori school or private academy or even get your nursing degree! There's something for everyone to learn in Hanover Park's non-traditional schools. Check them out:

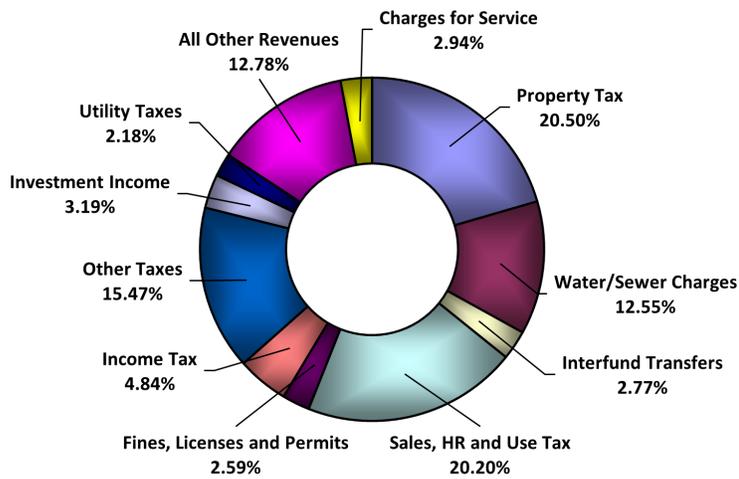
- New Lake College (1300 Greenbrook, Suite 102)
- Greenbrook Montessori School (1675 Greenbrook Blvd)
- Gymkhana (6622 Barrington Road)
- U.S. Taekwondo Academy (7233 Olde Salem Circle)
- The Art of Shooting (1981 Devon Avenue)
- Chang Brothers Taekwondo Academy (6614 Barrington Rd)
- Ontarioville Art Center (27W285 Devon Avenue)
- Faubourg Dance Theatre (1102 Lake Street)
- Al Huda Academy (7455 Jensen Blvd)
- Education & Work Center (6704 Barrington Road)



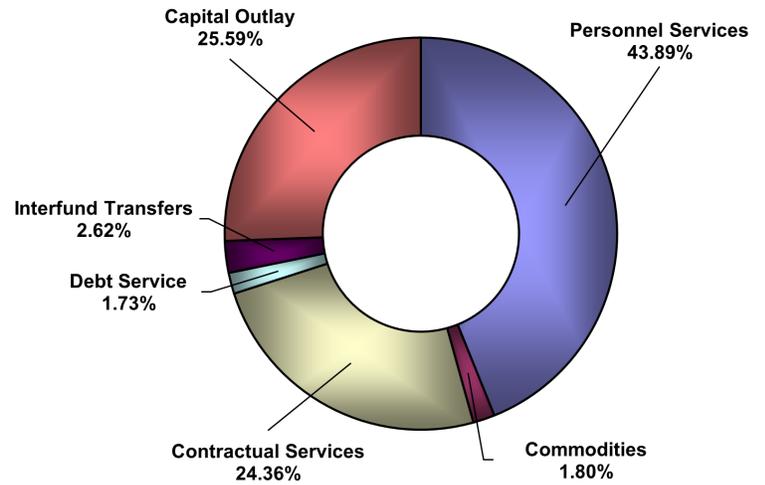
The total Village Budget expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021 equals \$82,899,378 and the total Village Budget revenues equal \$78,581,260. General Fund Fiscal Year 2021 expenditures total \$40,166,737 and the General Fund revenues total \$39,520,196. It should be noted that the expenditures in excess of revenues for the General Fund is planned use of unassigned fund balance, a transfer to fund General Capital Projects for the design of Fire Station #16.

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

Where the Money Comes From
\$78,581,260



Where the Money Goes
\$82,899,378



2020 DEVELOPMENT YEAR IN REVIEW

2020 brought the unexpected. The Community & Economic Development Department worked to strengthen connections with and to support our existing businesses and our residents. New website pages were created with news and COVID-19 resources for both businesses and residents, and the Business Matters e-newsletter was expanded to send timely information.

The Village reviewed several large public and private development projects in 2020 including:

The Village Center Streetscape – Come see our new and improved ‘downtown’ area, south and west of the Metra train station! A new plaza and park for community events, new sidewalks for better pedestrian connections, new landscaping, lighting and ‘streetscape’ for pedestrian comfort have all been installed. Landscape installation will be completed in Spring 2021. Residents will be able to enjoy the well-designed public open space year-round.

New Commercial development at NEC of Lake & Bartels – The Village Board has approved a preliminary plan for the demolition of a portion of the existing building, with a 3-lot commercial development. Final plans are being waited on, to be followed by new construction.

New Townhomes at Wise & Farmstead – The Village Board approved a preliminary plan for a 20-unit townhome development on the vacant property behind the Olde Salem Shopping Center. These 2-bedroom townhomes will have 2-car attached garages in addition to extra storage, an office, landscaping and sidewalk connections.



NWC Lake & Gary – Earth work began for a new 3-lot subdivision with a 200,000+ square foot industrial building to the west, a gas and diesel fuel center, and a retail building along Gary Ave. The developer will also install a new ‘Welcome to Hanover Park’ sign at this gateway location.

To keep up-to-date on current and proposed developments, and to view a list of available sites to bring more business to Hanover Park, or to expand an existing business, visit the Village website or call Community Development.

Fire Department Rolls Out New Ambulance



The new Hanover Park Fire Department ambulance is a Ford F550 with a Horton ambulance body. It is equipped with the latest advanced life support equipment and technology. The new ambulance is assigned to Fire Station 16 located on the south side of the village.

New Medic 16, as it has been designated, was designed with patient and crew safety in mind. It is equipped with a 'power load' stretcher system, which eliminates the need to physically lift the stretcher into the ambulance.

This greatly reduces the potential for injuries to both the patient and the firefighter/paramedics. It is also equipped with air bags, enhanced patient and paramedic restraint systems and rollover protection in the unlikely event that the ambulance becomes involved in a traffic crash. These systems are installed into the patient care compartment/body of the ambulance. Along with carrying advanced life support equipment, new Medic 16 is also equipped with outside compartments which will allow the crew members to safely store and secure their structural firefighting gear, breathing apparatus and various tools.

It is the goal of the department to replace our ambulances every 10 years. This new ambulance will ensure that the Hanover Park Fire Department will continue to respond rapidly to medical emergencies for residents and visitors of Hanover Park for many years to come.



Heartsaver CPR/AED & HCP CPR (BLS) Class Schedule



The following is the 2021 schedule for Heartsaver CPR/AED and Healthcare Provider (BLS) CPR classes. All classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1.

Jan 16, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Feb 20, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED
Mar 20, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Apr 17, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED
May 15, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Jun 19, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED
July 17, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Aug 21, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED
Sep 18, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Oct 16, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED
Nov 20, 2021	HCP CPR (BLS)
Dec 11, 2021	Heartsaver CPR/AED

If you have questions regarding this schedule, please contact the Fire Department at 630-823-5800.

CPR Class Fees:
Resident \$30, Non-Resident \$50

HCP CPR Class Fees:
Resident and Non-Resident \$65



Inspectional Services Has Gone Digital

The Hanover Park Fire Department - Inspectional Services Division has revised its operations to provide a safe and convenient process for conducting business with us. All documents required to apply for a permit or contractor license can now be submitted digitally by email. We will review your submittal, communicate any necessary information, and issue your permit or license in digital format. We can also make scheduling arrangements for your inspections by email. All email submittals and requests can be sent to iservices@hphil.org

A fully digital process means a more efficient review process and a safer transaction for everyone. Applying for a building permit, contractor license, or scheduling inspections has never been more convenient!

Questions regarding this service may be directed to the Hanover Park Fire Department - Inspectional Services Division by calling 630-823-5860 or by emailing iservices@hphil.org

A Different Kind of Public Education



This past year has been "different" for the Hanover Park Fire Department Public Education team. With the COVID-19 precautions and social distancing guidelines in place, the department has come up with a way to educate the public utilizing social media.

Did you know the Hanover Park Fire Department has a Facebook page? This past October during Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department was unable to host our annual Open House due to recent events. This was a difficult decision because we enjoy sharing our fire station, fire personnel, equipment, and prevention tips with the public. The Public Education team created a "virtual" Open House to share using our Facebook page. Everyday a social media post was made with a message regarding the Fire Prevention Week theme of "Cooking Up Safety in the Kitchen", virtual station tours, fire vehicle pictures, and really cool things that we do for training to be the best firefighters for our community.

The Fire Department found success in this new education strategy. It has been the sole and most effective way to reach out to the community. The Public Education team is continuing to come up with new ways to educate the community utilizing our social media platform. In addition to social media, the department is using online meetings to conduct personalized and tailored messages for our residents in schools, park district programs, homeowners associations, as well as local businesses.

For more information about fire public education and prevention, call 630-823-5800. Also, please visit and follow our Facebook page at [Facebook.com/HANOVERPARKFIREDEPT](https://www.facebook.com/HANOVERPARKFIREDEPT).

Street Light Problem

Is your street light out, flickering or just not working properly? Please report it to the Engineering Department at 630-823-5700.

Christmas Tree Recycling

As a reminder, Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Friday, January 8th and Friday, January 15th. 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 along with your regular garbage and refuse collection. This service will also be provided to the homeowners' associations not regularly serviced by Groot.

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

Special Events in 2021

At the time of writing this article, COVID-19 is still an ongoing Pandemic. We miss our residents and while we would like to start planning our 2021 events, we are in a position where we are "playing it by ear" due to the uncertainty.

We encourage you to closely monitor our website at www.hpil.org or follow our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/VillageofHanoverPark to stay up-to-date on the latest news and information related to upcoming special events.

We hope to see you soon!!

Winter Safety Tips from our Public Works Department

Winter is here and with it, brings potential hazards. Below are some tips that you should keep in mind to help protect you, your family and the community!

Sidewalk Snow Shoveling:

Village ordinances require sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours following a snowfall of two inches or more. Many children walk to school and need to be able to use the sidewalks. Please help keep our children safe by not forcing them to walk in the street.

Be a Friend to a Hydrant:

If there is a fire hydrant in front of or adjacent to your home, please keep it clear of snow so it will be easier for the Fire Department to locate and use.

Keep Kids Away from Snow Piles at the Curb:

For safety reasons, children should not be permitted to play on or near the piles of snow near the curb. The snow plow drivers may not be able to see children who are hidden by a snowdrift.

Snowy Day Garbage Reminder:

If possible, please wait until about two hours prior to pick up time to put your garbage out. Place it close to the driveway to reduce the risk of the containers becoming snow covered by the plows.

Avoid Frozen Pipes:

- When inside plumbing is on an outside wall, let the faucet drip slightly during very cold nights.
- If the water meter is located near a broken or cracked window, fix the window immediately.
- Don't turn the thermostat down drastically when taking a winter vacation.
- Ask the Village to shut off your water if you are moving and the house will be vacant.
- When thawing frozen pipes, leave the faucet on. This allows the ice and water to pass through as the pipe thaws.

PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WINTER

BEFORE COLD WEATHER SETS IN:

- Check sprinkler or irrigation systems**
Make sure you've turned everything off and fully drained the system.
- Identify your home's freezing points**
Check your home for pipes in areas that might be prone to freezing, such as crawl spaces, unheated rooms, basements, garages, and exterior walls.
- Know how to shut off your water**
Locate your main water shut-off valve. Hang the I.D. tag located on the back of this insert on the valve, so you can find it quickly in an emergency.
- Strengthen your defenses**
Eliminate sources of cold air near water lines by closing off crawl spaces, fixing drafty windows, insulating walls and attics, and plugging drafts around doors.
- Protect your pipes**
Where pipes are exposed to cold, wrap them with insulation or heat tape (even fabric or newspaper can help).

Commemorative Memorial Brick Program

The Village of Hanover Park's Veteran's Memorial Plaza was built in the front plaza at Village Hall. The memorial is a place where residents and non-residents will be able to remember loved ones who have served the country in the nation's different service branches.

Consisting of a centerpiece eternal flame, the plaza is built to allow engraved bricks to be placed to honor veterans. Bricks will be placed in line with a corresponding service medallion and flag of each branch, in front of our nation's flag, all surrounded by walls and landscaping.

There is also a place in our public area of the plaza where friends of the Village can pay tribute to a family member or friend by commemorating a special date with an engraved meaningful message. Whether it is for a birthday, anniversary, or any other occasion, a brick would be a great addition.

Three levels of brick sponsorships are being offered, and other opportunities are available.

For more information please contact the Public Works Department at 630-823-5700 or visit our website at www.hpil.org



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