

Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

November/December 2006



Join Us for Fabulous Hometown Holiday Festivities!

Dust off your holiday spirit, start marking your calendar, and plan to enjoy all of the seasonal festivities that Hanover Park has to offer!

First up is the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony on Friday, December 1. This event will be like no other in the Village's history. Schools, youth organizations and not-for-profit organizations have all been invited to decorate a live six-foot evergreen tree. Each tree will be identified with the group's name. The participating groups will decorate their trees on November 29, with an inclement weather date of November 30. Then on Friday, December 1, at 6:00 p.m., residents are invited to come to the Municipal Complex to celebrate the official beginning of the holiday season at the tree lighting. With the "flip of a switch" 78



lighted snowflakes on Lake Street, holiday lighting at the Municipal Complex and all of the decorated trees will be illuminated at the same time.

Refreshments will be served inside following the tree lighting. We are excited about this new holiday tree lighting and encourage you to join us in this year's display of community spirit. Please call the Manager's Office at (630) 372-4210 if you have any questions.

Next, we encourage you to enjoy all of the homes that have been beautifully decorated for the holidays as you drive around the Village. Many residents spend a great deal of time on their outdoor decorations and are delighted to have others admire and appreciate their efforts. Those who wish to draw special attention to their outdoor lighting are invited to enter the "Deck the Homes" holiday lights contest. There are two categories for nominations -- single family and multi-family homes. Each winner will receive a \$100 gift certificate and a Certificate of Appreciation along with an invitation to the Village's annual awards dinner to be held late January. Remember, you are welcome to nominate your own home. Don't hide your



holiday lights under the proverbial bushel!! Call the Village Manager's Office at (630) 372-4210 to nominate your home or any home you feel should be entered in the Deck the Homes contest.

Finally, all residents are invited to participate in the annual Holiday Lights Tour. A special trolley will make the rounds so that those on board can view the delightfully decorated homes. Those on the trolley

also serve as judges for the Deck the Homes contest. And after the tour, everyone is invited back to the Municipal Complex to enjoy refreshments and carols. The Holiday Lights Tour will be held Monday, December 18 from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. Please register for the tour no later than December 8 by sending in the registration form on page 8. Call the Crime Prevention Division at (630) 372-4212



The Village of Hanover Park elected officials and staff wish you a happy holiday season

Robert Packham



Minute with the Mayor . . .

Once again, and it seems all too soon, we find ourselves plunging headlong toward the Holiday Season. Those few weeks that include Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year emphasize kindness and good will toward all. We, of course, are thankful that we live and prosper in a country where we can pursue our dreams whatever they may be. We are secure in our homes and surrounded by those we love. The rich bounty we enjoy provides our basic needs.

Christmas evokes thoughts of peace and tranquility. It is a time of giving. Some may travel many miles to visit friends or family. Others simply enjoy staying home to enjoy the day with their immediate family.

We think of the New Year as wiping the slate clean. We are starting over in the hope that the coming year brings greater prosperity, good fortune and maybe, just maybe, a little more peace in the world. It is as if we are giving ourselves another chance to improve our lives and those around us. The good news is that sometimes we do.

As we gear up for the Holidays let us all save a little place in our hearts for the men and women in uniform stationed throughout the world. I think of them every day. Wherever they are the Holiday Season is for many a lonely time. I know what it is like. I was there once.

Enjoy the Holidays. Let us all hope the coming year is better than the last; that a little more peace can be achieved and our lives made a little better.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Packham".

Robert Packham, Acting Village President

Consider a Career as a Hanover Park Police Officer

Take pride and satisfaction in a professional law enforcement career. Join the Hanover Park Police Department and serve a growing residential community. In return you will receive excellent compensation and benefits. Starting pay is \$22.91 an hour (\$47,653 annually). Minimum qualifications at the time of exams are:

- At least 20 years old
- Associates Degree or 60 semester hours or 90 quarter hours of college credit
- Valid driver's license
- No felony convictions and good moral character
- 35 mile residency requirement after 1 year of hire
- English/Spanish fluency a plus

An **orientation** for all applicants will be held on **Tuesday, December 19, 2006** at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Hanover Park, 2121 W. Lake Street. The **physical agility** and **written exam** will be held on

Saturday, January 6, 2007 starting at 8:00 a.m. at Spring Wood Middle School, 5540 Arlington Drive East, Hanover Park.



Applications are available on the Village's website, www.HanoverParkIllinois.org or from the Village of Hanover Park Human Resource Department at (630) 372-4250. Applications are due no later than the start of orientation.

Clerk's CORNER

▲ **Commuter Parking Lot Permits**

2007 twelve-month commuter parking lot permits can be purchased in the Village Clerk's office. If the one year permit is purchased before January 1, there is a 20% discount.

Permits can also be purchased on a monthly basis for \$20. If three or more consecutive months are purchased at the same time, there is a 10% discount.

Questions regarding commuter parking lot permits should be directed to the Clerk's Office at (630) 372-4220.

▲ **The Consolidated Election is scheduled for April 17, 2007.**

The Village of Hanover Park will have four positions on the ballot. Three will be three Trustee seats up for election with each serving a four-year term.

Also, due to the untimely death of Village President Irv Bock earlier this year, there will also be a two-year term for Village President on the ballot.

Nominating petitions can be picked up by making an appointment with the Village Clerk. Call (630) 372-4220 for further information or to schedule an appointment.

Best retirement wishes to Dan Cohn, who retired after 36 years of service to the Village and its residents!

Dan Cohn retired from the Public Works Streets division in October of 2006, after serving the residents of the Village for 36 years.

Dan retired as an Equipment Operator.



✓ **Mark Your Calendar – Holidays Bring Changes to Garbage Pickup Schedule**

Due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays, refuse will be picked up according to the following schedule:

Thanksgiving Holiday – pick up will take place on Saturday, November 25

Christmas Holiday – pick up will take place on Saturday, December 30

New Year's Holiday – pick up will take place on Saturday, January 6

NOTE: The final curbside yardwaste pickup will be on Saturday, November 25, 2006

Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It on December 30, January 6, or January 12

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, December 30, Saturday, January 6, and Friday, January 12. Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:



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

We ask for your cooperation in setting your tree out **ONLY** on the dates of December 30, January 6 and 12. However, if you miss the special collection dates, Allied Waste Services or your scavenger will collect Christmas trees along with your regular garbage and refuse collection.

This service is also being provided to the homeowner associations that are not regularly serviced by Allied Waste Services.

Questions? Call the Village at 372-4210 or Allied Waste Services at (630) 469-1036 or (847) 429-7370.

Applications for 2007 Youth of the Year Due by December 15

The Youth of the Year Scholarship was established by the Village of Hanover Park to honor and recognize the contributions of graduating high school students who reside in Hanover Park.

Hanover Park will be awarding its Youth of the Year scholarship at the Village Awards Night in late January. This honor is bestowed on two high school seniors (Class of 2007), with the Youth of the Year receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and the runner up a \$500 scholarship. The applicant must be a resident of Hanover Park and plan to continue his or her education at a community college, technical school or university.

Applications are available on the Village's web site www.HanoverParkIllinois.org or by calling the Village Manager's Office at (630) 372-4210. Applications are due December 15, 2006.

Save a Life – Learn CPR This Year!



The Hanover Park Fire Department offers basic CPR and First Aid classes that are open to all residents. In addition, the Fire Department offers Healthcare Professional (HCP) CPR classes that are open to healthcare professionals only. Class time is 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Fees are:

CPR:	Resident \$25; Non Resident \$45
HCP, CPR:	Resident \$55; Non Resident \$55
First Aid:	Resident \$25; Non Resident \$45

Registration for classes must be made by calling the Fire Department at (630) 736-6800, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. All classes have a minimum attendance of five and a maximum attendance of 15.

2007 Class Schedule

January 17	HCP/CPR
February 14	CPR
March 14	First Aid
April 18	CPR
May 16	HCP/CPR
June	NO CLASS
July 18	CPR
August 15	CPR
September 19	HCP/CPR
October 17	First Aid
November 14	CPR
December	NO CLASS

'STAARS' Shine at Village Hall

(*STudents Artists and AuthoRs Program)

The work of Horizon Elementary School's young artists was on display in September.

We are pleased to honor:

Kindergarten:
Hallie Litton,
Kennedy Muhs

Second Grade:
Patrick Cox, Brian Yu

Fourth Grade: Hunter
McCord, Ryan McNett

Fifth Grade: Jessica
Gonzalez, Austin Yoeu

Art teacher: Cindy Walker



The work of Spring Wood Middle School's young artists was on display in October.

We are pleased to honor:

Sixth Grade: Areeba Ismail, James Barnes, Diana Cabral, Danella Morales Brown

Seventh grade: Emilia Paulski, Carol Gomez, Darrien Vazquez, Jennifer Acevedo

Eighth Grade: Jerrielyn Ferreras, Agnieszka Sobota, Gabrielle Kirtz, Davonna Powell

Art teacher: Christine Coburn

Rich Rusch Graduates From Illinois Public Service Institute Program

Rich Rusch, Supervisor for the water distribution, meter and sanitary sewer system divisions, recently graduated from the three year Illinois Public Service Institute program. This program covers topics in supervisory skills, leadership, and customer service. Rich started with the Village in 1980 and became the Supervisor in 2002.



Ten Hanover Park Families Got a Free Pizza This Year!



The Hanover Park Fire Department and Rosati's Pizza once again teamed up to participate in the nationwide 'Change Your Clock, Change

Your Battery' program. This program was designed to inform residents within the community of the importance of having functional smoke detectors in their homes. The program coincides with the fall time change in an effort to get residents in the habit of testing their smoke detectors, and changing the batteries when they change their clocks.

On October 28, Fire Department personnel followed Rosati's Pizza delivery staff at random on deliveries throughout the community. If the smoke detector at the residence was operational, the Fire Department paid for the pizza. If the smoke detector was not operational, or there was no detector present, the resident was given a new smoke detector. We have been participating in this program for six years, and we are happy to say that for the second consecutive year, all 10 families that we visited had operational smoke detectors. A big hat's off to the residents of our community That's the way to be fire safe!!!

Fire safety literature regarding smoke detectors, home fire safety, kitchen/cooking fire safety, home fire drills and monthly smoke detector test stickers were also given to all 10 families that we visited.

★ ★ ★ CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS ★ ★ ★

NOVEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 2	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 7	Election Day	
Thurs., Nov. 9	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 14	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Nov. 14	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 15	CPR class, Fire Station 1	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 16	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 20	Cycles 3 & 4 water bills due	
Thurs., Nov. 23	Thanksgiving holiday – Village Hall closed	
Fri., Nov. 24	Thanksgiving holiday – Village Hall closed	
Sat., Nov. 25	Curbside yardwaste pickup ends	
Sat., Nov. 25	Holiday schedule garbage pickup	
Wed., Nov. 29	Holiday tree decorating	4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 30	Holiday tree decorating (rain date)	4:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

Fri., Dec. 1	Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony	6:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 7	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 12	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Dec. 12	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 14	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 18	Holiday Lights Tour	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 19	Cycles 1,2,5,6,7&8 water bills due	
Thurs., Dec. 21	STAARS, Laurel Hill Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 21	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 25	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Tues., Dec. 26	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Thurs., Dec. 28	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 30	Holiday schedule garbage pickup/Christmas tree recycling	

JANUARY

Mon., Jan. 1	New Year's Day-Village Hall closed	
Thurs., Jan. 4	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 6	Holiday schedule garbage pickup/Christmas tree recycling	
Tues., Jan. 9	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Jan. 9	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 11	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 12	Christmas tree recycling	
Wed., Jan. 17	Healthcare provider CPR	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 18	STAARS - Elsie Johnson Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 18	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan 19	Cycles 3 & 4 water bills due	
Thurs., Jan. 25	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

Got a Sump Pump That Can't Keep Up With Heavy Rains? Read On . . .

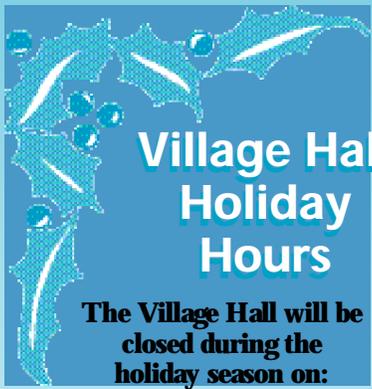


The northwest suburbs experienced several heavy rainfalls this spring and summer, and in Hanover Park we experienced a Village-wide power outage as well. We received several reports of basements flooding because residents' sump pumps did not work properly. Sump pump failure is frustrating and potentially costly if items that become wet cannot be salvaged.

If your house has a sump pump, we recommend that you review its current configuration to make

sure it will work during heavy rainfalls or during a power outage. There are several types of systems available at local hardware and plumbing supply stores that provide emergency pumping. The Village recommends each homeowner review the variety of systems and evaluate which one best meets their needs and budget

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Village Plumbing Inspector at (630) 372-4200.



Village Hall Holiday Hours

The Village Hall will be closed during the holiday season on:

**Thursday and Friday,
November 23 and 24 for
Thanksgiving**

**Monday, December 25 and
Tuesday, December 26 for
Christmas**

and on

**Monday, January 1, 2007 for
New Year's Day.**

**The Police and Fire
Departments will remain open
throughout the holidays.**

Deck the Halls . . . And You Could Win an Award!



It's almost time to start preparing for the "Deck the Homes" contest. Remember to call and nominate the homes with the best holiday decorations.

Winners will be chosen in both single family and multifamily categories. Call (630) 372-4210 for more information or to nominate a home!

All homes will be judged on December 18 during the Holiday Lights Tour. (See Tour registration information).

Enter today!!!

Celebrate the Season with Holiday Lights Tour December 18

Register now for a night of holiday cheer with the Hanover Park Police Department. On December 18 the Police Department will host a Holiday Lights Tour and take residents around the Village to see the holiday lights. Participants will also have the opportunity to act as judges for the annual "Deck the Homes" holiday decorating contest.

After the tour, refreshments will be served at Village Hall along with plenty of caroling! The tours will take place from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. This event is FREE. The deadline for registration is Friday, December 8. Please contact the Crime Prevention Office at (630) 372-4412 to register, or clip and mail your completed registration form.

The deadline for registration is December 8.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS TOUR REGISTRATION

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Number Attending: _____ adults _____ children

Please clip and mail to the Hanover Park Police Department
2121 W. Lake Street,
Hanover Park, IL 60133



Come Welcome the Holiday Season!!!

**Friday, December 1
at 6:00 P.M.
at the
Municipal Complex**

**See the trees decorated by local
community groups!
Watch as we 'flip the switch' to light
the trees and 78 giant snowflakes!**

Refreshments will be served following the
holiday lighting festivities.



Welcomes New Businesses!

We are pleased to welcome the following new businesses to Hanover Park:

Centro Naturista Mar Y Tierra
2151 Irving Park Road

Foster Parts, Inc.
5800 Turnberry Drive

Katsy's
1525 Lake Street

Madeline Spa and Nails
1156 Lake Street

N R Gize Lifestyle Café
7650 Barrington Road

Order Express
2003 Irving Park Road
(New Location)

Taco Patio 2
1321 Irving Park Road
(under new ownership)

Body of Change
7650 Barrington Road

CONECT Committee Members

A&A Music Academy
Anita and Don Komorski

A.G. Edwards & Sons
David Strutzel

Cancraft
Tony Meschini

Charter National Bank and Trust
William Mingotti

Classic Computer Systems
Kevin Swan

Elite Medical Solutions
Shahnaz Ali

First Eagle National Bank
Paula Wegner

Hanover Park Branch Library
Gail Tobin

Jimmy John's
Sandra and Brad Simousek

Keeneyville School District #20
Carol Aurer

Nitto Kohki USA, Inc.
Michelle Parker

Paragon Group I, Ltd.
Glenn Dailey

Board Liaison
Sherry Craig

Staff Liaison
Patrick Grill

HOT OFF THE GRILL

by Patrick Grill,
Community Development Director

The proposed 230-bed Skilled Nursing Care facility anticipated for the north side of Lake Street, west of Church Street, took another positive step towards fruition as they received their Certificate of Need (CON) from the State. The operator, NuCare Services Corporation, is now finalizing their construction plans and securing the necessary financing to start the project. NuCare anticipates starting construction at some point in the 2nd quarter of 2007. It is anticipated the architecturally impressive brick structure will command a significant presence along Lake Street when complete.



The right-in/right-out access has been completed for westbound Lake Street traffic to enter the Church Street Station commercial development. This improvement should be great news for Starbuck's customers looking for more convenient access into and out of this site. Future tenants anticipated for this location include Subway, Jackson-Hewitt Tax Service, State Farm Insurance, a nail salon and a dry cleaner.



For those of you looking for a full-service sports and exercise facility, L.A. Fitness is now open in the Westview Shopping Center on Barrington Road, just north of Irving Park Road. This facility includes an indoor lap pool, basketball and racquetball courts, dozens of exercise machines, an array of classes, a kid's club and beautifully appointed locker rooms.

Construction has begun on the Hanover Park Animal Care Center, located immediately west of the commuter parking lot on Ontarioville Road. This 8,900 square foot, single-story structure will include a number of exam rooms, separate cat and dog wards, surgery and X-ray rooms, a boarding area, grooming and daycare facilities.



Lastly, although you may have read about the pending closure of Cub Foods, fear not! Central Grocers has submitted plans to rehab this facility as an Ultra Foods grocery store. A representative for the company, who will be overseeing this project, indicated that Central Grocers would like to have this store open early in 2007.

over Park CONECT Committee

(and Community Teamwork)



Hanover Park Business Leaders Gather at CONECT Committee's 2006 Business Breakfast

The CONECT Committee held its annual Business Breakfast on Tuesday, October 24, 2006. With the combination of sunny skies and eager anticipation, over 30 attendees from the local business community along with Village officials attended the well-received program.

Speaker Kriss D. Knowles from the Small Business Development Center at Elgin Community College showed the audience, "How to Double or Triple the Size of Their Business."

Following the program, Community Development Director Patrick Grill gave a development and state of the Village of Hanover Park update. Included in this update were highlighted projects such as: Church Street Station, a skilled nursing care facility, and the Irving Park Road corridor improvements.

If you are interested in joining the CONECT Committee or attending any CONECT event, please call (630) 372-4260.



Spotlight on Business

Menards

Menards has been serving residents in the Hanover Park area for more than 10 years and employs approximately 130 people at its 115,000 square foot Hanover Park location. Originating from an idea formed by John Menard Jr. in 1958 to provide pole buildings, Menards has expanded from its roots in the Eau Claire, Wisconsin area to the retail home improvement centers known today throughout the Midwest. Through its corporate offices, Menards helps out with fundraising events.

Although many people think of Menards for their lumber and building materials, Menards also offers many supplies for your holiday needs including pre-decorated trees, wreaths, timers, extension cords, and inflatable decorations. A variety of fresh cut trees are also available at the Hanover Park store on Irving Park Road. Bob Morris, Account Service Manager, highlighted some of the special services offered which include "a contractor sales team that goes out to job sites and helps as well as blueprint take-offs".



Whether working on a home improvement project or getting ready for the holiday season, Menards is the place for all your supply needs.



Menards is aglow with holiday decorations

Stop by the Hanover Park Menards store at 900 Irving Park Road this season.

Store hours are
Monday - Friday
6:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.,
Saturday
6:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.,
and Sunday
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The CONECT Committee Mission Statement:

CONECT is a business oriented networking organization involved in the community. CONECT was formed to support and grow the local business community through networking, education and development.

'Sno Foolin' — Winter's Almost Here!!



Be a friend to a fire 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's sake, 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.

Keep those water pipes warm this winter

- ❑ 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're 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.



As every Chicagoan knows, the next several months will bring the ever-present threat of heavy snowfalls, icing conditions, and generally less-than-ideal driving conditions. Whatever the weather brings, you will be ready if you SAVE & POST this information sheet for easy reference through the winter months.

Winter parking regulations:

On-street parking is not permitted after a snowfall of two or more inches until the street has been plowed. You can help the snow plowing crews get the streets plowed as quickly as possible by keeping parked cars off of the street while snow removal operations are in progress. In the interest of public safety and making the roads passable as quickly as possible, **illegally parked cars will be ticketed and towed.**



Plowing priorities:

- ❑ Main streets are cleared first, secondary (residential) streets are second, and cul-de-sacs are cleared last.
- ❑ Intersections are salted after snowplowing. In cases of severe icing, intersections and straight sections of road are salted immediately.
- ❑ Snowplow drivers are instructed to avoid stopping and talking to residents.

Please remember to shovel the sidewalk, too:

Many neighborhood children walk to school and need to be able to use the sidewalks, so Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours following a snowfall of two inches or more. Thanks for helping to keep children safe by not forcing them to walk in the street where they could find themselves in danger from vehicle traffic. Your help is much appreciated.



And shovel the end of your driveway last:

There is no place, except along the edge of the curb – and therefore across the end of your driveway – for the snow plow to push the snow. Save yourself both time and aggravation by waiting until AFTER the snow plow has made its final pass on your street to shovel the last 5 feet of your driveway.

Snowy day garbage reminders:

If possible, please wait until about two hours prior to pickup time to put your garbage out and place them close to the driveway to reduce the risk of the containers becoming snow covered by the plows.



Hanover Highlights

OFFICER MATT MCDONNELL RECEIVES SHERIFF'S LAW ENFORCEMENT MERIT AWARD

The Cook County Sheriff's Law Enforcement Merit Award was presented to Officer Matt McDonnell of the Hanover Park Police Department on October 18. This award is given to police officers from throughout Cook County in recognition of their heroism, outstanding service, and professionalism. Officer McDonnell has served with the Hanover Park Police Department for over four years.



Officer Matt McDonnell: honored for heroism, outstanding service and professionalism

YOU MIGHT BE TEMPTED . . . BUT DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR RUNNING

Illinois law prohibits any vehicle to be left unattended while it is running. This means that the engine must be turned off, the ignition locked, and the key removed. These requirements apply not only to public areas such as parking lots, but also to private areas including your own driveway. The law is designed to protect you and others against both theft and tragedy.

ENJOY THOSE HOLIDAY LIGHTS . . . BUT REMEMBER TO REMOVE THEM WITHIN 90 DAYS

Holiday lights and decorations brighten the season for everyone. But please remember that the Village's ordinance specifies that holiday decorations must be taken down within 90 days following the holiday. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRE DEPARTMENT ROOKIE SCHOOL GRADS!

Six firefighters recently completed the Fire Department Rookie School program and were recognized for their achievement at the October 19, 2006 Village Board meeting. Congratulations full time firefighter/paramedics Kelly Gawlik and Michael Parkhurst and part time Firefighter/EMTs Shawn Dobberfuhl, Mike Holtz, Paul Lanctor and Daniel Such.

FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS, NEW FIREFIGHTER

Battalion Chief James Larsen began his career with the Hanover Park Fire Department in 1980 as a paid-on-call firefighter. He became a full time firefighter in 1986, and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2001. He is certified as a Firefighter II and III, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Fire Officer I and II, Hazardous Materials Incident Commander, Hazardous Materials Fire Operator, and Hazardous Materials Fire Investigator. He is a licensed Paramedic and has an Associates Degree in Fire Science from Elgin Community College.



Welcome to Firefighter Michael Parkhurst, (left), and congratulations to Darren Nocks and James Larsen on their promotions.

Lieutenant Darren Nocks was hired as a full time firefighter in 1999. In addition to being a licensed Paramedic, he holds certifications as Firefighter II and III, Fire Apparatus Engineer, Public Fire and Life Safety Educator, and Fire Officer I. He is also certified in Hazardous Materials Operations, Juvenile Firesetter Intervention, Roadway Extrication Specialist, and Rescue Specialist.

Firefighter Michael Parkhurst joined the Hanover Park Fire Department in September 2006. He was previously employed by a private ambulance company. He is an EMS instructor and fire stoker for the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute. Michael has a Firefighter II, EMT Paramedic License, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Community Health from the University of Illinois.



The Hi-Lighter is published by-monthly by the Village of Hanover Park, 2121 W. Lake Street.

Important telephone numbers

Village Hall (630) 372-4200
Police Information (630) 372-4400
Public Works Department (630) 372-4440
Fire Department (630) 736-6800

Village Information Hotline (630) 372-4290

Code Enforcement Hotline (630) 372-4262

TDD (630) 372-4430
Village Hall fax (630) 372-4215
Police Department fax (630) 372-4420
Public Works Department fax (630) 372-4462

Police, fire and ambulance 9-1-1

Village Board meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Complex on Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Standing committee meetings: Call the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:
Development Commission
Hanover Park CONECT Committee
Sister Cities Committee

Curfew hours for those under 17 years of age are 11:00 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 12 AM on Friday and Saturday.

For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call (630) 372-4200



Honoring Educators, Both at Home and Abroad

Members of the Sister Cities Educational Sub-Committee gathered at the October 19 Village Board Meeting to honor the late Miss Irene Johnson of Cape Coast, Ghana, West Africa, and to recognize the contribution educators make in both partner communities. Sub-Committee members are currently advising on a project to bring supplemental teaching material about our West African partner to local schools and libraries. The Sister Cities Committee presented books on Cape Coast to the Sonya Crawshaw Branch of the Poplar Creek District Library, as well as the Hanover Park Branch of the Schaumburg Township Library District. The author of one of the books, Mrs. Augustine Korsah, was there in person and read a selection from her work.

In 1994 Miss Johnson fulfilled her dream of providing quality education to Cape Coast children of modest economic means by founding the Hanover Park Primary School, named in honor of the Sister City relationship she herself was instrumental in establishing.

Pay your water bill online!
www.HanoverParkIllinois.org
Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"
MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online. Visa may only be used when paying in-person at the Village Hall.



Got a question or concern? Elected officials hope you'll call to talk to them about it

Village of Hanover Park officials want to make it as easy as possible to talk to them about anything of special interest or concern to you. That's why they offer a special resident call-in program on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns. The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

The next call in dates are **December 28 and January 25**. We'd love to hear from you!

Keep Your Home and Family Fire-Safe This Holiday Season

When decorating for the holidays, please keep in mind the following safety tips:

Choose a fresh tree. The branches should bend easily and not break. Bounce the trunk on the ground two or three times; only a few needles should fall.

Cut two inches off of the tree's base. This will help the tree absorb more water.

Use a stand that holds plenty of water, and put the tree in the stand as soon as possible. Water the tree daily.

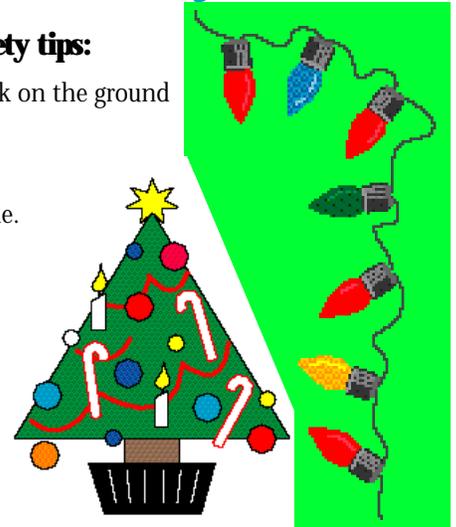
Place the tree away from any wood stove, fireplace, heater, or heat register.

Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

Put the tree close to an outlet so as not to require extension cords.

Use only lights in perfect condition that are approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) for safety.

Always unplug lights before going to bed or leaving the house.



Fireplace Safety Tips

Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist.

Clear the area around the hearth of debris, decorations, and flammable materials.

Always use a metal mesh screen with fireplaces. Leave glass doors open while burning a fire.

Install stovepipe thermometers to help monitor flue temperatures.

Keep air inlets on wood stoves open and never restrict air supply to fireplaces.

Use fire-resistant materials on walls around wood stoves.

Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.

Build small fires that burn completely and produce less smoke.

Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, or debris in your fireplace or wood stove.

Never leave a fire in a fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.



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