

# Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

July/August 2007

## Come Enjoy the Fishing Pier, Bike Path, Reconstructed Playground & More Newly Renovated Heritage Park

**O**n June 20, 2007 the Hanover Park Park District held a dedication ceremony for the newly renovated Heritage Park. The park, located on West Arlington Drive, features a recreational path, fishing pier, a playground, basketball and tennis courts. Several of these improvements are new or recently rehabbed.



A grant and developer donations funded \$700,000 of

improvements including the new fishing pier, a repaved bike path, resurfaced tennis and basketball courts and a reconstructed playground.

Through a multi-pronged strategy, the Park District was able to secure \$700,000 of financial support for the Heritage Park upgrade. Participating entities included a State of Illinois Open Space and Land Development (OSLAD) grant, a donation by the Cambridge Homes homebuilder as part of the Savannah residential development, and the Park Foundation, a not-for-profit local agency which accumulates assets to provide the local match for State grant applications. Through the efforts of the Village, developer donations were secured, which were channeled through the Park Foundation to leverage State grants. The end result was that residents

obtained excellent recreational facilities at a much-reduced cost.



*The Village of Hanover Park*  
and  
*Ontarioville Art & Music League*  
Present the:  
*Inaugural*  
*Ontarioville Art*  
*Fine Arts Fair*

September 16, 2007 Jubilee Park  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Ontarioville Road)  
*This is a juried show*

## Your Photos and Memories Can Be Part of Village's Upcoming 50th Anniversary Celebration



**S**omewhere in the attic or buried deep in a closet or drawer, there may be a box of old photographs you would like to share as part of Hanover Park's 50th Anniversary celebration. Photos and other memorabilia will be displayed at the Village Hall. Maybe you have a special memory such as your first trip to the first shopping center that opened. We are also trying to find out who has lived in Hanover Park the longest. Please let us know if you think it could be you.

Fifty years is a landmark date whether it is a person's age, a wedding or business anniversary. It's a time to celebrate!

Even if you don't have those old photos or memories to share, give us your suggestions for what you would like to see as part of a year-long celebration. Please forward your suggestions to the Mayor's Office by calling (630) 372-4218 or email Kim Benedix, Executive Coordinator to the Village Manager, at [kbenedix@HanoverParkIllinois.org](mailto:kbenedix@HanoverParkIllinois.org)

Let's show the pride we share and look forward to the next fifty years!

## Rodney Craig



### Minute with the Mayor . . .

Hanover Park is a town blessed with many opportunities. As I write this message, Keeneyville Elementary School District 20, facing financial shortfalls due to energy costs, is seeking an alternative energy source known as a wind turbine. Subsequently, they have applied for and received an Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation grant, which would pay 50% of the turbine, providing permission was obtained from the Village of Hanover Park. Since the time of the school's submission, the State legislature has passed legislation awaiting the Governor's signature for the School District to own and operate a wind turbine. Interestingly, Hanover Park has an opportunity to be a model community by providing zoning and regulatory control that would permit the School District to accomplish this significant goal. As we gather facts

for the project, I'm very proud of the initiative from the Keeneyville School District 20 under the direction of Dr. Carol J. Auer, Superintendent of Schools, to save taxpayers significant dollars over the 30 year life of the wind turbine.

Another opportunity that will be upon us soon is Hanover Park's 50th Anniversary. I have mailed a letter introducing the upcoming celebration of the Hanover Park 50th Anniversary to many community and educational leaders and there will be more to follow as we formulate our plan. It is my goal to engage as much of the community in this year-long event as possible.

As our Hanover Park youth baseball league and the Hanover Park Sailfish swim team start winding down with many tournaments and swim meets underway, we are also looking forward to Hanover Park Hurricane Football. As the football season begins, the league will be honoring the loss of an outstanding player by retiring his number. Jawan McDonald was a fine young man who balanced his studies, family, church, and Hurricane Football. In his honor, a fund at Harris Bank was created, and we acknowledged his life with a moment of silence during a recent Village Board meeting.

I'm very proud of the volunteers who are active in Village-sponsored programs. A large contingent of our Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT) has taken on the additional training and skill building to support the Fire Department with firefighter rehabilitation at a fire scene. On May 20th, we all converged on the University of Illinois Fire Ground Training Facility. We experienced many new skills and learned how firefighters survive and control a fire in a building. This training provided the volunteers an understanding of what a firefighter needs when seeking recovery from working in the high temperatures in a building on fire. Additionally, I have met with numerous individuals engaged in Neighborhood Watch programs. This is an outstanding way to keep our neighborhoods secure and safe to ensure our quality of life in Hanover Park.

Finally, I've recommended two new committees before the Board of Trustees. One is the Veteran's Committee to honor those who have served their country. The other is the Cultural Committee to honor our rich diversity and culture found in Hanover Park. Volunteers are appreciated.

I'm beginning my time in office by seeking to serve the needs of residents. To this end, I encourage residents to contact me with concerns or questions via office staff, phone messaging, and email. It continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. Take an opportunity to get involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Rod Craig, Village President

[RCraig@hanoverparkillinois.org](mailto:RCraig@hanoverparkillinois.org)

## Planning a Home Improvement? Check with Us First!

If you are planning to make additions, improvements or alterations to your home or property, a permit is required. Projects that require a permit include finishing a basement, roofs, fences, decks, driveways, water heaters, sheds or installation of new kitchen cabinets. Permits are issued through the Community Development Department.

Community Development staff members are available from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, to answer questions and assist you in completing your permit application. In addition, the Community Development counter is also open until 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month. From May through September, the counter is open until 7:30 p.m. on every Thursday evening.

Many helpful information sheets that provide information about the permit process are available on the Village's website, [www.HanoverParkIllinois.org](http://www.HanoverParkIllinois.org). The website also offers printable permit forms for many home improvement projects. Please be aware that the Village requires all contractors to register with the Village Clerk's office before a permit can be issued.

Contact the Community Development Department at (630) 372-4260 if you have any questions concerning a permit. Staff members will be happy to offer any assistance you may need and advise you about permit requirements. Remember to call in the early planning stages to avoid unnecessary delays. Failure to obtain a necessary permit prior to the start of a project will result in an automatic doubling of the permit fee and create issues associated with the sale of your property or with your insurance company.



### Housing Maintenance Standards are Essential for Protecting Residents' Health, Safety and Property Values



*Well maintained homes are the key to keeping a community looking its best.*

Hanover Park, like most other communities, has standards in the form of codes and ordinances which regulate how residential properties are to be maintained. These are necessary to protect the health, safety and well-being of our residents. Neighborhoods remain pleasant places to live and property values are protected when the regulations are followed. Property owners are required to meet Village property maintenance codes and ordinances in order to keep Hanover Park looking its best.

Each year, Village Code Enforcement Officers inspect residential properties. When violations are found, the resident is notified with a door hanger tag and a follow-up letter via U.S. Mail. Quite often, residents are already planning on making the needed repairs in the coming months. If the resident needs more time than allotted in the initial notification, it is strongly recommended that the Code Enforcement Officer whose name and telephone number appears on the notice be contacted for an extension. The key is maintaining communication with your Code Enforcement Officer and making a good faith effort toward achieving compliance with the regulations. Here are some of the most common items requiring correction:

- Tall grass and weeds (over 8 inches in height).
- Garbage and recycling containers illegally stored in front of the home or at the side of the home in public view. Store the containers behind the home with tight-fitting lids or keep them inside your garage.
- Address numbers not displayed (numerals not less than 4 inches high).
- Driveways in serious disrepair.
- Missing or torn window screens.
- Rotting wood or peeling paint on the exterior.
- Gutters and downspouts in disrepair.
- Inoperable vehicles (including vehicles not displaying current license plates) may not be stored except in a garage or no more than one vehicle under a commercially manufactured cover in good condition.
- No bare areas or ruts in grass caused by pedestrians or vehicles.
- Holiday decorations must be removed within 90 days of the holiday.

If you have any questions about the Code Enforcement program or need further information about any of the regulations, please contact the Code Enforcement Supervisor at (630) 372-4484.

# Tell Us What You Think

Making Hanover Park a great place for kids, adults, families, retail establishments, and commercial and industrial businesses is Job 1 for your Hanover Park elected officials and staff.

Your input and feedback is vitally important to helping us do the best possible job of meeting these goals. You are our "eyes and ears" in your neighborhood, shopping area, and industrial park.

Please fax or mail this form with any information that will help us continue to make Hanover Park a great community to live and work.

Your advice, suggestions, questions and opinions are appreciated. You will receive a response if you provide us with your name and a way to contact you.

Speak Out forms can be mailed to:

▲ The Village of Hanover Park, Office of the Village President,  
2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133

▲ or faxed to (630) 372-4225.

## SPEAK OUT!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like you to know: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Shine at Village Hall

(\*STudents Artists and AuthoRS Program)



The work of Greenbrook Elementary School's young artists was on display from May 17 through July 18. Artists included:

**First Grade:** Jaime Castro

**Second Grade:** Carolina Masso

**Third Grade:** Lilian Gulyk, Daniel Nyancho

**Fourth Grade:** Jonathan Hernandez, Maegen Kincanon, Savannah Marshall, Carolina Restrepo, Madison Smith

**Fifth Grade:** Sara Bobek, Prisilla Rodriguez, William Santiago

Art Teacher: Kathy Leeseberg

## How to Avoid the Top 5 Reasons for Getting a Parking Ticket!

**1.** Do not park on a Village street between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM unless otherwise posted.

**2.** Do not park on a Village sidewalk except between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

**3.** Do not park on your driveway with expired license plates.

**4.** Do not park a truck on your driveway unless it has a class B license plate.

**5.** Do not park on someone's driveway or parking space without their permission.



# FUN for Everyone!



The reconstruction of Heritage Park on Arlington Drive was the perfect backdrop for the annual COPS Day Picnic. Each year the Hanover Park Police Department hosts a picnic to foster relationships between the Police Department and the neighborhoods it serves. The Lovely Miss Dena painted faces and Parky the Clown, well, clowned! Members of the Hanover Park Police Department cooked and served hot dogs to perfection; chips and soft drinks were also provided.

## \*\*\* CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS \*\*\*

### AUGUST

Thurs., Aug. 2	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 7	National Night Out/Ahlstrand Park	5:00 p.m.
Tues., Aug. 14	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Aug. 14	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Aug. 15	CPR Class	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Aug. 16	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Aug. 20	Cycles 1,2,5,6,7,8 water bills due	
Thurs., Aug., 23	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs., Sept. 6	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 11	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Sept. 11	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 13	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Sept. 17	Citizens Police Academy	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 19	Healthcare Provider CPR Class	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20	STAARS/Ontarioville Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 20	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 21	Cycles 3 & 4 water bills due	
Thurs., Sept. 27	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

### OCTOBER

Thurs., Oct. 4	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 9	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Oct. 9	Sister Cities Committee	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 11	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 17	First Aid Class	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 18	STAARS/Anne Fox Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 18	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 19	Cycles 1,2,5,6,7,8 water bills due	
Thurs., Oct. 25	Blood Drive	10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 25	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

## WANTED: Residents Who Want a Hands-on, Close-up Look at Police Work

The Hanover Park Police Department is now taking applications for its annual Citizens Police Academy. Classes will begin the week of September 17 and will be held one night per week. This is a 10 week program. The Citizens Police Academy is designed to give participants a first hand look at the various aspects of police work.

The Citizens Police Academy is an opportunity for citizens to gain insight into the duties of police officers, while providing responsible citizens with comprehensive knowledge of police operations, practices and objectives. Participants in the Academy learn how they can help keep the community crime free and become resources for improved community/police involvement.

Participants will gain in-depth knowledge about the criminal

justice system, the operational guidelines of police agencies, ways to resist crime, and how to take appropriate security measures. The Academy is taught by Hanover Park Police officers.



Hanover Park residents interested in participating in the Citizens Police Academy must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete an application form and pass a criminal background check. The Citizens Police Academy will be limited to 20 participants per class and will culminate in a graduation ceremony.

If you have questions, need further information, or if you would like an application, contact Terrence Sherrill at (630) 372-4412.

## Welcomes New Businesses!

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

**Leynes Carpet**  
1639 C Irving Park Road

**Charles Fast Food #4**  
1525 Lake Street

**Taximex Cab Co.**  
7235 Olde Salem Circle

**E. Kinast Distributors, Inc.**  
6350 Church Street

**India Bazaar Food & Video**  
(formerly Swami)  
1930 Army Trail Road

**Back to Bed**  
1625 Irving Park Road

### CONNECT Committee Members

**A&A Music Academy**  
Anita and Don Komorski

**A.G. Edwards & Sons**  
David Strutzel

**Alvarez Jewelry**  
Leticia Alvarez

**Charter National Bank and Trust**  
William Mingotti

**Classic Computer Systems**  
Kevin Swan

**E Kinast Distributors**  
William Schierer

**First Eagle National Bank**  
Paula Wegner

**Hanover Park Branch Library**  
Gail Tobin

**Hanover Quick Wash**  
Phil McBride

**Jimmy John's**  
Sandra and Brad Simousek

**Menard's**  
Bob Morris & John Sciortino

**New Generation Financial Services**  
Antonio Hernandez

**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

**Empire Beauty School** is open and accepting students and clients alike. I recently stopped by and talked with their Executive Director, Carlos Flores about Empire and the educational opportunities and services available at their 1166 Lake Street location within the Greenbrook Shopping Center. Although this location was previously occupied by the Hanover Park College of Beauty, Empire spent approximately \$ 1.25 million to completely remodel this space. It is now a unique blend between state-of-the-art educational facilities and luxurious salon and spa space.



Empire Beauty Schools operates 37 locations in nine states and one in Japan. However, Empire recently announced a merger with Regis Salons to make it the largest provider of cosmetology education in North America with 88 locations in 18 states and educating approximately 20,000 students per year. Empire is the oldest cosmetology school in the United States at 75 years.

Their Hanover Park facility has a 245-student capacity and is an Accredited Cosmetology School by NAACAS. Students are accepted every six weeks into various programs that teach everything from cutting hair, performing manicures and pedicures, and applying make-up to running your own business. The entire program prepares students to sit for the state licensing exam which 93% of the Empire students pass. Although Empire assists students with resumes and job placement at such facilities as Mario Tricocci, Asha Salon and Aveda, their education also prepares them to operate their own salon.

As part of their education, students perform a wide array of salon services for clients. And because these services are performed by students, the cost is typically a fraction of what an independent salon would charge. The services include styling and coloring of hair, manicures, pedicures, make-up and more. Clients can even purchase the products that the technicians use, as well as a variety of pampering and birthday packages. Mr. Flores is anticipating a Grand Opening for early August. Look for me there; I understand the pedicures are outstanding.

For those taking the train, or those of you who are just plain hungry, a new culinary opportunity is available at Church Street Station. **Subway** is now open serving up fresh sandwiches that are not only good, but good for you. Just ask Jared. Now those long train rides into the city can be used to enjoy a delicious sub sandwich prepared at Subway, which is located across Lake Street from the station.

Another new addition to the local business community is **E. Kinast Distributors** (EKD). E. Kinast recently opened a new 83,000+ square foot facility on Church Street, just south of Ontarioville Road. William Schierer, President of EKD, was recently appointed to the CONNECT Committee. His contributions to this committee as a local business owner are much anticipated.



## Spotlight on Business

### Mac's Specialty Machine

Mac's Specialty Machine, Inc., has been a favorite with Hanover Park residents for many years. It's easy to see why -- the business' loyal customers rave about how fair and honest they are at Mac's. In addition, Mac's sales people have a well-deserved reputation for taking the time to help customers buy the lawn mower or snowblower that's best for them, not necessarily the most expensive one. Mac's has a solid reputation for standing behind repairs and treating customers like family and friends.

The business had its start in a converted chicken coop in Bartlett. But as the customer base grew, so did the need for more space, and so owners Lee and Joyce McNeil moved their growing business to Greenbrook Plaza on Lake Street 13 years ago. One of Lee's early satisfied customers was Village Manager Marc Hummel. "He was the one who urged me to move the business to Hanover Park" Lee recalled. It turned out to be a good suggestion. "The business has tripled since we've been here," Lee said

Mac's serves both residential and commercial customers. The clean, carpeted showroom has more than a hundred pieces of equipment including lawn mowers, snowblowers, chippers and commercial lawn mowing equipment.

commercial lawn mowing equipment.

"We repair anything we sell, as well as most other brands as long as we can get parts for them," Lee said. "We also sell lots of parts. People can buy the parts from us and do the repairs themselves."



Mac's Specialty Machine, 1134 Lake Street

What gives Mac's Specialty Machine such a loyal following? "We're friendly and we treat people fairly," Lee said. "We tell people the good and the bad about anything they're thinking about buying."

Stop by, or call Mac's at (630) 289-9610 for answers to your power equipment needs.

**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.

## Welcome to Hanover Park!



Mayor Rod Craig joined city officials and staff members in cutting the ribbon on the new Hanover Park library located at Church Street on Lake Street.



photo: Empire State School, 1166 Street in the Greenbrook Shopping Center, is now helping students and clients alike.



photo: E. State Distributors' facility on Church Street.



## Emerald Ash Borers: Be on the Lookout!

The Emerald Ash Borer, a devastating insect pest from Asia, has become a great concern in northern Illinois with the detection of a residential infestation occurring in an area of Kane County east of Lily Lake.

The beetle was first identified in the United States in July 2002 feeding on Ash trees in southeastern Michigan. Since the infestation in southeastern Michigan was discovered, the Emerald Ash Borer has also been found in the neighboring states, including Michigan, Maryland, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

The borer was brought to the United States on wood packing crates from Asia. It is estimated that about 20% of the tree population in the Chicagoland area and 30% of the Hanover Park parkway tree population is of the Ash species. Illinois has approximately 110 million Ash trees, according to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

The Emerald Ash Borer larvae tunnel throughout the phloem and outer sapwood of Ash trees, creating large galleries, eventually killing branches and entire trees. The borer is difficult to detect in newly infested trees because symptoms usually begin at the top of the tree.

The adult is a small, metallic-green beetle, about half the size of a penny. Typical signs of infestation include the presence of the small metallic-green beetle on or near an Ash, small D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk and/or branches, dieback in the crown of the tree, and suckers growing on the trunk. Large vertical splits may also occur in the bark, and woodpeckers may feed on the beetle leaving visible damage to the bark. This borer infests and eventually kills all Ash trees, regardless of size or health conditions.



*The damage done by EAB is only evident inside the tree behind the bark.*

The Emerald Ash Borer moves only short distances by flying, but can survive long distances on Ash nursery stock, logs, branches, and firewood.

To avoid its introduction into the Hanover Park area, please purchase only locally grown nursery stock and locally cut firewood. Do not transport firewood as this is thought to be one of the main methods this insect is spread. Be sure to use all firewood in the winter so that no hidden larvae or adult beetles can survive on logs left through the spring.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture is currently in the process of conducting a survey of Ash trees in and around the infested area in Kane County to establish boundaries for quarantine to prevent the spread of the borer. The Department of Agriculture is not sure how the beetle arrived in Illinois, but suspect that contaminated firewood from a quarantined area in Michigan may have been moved into the state.

Currently, options for treating infested trees are limited and will depend on Illinois Department of Agriculture mandates. In most cases, complete removal of the tree is required. While preventative treatments are available for non-infested Ash trees, they will not work on already infested Ash trees. Results from the Illinois Department of Agriculture survey will determine the appropriate action to contain this pest.

It is important for residents of Hanover Park to be diligent in inspecting their Ash trees for this pest. It was an observant resident who reported the initial find in Kane County. If you suspect you have found an adult or larval form of the Emerald Ash Borer, freeze the insect and bring it to the Village's Forestry Division for identification. If you suspect an infestation, you may contact the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll-free hotline at 800-641-3934.



## Village Welcomes Rev. Swanson as New Fire Department Chaplain

Reverend Jeannie Swanson has joined the Hanover Park Fire Department as its new Fire Chaplain.

Rev. Swanson has been the pastor of the Living Christ Lutheran Church in Hanover Park for the last year. She received her Master of Divinity from the Lutheran School of Theology and has been an ordained minister for the last 11 years.

Rev. Swanson has served the community through supportive assistance, counseling, worship and children's ministries. She and her husband Jeff reside in Hanover Park. They have four children: Emily, Elisa, Bradley and Jessica.



*Rev. Swanson is joined by her husband Jeff and Hanover Park Fire Chief Craig Haigh.*

## Keeping Ties With Our Sister City

Hanover Park has had a Sister City relationship with Cape Coast, Ghana in West Africa since 1991. Recently a delegation led by Village Trustee Robert Packham spent two weeks in Cape Coast, and met with the Mayor, the City Manager, members of the Municipal Assembly, the Regional Minister's staff, and the Traditional Council of Chiefs. The delegation followed-up on several on-going projects. One of the more important ones is the construction of a playroom annex to the children's ward at the District Hospital. The cost of materials came from private funds, and the local labor is being provided by hospital staff. When completed, the children will be able to leave their beds and move to an area where they can play or read or just enjoy the sun.

Another special visit was to Hanover Park Primary School, where we caused great excitement by delivering soccer uniforms, complete with the school's crest (which is identical to our village logo). Through the generosity of Sarson Sports USA, extra items were included. The company's representative, former Ghana Black Stars "footballer" George Gorleku, made the presentation amid loud cheers from the students.

The delegation paid a visit to the Regional Police Headquarters and saw the on-site domestic violence counseling center where Hanover Park Sister City had provided chairs and a large open-sided tent where women can sit in the shade while they wait their turn to be interviewed. Previously, they had to sit on the bare ground under a blazing sun.

Two members of our delegation deserve particular recognition. Cathy Radcliffe, Principal at Elsie Johnson School, wanted to learn about the educational system in Ghana. She spent several hours each day visiting both public and private schools, talking with students, teachers, head masters, and staff on the similarities and differences between the American and Ghanaian systems. Resident Jennifer Vosyka also accompanied our group to fulfill a promise she made in 1996, to visit again with the people she lived among for two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in a small village just a few miles from Cape Coast.

To learn more about our Sister Cities activities, contact Kim Benedix in the Village Manager's office. Textiles and beads from our Sister City are available through the Ontarioville Art Gallery.



*Emotional return to Jennifer's Village.*



*The donation was greatly appreciated*



*Domestic Violence Counseling Center*

## Don't Be Polite to The Bad Guys!

Several Hanover Park residents have recently experienced burglaries to their motor vehicles and to their homes. The vast majority of these crimes had one thing in common... the victims helped the bad guys by leaving their doors unlocked! According to the National Crime Prevention Council, locking your door is the single most effective AND least costly way to protect your belongings.

Most thefts are crimes of opportunity. Thieves like to be hidden and quiet. They are cowardly and shy. They would much rather open an unlocked door than draw attention to themselves by breaking in. You can further reduce the chances of having your car or home broken into by concealing valuables. After all, no matter how well-behaved your dog is, if you leave a hamburger where he can see it, eventually, he'll have to have it! Don't make the temptation irresistible to the criminal!

Lately there has been a lot of talk in the media about "lock bumping". In this case, a criminal uses a certain type of key to work the lock open. There are several lock and deadbolt manufacturers that make "bump proof" locks. They cost a little more, but are still reasonable, especially when compared with the cost of replacing your valuables. Visit your local hardware store for more information.

Frequently, Hanover Park Police officers take several reports of burglaries from motor vehicles. In many cases, the offenders simply walked from car to car and tried the doors, taking anything they found worthwhile from the unlocked ones. In this way, they are able to steal many items quickly while making virtually no noise. If all the car doors are locked, and they don't see anything of value inside, the bad guys just move on to easier targets.

Remember, an unlocked door is an invitation. Don't be polite to the bad guys!

# Check These Tips For Helping Your Landscaping Survive the Drought

The Village of Hanover Park reminds residents that extreme heat and drought conditions are stressful on your landscaping. The following recommendations will help keep your landscape healthy and looking its best.

## Signs of Drought Stress

- ❑ Upward curling or rolling of leaves
- ❑ Yellowing and browning of leaves, particularly along leaf margin and tips
- ❑ Under-sized leaves; limited shoot growth
- ❑ Interior needle and leaf drop on conifers and evergreens
- ❑ Iron chlorosis symptoms on foliage (leaf yellowing between veins)



## Prioritize Your Plants

Determine which plants are most susceptible to water stress. Below is a rating system for prioritizing the watering needs of typical landscape plants.

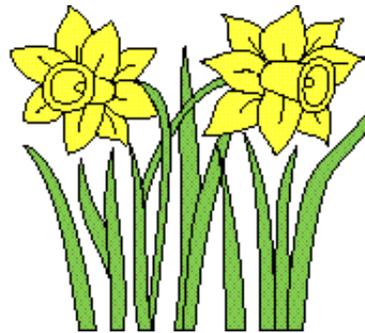
**High Priority** – Trees and shrubs (especially those that are young and planted in an exposed site). Large, mature shade trees and shrubs can be left alone unless the drought is severe and the trees begin to wilt, or the root systems have been recently disturbed.

**Medium to High Priority** – Perennials, fruit trees and turf that is less than one-year old.

**Low Priority** – Established turf composed mostly of tall fescue will withstand drought conditions unless they are newly seeded or sodded. Fescue lawns turn brown and become dormant during a drought, but will green-up and grow with a return of cooler, wetter weather.

## Watering Wisely During Drought

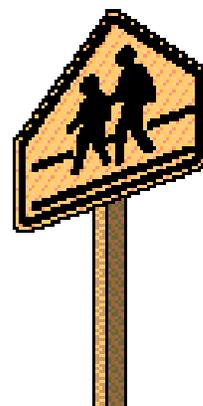
During a drought, trees should receive the highest priority since it takes years to replace them. Newly transplanted or young trees have a limited root system and need supplemental water even when not experiencing drought conditions. Also, trees growing in a restricted root zone, such as those in landscape strips between sidewalks and streets, also need higher priority.



## Methods for watering trees include:

- ❑ Deep-root fork or needle, soaker hose, or soft spray wand. Apply water to many locations under the drip line and beyond if possible. Apply 10 gallons of water per inch of a tree's diameter (measured at knee height). For example, a 2-inch diameter tree needs 20 gallons of water. Proper maintenance of trees can help them survive during drought. Don't fertilize trees that are stressed, since fertilizer salts may burn roots when there is not sufficient soil moisture present.
- ❑ Water your landscape according to its needs. Check the soil moisture before you water. One simple way to do this is to insert a 6-inch screwdriver into the soil. If it goes in easily, water is not needed.
- ❑ Water at night. Set sprinklers to water only the landscape and not sidewalks, driveways, or other paved surfaces.
- ❑ Skip watering on days following 1/2 inch or more of rain. On cloudy, cool days plants use less water.
- ❑ Check your sprinklers to determine how much water they place in the landscape. Place shallow containers, such as tuna cans, in various spots under the sprinklers. Measure the water depth in the cans after a specified time period to determine how long you should water.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, contact the Village Forester at 630-372-4440.



## WANTED: School Crossing Guards

Do you like working with children? Are you safety conscious? Do you like working outdoors? Then being a school crossing guard might be the perfect part-time job for you!

The Village is seeking individuals interested in working as a part-time crossing guard. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and must possess a valid driver's license.

Call the Village's Human Resources Department at (630) 372-4250 to be added to our mailing list for future openings.

## Mark Your Calendar for October Brush Pickup Dates



<u>Collection Date</u>	<u>Collection Area</u>
October 1st	Streets north of Lake Street and west of Barrington Road
October 8th	Streets north of Lake Street and east of Barrington Road
October 15th	Streets south of Lake Street and north of Lawrence Avenue
October 22nd	Streets south of Lawrence Avenue



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### 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**

## Village Honored for Excellence in Financial Reporting



Mayor Rod Craig with Finance Director Joan Rock and Village Manager Marc Hummel.

For the 16th consecutive year, the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Village of Hanover Park by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). The award recognizes the Village's comprehensive annual financial report. The Certificate of Achievement, which was presented to Finance Director Joan M. Rock, is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

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**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 **August 23 and September 27**. We'd love to hear from you!

# Buy It or Sell It At Maxwell Street West!

Why host your own garage sale when we'll do all the hard work for you?

Hanover Park's popular Maxwell Street West brings out thousands of potential customers. All you have to do is set up your merchandise and wait for people to stop by your table.

Space is limited, so sign up today by filling out the application below and mailing it, along with your check, to reserve your space.



## Maxwell Street West – Saturday, September 15 Sign Up Today!!

**Yes, I want to reserve a space at the Village of Hanover Park's Maxwell Street West  
Hanover Park Commuter Parking Lot, Lake Street  
Saturday, September 15, 2007, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m**

- One space, 9 feet wide by 18 feet deep                      \$15.00  
 Two spaces, 18 feet wide by 18 feet deep                      \$30.00

Make check payable to: Village of Hanover Park • 2121 W. Lake Street • Hanover Park, IL 60133

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Items to be sold \_\_\_\_\_

- Sale of live animals is prohibited.
- Absolutely no food products sold without prior approval.
- Vehicles to be brought into vendor area for loading and unloading of merchandise only.
- No vehicles permitted in vendor stall during Maxwell Street hours.

The Village reserves the right to restrict and prohibit the type of merchandise that can be sold from the Village's commuter parking lot. There will be NO sales of live animals, illegal products, weapons of any kind, sexually-oriented products, or other material that - in the sole discretion of the Village - is deemed inappropriate for this event. Questions regarding whether certain merchandise may be sold should be directed to the Village Clerk's office, (630) 372-4220.

### Village of Hanover Park

2121 W. Lake Street  
Hanover Park, IL 60133  
(630) 372-4200

#### VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday**    **8:00 AM-4:30 PM**  
**Thursday**    **8:00 AM-7:30 PM**

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS:

**Rodney S. Craig** Village President  
**Sherry L. Craig** Village Clerk

**Toni L. Carter**, Trustee  
**Wesley E. Eby**, Trustee  
**Lori A. Kaiser**, Trustee

**William J. Manton**, Trustee  
**Joseph J. Nicolosi**, Trustee  
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