

# Hi Lighter

November/December 2007



## Hanover Park Celebrating its 50th Anniversary with Year-Long Events in 2008

The Village celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2008 as it was incorporated, as a municipality, on August 14, 1958. Village Officials are planning numerous events throughout calendar year 2008 to celebrate the golden anniversary.

Philosophers have compared history to a continually flowing waterway. Each nation, state and community is like a river, stream or tributary that flows into the larger waterway. Understanding the history of a community, by searching for the source and following its unique current, helps one navigate the river of time. In 2008, join the Village in learning and celebrating the history of our Village.

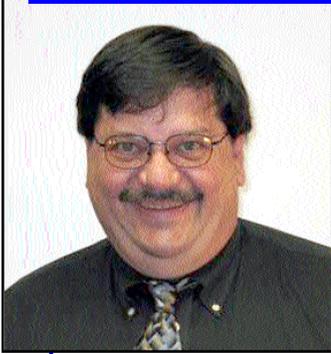
Although a young suburban community, the roots of Hanover Park date back well before incorporation in 1958. In the late 19th century, the area was a robust farm community centered around a small enclave called Ontarioville. The predominant feature was a pathway which was one of the earliest transportation corridors in the northwest Chicagoland area. The pathway became Lake Street and eventually a parallel railway was constructed. The Chicago Milwaukee Railroad provided farmers a means to transport goods and products. A grain elevator, dairy and general store clustered near what are now Ontarioville Road and the commuter rail station. Throughout the early 20th century, Ontarioville continued to grow with the construction of a

school and numerous homes near Lake Street and Center Avenue. In the late 1950s, area residents decided to form a Village and selected the name Hanover Park, based upon its early German farming heritage (i.e. Hanover, Germany). With the construction of roads including Barrington and Irving Park Road, residential growth continued. To serve the increasing population, commercial properties were constructed at the four-way intersection of these two arterial roadways. During the 1970s, residential growth extended into DuPage County near Greenbrook Boulevard. Hanover Park mirrored the dramatic growth of numerous "western" suburbs in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Barrington and County Farm Roads were connected to provide a continuous north/south roadway for the Village. In the 1990s, to diversify the tax base, several business parks were developed that provide employment for area residents. By its 50th Anniversary, the Village has become a mature full-service community with a population exceeding 38,000 persons.

The Village is requesting residents participate in the 50th Anniversary celebration. The Village requests other agencies, including schools, churches, youth groups and charitable organizations, plan additional events to participate in the community's anniversary.

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## Rodney Craig



## Minute with the Mayor . . .

This year is just about to pass us by as I sit late this evening thinking about my Holiday message to the Village of Hanover Park. Typically, I look at the year past and evaluate the blessings that have been bestowed upon my family. As your Mayor, it seems my family has grown immensely. I couldn't be enjoying the opportunity to serve as Mayor more.

I may not have all of the solutions, but together we all work to make Hanover Park a better place to live. To the Village Manager, the Department Managers, and the dedicated employees of the Village of Hanover Park, I appreciate everything you do everyday. To the educators in our many School Districts, we thank you for caring and educating our children as they grow into responsible adults and valued citizens. To Dr. Nick Myers, Anne Fox Principal, thank you for introducing me to "Kids at Hope" where we believe that children can succeed without exception. To the Parents in our community who give their time and energy to our football, baseball, soccer, swimming teams, and other sports, we celebrate your dedication and leadership. To all of the volunteers who improve our quality of life in Hanover Park through non-profit organizations, homeowner associations, and community groups, thank you for striving to make our hometown a better place. To Hanover Park's Clergy and spiritual leaders who guide us as individuals and who bring our families together, we thank you for all of the ways you enrich Hanover Park and provide for us during times when we need hope the most. To Pastor Jenny Swanson, taking on the role as Chaplain in our Fire Department and then engaging a statewide initiative. Wow, thank you.

In 2008, Hanover Park will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary. We are looking forward to a year of partnering with our schools, the Park District, and others as we celebrate throughout the year. As part of this anniversary celebration on June 13 & 14, Hanover Park will be the host community for the Tri-Village Relay for Life as we support the movement to eradicate cancer. Jon Deusing and I will be organizing volunteers to assist and work with us to help us organize the event. We are also planning a Hometown Birthday Party August 14 - 17 with music and other festivities. The highlight of this weekend will be a parade where we will give all the youth an opportunity to participate in the excitement and fun of the day. Soon we will have additional information to publish in the Hi-Lighter to celebrate our 50th year.

If you enjoy being apart of our Tree Lightning ceremony, stop by the Village Hall December 7th for the lighting of our Main Street and the Hall. It's quite a thing to see, along with Old Saint Nick arriving with bells and sirens blaring. Happy Holidays to all , and a most enjoyable New Year to you and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod".

Rod Craig, Village President

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

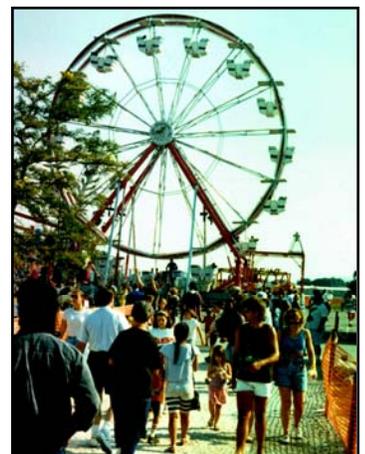
## Year-Long 50th Anniversary Celebration in 2008 (continued from page 1)

Planned 2008 Village events include:

- 50th Anniversary Dinner Dance - February 8, 2008. Join us at the Seville to celebrate the Village's 50th anniversary with a dinner/dance. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$40 for a couple or \$250 for a table of 12. Space is limited. Please contact the Village Manager's Office at 630-372-4210 for further information.
- Maxwell Street - May 17 and September 20, 2008. The Village's semiannual garage sales are held the third Saturday of May and September.
- Family Festival (a.k.a. Harvest Fest) - August 14 to August 17, 2008. This major 50th Anniversary celebration event includes a carnival and name entertainment. Admission is free.

- The second annual Fine Art Fair - Sunday, September 21, 2008.
- A Tree Lighting Ceremony - December 5, 2008. Come and enjoy the Holiday season and watch the activation of the Lake Street lights.

More details on these events will be shared as available. Help the Village celebrate this special year by participating in the 50th Anniversary.



Harvest Fest 1995

# Clerk's CORNER

## ▲ Commuter Parking Lot Permits

2008 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.

## ▲ 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 24

**Christmas Holiday** – pick up will take place on Saturday, December 29

**New Year's Holiday** – pick up will take place on Saturday, January 5

**NOTE: The final curbside yardwaste pickup will be on Friday, November 30, 2007.**



## Enjoy Those Holiday Lights . . . But Remember To Take Them Down 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. This includes any decorative holiday lighting. This requirement exists for your protection. Leaving such lighting up all year round is a fire safety hazard.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

## Enjoy Your Christmas Tree . . . Then Recycle It on December 29, January 5, or January 11

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, December 29, Saturday, January 5, and Friday, January 11. 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 29, January 5 and 11. However, if you miss the special collection dates, Allied Waste Services 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 (630) 372-4210 or Allied Waste Services at (630) 469-1036 or (847) 429-7370.

## Hats Off to These Great Village of Hanover Park Employees!

Each year, the Village is pleased to recognize employees who have gone above and beyond in providing exceptional service to our residents, as well as contributing in a significant way to helping the Village deliver its services quickly, efficiently, and courteously. We are proud to introduce the following six outstanding employees:



*Carmen Bustos,  
Customer Service*



*Heather Nelson,  
Teamwork*



*Jo Ann Heath  
Employee of the Year*



*Susan Krauser  
Rookie of the Year*



*Scott Weber  
Leadership*



*Thomas Cortese  
Supervisor of the Year*

# 'I Fell in Love with Ghana's History, Culture, and Most of All, It's People'

By Jennifer Vosyka

As a kid, I wanted to travel to Africa. This continent has always fascinated me, and I felt drawn to it. In college, my friend suggested I read an article about the United States Peace Corps Volunteers, a 46-year-old sustainable development program that assists various people and organizations throughout the world founded by President Kennedy in 1961. I read the article and was immediately interested. I discovered the entire continent of Africa was full of Peace Corps Volunteer (PCV) positions and projects. I went through an extensive application and interviewing process and was accepted to the Peace Corps.

During this process, I became aware of the Hanover Park Sister Cities program. I was intrigued. Dignitaries were to arrive in Hanover Park from Cape Coast. Many activities including various cultural awareness events and displays were planned. The Queen Mother of Cape Coast was to visit, along with the Ghanaian Ambassador to the United States. I attended the



events and was totally fascinated. I was determined Ghana was the country I would work in as a PCV – so determined, in fact, that on my final application where required to list my top three choices for countries, I responded “Ghana, Ghana, or Ghana”. When I called Washington DC to follow-up on my posting I was told they had a project open in Ghana. I couldn't believe it.

Fast forward six months later. I'm in Ghana, West Africa training as a PCV in Accra, Ghana's capital. I finally

made it to the African continent! It just so happened they had a project near the Cape Coast area for me! My goodness. For the next two years I became extremely familiar with my Sister City! I was stationed in a small village northwest of Cape Coast called Amisano. I was responsible for establishing a small-scale tree nursery while training twelve local volunteers to operate it.

I fell in love with the country of Ghana, its history, culture and most of all, its people. I adored my people from Amisano. I adored going to Cape Coast, which is right along the Gulf of Guinea in the Atlantic Ocean. Africa was everything I had hoped it to be and so much more. I was blessed to have known a very special lady, Irene Johnson, who was the President of the Cape Coast Sister Cities program and the headmistress of Hanover Park Primary School. I met many wonderful people through the Cape Coast Sister Cities program who took very good care of me.

This past June, I was able to finally fulfill a ten-year old promise to the people that I worked with when I was a PCV. I told them I would come back to visit after five years. Well, I was a bit late by an extra five years, but I finally did it. The Hanover Park Sister Cities was traveling to Cape Coast. I decided to go. It was a wonderful experience and quite emotional to see so many of my dear friends that I worked and lived with for over two years. It was an experience I'll never forget.



## Hanover Park Police Department Welcomes Officers Villa, Yusten

Two new officers have recently been hired by the Hanover Park Police Department. Both are currently attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Police Academy in Glen Ellyn, and are expected to graduate in mid-December.

**Hugo Villa** received his Associate's Degree in Education from Elgin Community College. He is currently attending Northern Illinois University where he is pursuing a degree in Sociology. Officer Villa, who is fluent in Spanish, was previously a Corporal in the Marine Corps and later worked as an Assistant Dean at Bartlett High School.

**Joseph W. Yusten** graduated from Loyola University in Chicago with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Prior to joining the Hanover Park Police Department, Officer Yusten was a Deputy Sheriff with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office. He also worked for the Transportation Security Administration at O'Hare Airport as a Security Officer.



Village President Rodney Craig with Officers Joseph Yusten and Hugo Villa

## Village Hall Holiday Hours

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

**Thursday and Friday,  
November 22 and 23 for  
Thanksgiving**

**Monday, December 24 and  
Tuesday, December 25 for  
Christmas**

and on

**Tuesday, January 1, 2008 for  
New Year's holiday.**

**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 17 during the Holiday Lights Tour. (See Tour registration information).

**Enter today!!!**



## Celebrate the Season with Holiday Lights Tour December 17

Register now for a night of holiday cheer with the Hanover Park Police Department. On December 17 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 7. 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 7.**

### 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



## Join Us on December 7 As We Welcome the Holiday Season!!!

**WHAT:** Hanover Park Tree  
Lighting Ceremony  
**WHERE:** Municipal Complex  
**WHEN:** Friday, December 7  
at 6:00 P.M.

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

Refreshments provided by the Lions Club will be served following the holiday lighting festivities. Entertainment will be provided by the Hanover Park Park District Dance Troupe



## Welcome New Businesses!

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

**Harris Chiropractic**  
(formerly Petty Chiropractic)  
6602 C Barrington Road

**El Pollo Loco**  
7310 Barrington Road

**All About Wireless**  
1780 Lake Street

**Dat Style**  
5670 Arlington Drive

### 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 Park Park District**  
Rick Wulbecker

**Hanover Quick Wash**  
Phil McBride

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

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

**MIDCO**  
Robert Reis

**New Generation Financial Services**  
Antonio Hernandez

**Nitto Kohki USA, Inc.**  
Michelle Parker

**Paragon Group I, Ltd.**  
Glenn Dailey

**Re/Max Boardwalk**  
Patti Besler & Mark Ede

**Ultra Foods**  
Steve Sprandel

**Board Liaison** Sherry Craig  
**Staff Liaison** Patrick Grill

## Connecting with Business — the I

(Committee On Networking)

## HOT OFF THE GRILL

by Patrick Grill,  
Community Development Director

As we head into the twilight of 2007, let me be the first to wish you and yours a happy and healthy holiday season. The past year has witnessed the addition of a wide array of new businesses and buildings in Hanover Park, with the promise of much more to come in 2008. However, before the year is over, we will likely see a new cellular phone store at Church Street Station, a new daycare on Astor Avenue and new vitamin and bookstore in Greenbrook Shopping Center.



I think it appropriate to reflect back on some of the additions we all witnessed in Hanover Park this year. We welcomed a new grocer in Ultra Foods, a new Animal Care Center on Ontarioville Road, a revamped cosmetology school in Empire Beauty School, a new Subway restaurant at Church Street Station and Enterprise Rent-A-Car in a gorgeous new building on Irving Park Road. And speaking of Irving Park Road, I am very excited about the new landscaping and development potential that exists for this commercial corridor in 2008. The Village is in discussions with several retailers wishing to redevelop several of the lots along this major arterial next year. There are also a number of buildings nearing completion including El Pollo Loco on Barrington Road, Atmiya Plaza on Army Trail Road and Chase Bank along Irving Park Road.

On the industrial side, the Village welcomed a new business in the Ontarioville area called E. Kinast Distributors, and an expansion at Camcraft. Additionally, two new buildings are under construction; one is a 20,000+ square foot building in Turnberry Lakes Business Park and the other is a 51,000 square foot building in Hanover Corporate Center.

Looking to the future, 2008 is slated to be another banner year for commercial and industrial development in Hanover Park. Of particular note will be west Lake Street, with several proposed projects poised to begin construction when the weather breaks in spring. One developer is extremely happy with the response he has received concerning tenant interest in the northwest corner of Lake and Church. To the west of that site, NuCare is planning on beginning construction of their 150-bed skilled nursing care facility in May of 2008. Moving further west, we could see a new upscale restaurant and new Suburban Tire facility at Center Avenue and Lake Street.

With this potential, we could see significant changes in how Irving Park Road and Lake Street look in the future, and I am not even mentioning the biggest project that the Village could see next year. However, I am sworn to secrecy until it becomes public.

I just want to end by saying thank-you to the business community for their support, and I encourage all of you to support them in the upcoming shopping season.

## Hanover Park CONECT Committee (and Community Teamwork)

### Business & Breakfast, Hanover Park Style!

The CONECT Committee hosted its annual Business Breakfast on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at the Hanover Park Community Station. Over 100 attendees from the local business community along with Village officials attended the event.



The program featured keynote speakers from the Illinois State Auditor's Office and Commonwealth Edison. Speaker Michael Smith, Economic Development Program Director for the Office of State Treasurer, provided valuable information on Low-Interest Loans for Illinois business owners. Mr. Smith highlighted the process involved with the Employ Illinois program and the focus on job creation that is the centerpiece of this program.

Speaker Dale Williams, Senior Engineer - Commonwealth Edison Company (inset photo below), addressed the group on Energy Efficiency Services. His program outlined ways to measure energy usage and strategies to reduce energy consumption, both in the industrial and residential realms. He also provided a useful brochure Managing your Energy Costs, an Energy Usage Guide. Both topics were well-received by local business owners in attendance.

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



## Nominate Your Favorite Business for . . . The 'Mayor's Choice Business Of the Year' Award

The Mayor's Choice Business of the Year Award program was developed by the Village's CONECT Committee to recognize outstanding achievement in the business community within Hanover Park.

The purpose of the competition is to honor the contributions made by the Hanover Park business community. The winner and finalists will be honored at the 2008 Village dinner and will be showcased at the Hanover Park Business Networking event in February 2008. The winner will have its business license fee paid for one year, be featured in the Village newsletter, and receive a trophy for display at their business.

- ▲ Nominated businesses will be judged in several categories, including: – longevity within Hanover Park – community involvement – excellence in customer service – positive image/appearance.
- ▲ Nominations may be submitted by anyone; businesses are encouraged to nominate themselves. This nomination form is due December 3, 2007.

### 'Mayor's Choice Business of the Year' Nomination Form

Nominations are due December 3, 2007

Complete and mail or fax this form to:  
Village of Hanover Park • Attn: Patrick Grill  
2121 W. Lake Street • Hanover Park, IL 6013  
Phone: 630-372-4281 • Fax: 630-372-4215



#### INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINEE

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INFORMATION ABOUT NOMINATOR (optional)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### 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.

## 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 also offers Healthcare Professional (HCP) CPR classes that are open to healthcare professionals only. Class time is 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.



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.

### 2008 Class Schedule

January 19	HCP/CPR
February 16	CPR
March 15	CPR
April 19	First Aid
May 17	HCP/CPR
June 21	CPR
July 19	HCP/CPR
August 16	CPR
September 20	CPR
October 18	First Aid
November 15	CPR
December 20	CPR

## Help Keep Our Residential Districts Residential

Vehicles in excess of 8,000 pounds and having a license plate class designation higher than "B" cannot be parked in residential districts unless making a delivery. This means it is illegal for trucks and some SUVs with "D" plates or greater to park anywhere in a residential area, including driveways and residential parking lots. A parking citation may be issued when such vehicles are found in residential districts.

## DECEMBER

Thurs., Dec. 6	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 7	Tree Lighting Event	6:00 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 11	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Dec. 11	Sister Cities Committee	8:00 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 14	Youth of the Year applications due	
Mon., Dec. 17	Holiday Lights Tour	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20	STAARS/Elsie Johnson Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 20	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 21	Cycles 1,2,5,6,7 water bills due	
Mon., Dec. 24	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Tues., Dec. 25	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Sat., Dec. 29	Garbage pickup -- holiday schedule	
Sat., Dec. 29	Recycle Christmas trees at the curb	

## JANUARY

Tues., Jan. 1	New Year's holiday -- Village Hall closed	
Thurs., Jan. 3	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 5	Garbage pickup -- Holiday schedule	
Sat., Jan. 5	Recycle Christmas trees at the curb	
Tues., Jan. 8	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Jan. 8	Sister Cities Committee	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 10	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 11	Recycle Christmas trees at the curb	
Thurs., Jan. 17	STAARS/Hanover Highlands	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 17	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 18	Cycles 3,4 water bills due	
Sat., Jan. 19	Healthcare Provider CPR course	8:00 a.m.
Thurs., Jan. 24	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY

Fri., Feb 1	Spaghetti Dinner, 50th Anniversary Essay - "What it Means to be a Citizen in Hanover Park" Anne Fox School	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 8	Village 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance	6:30 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 12	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Feb. 12	Sister Cities Committee	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 14	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb 16	CPR/AED class	8:00 a.m.
Tues., Feb. 19	Cycles 1,2,5,6,7,8 water bills due	
Thurs., Feb 21	STAARS/Horizon Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb 21	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 28	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

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

## Applications for 2008 Youth of the Year Due by December 14

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.

This honor is bestowed on two high school seniors (Class of 2008), 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](http://www.HanoverParkIllinois.org) or by calling the Village Manager's Office at (630) 372-4210. Applications are due December 14, 2007.

## Here's to a Happy and Fire-Safe Holiday!

**Trees:** Christmas trees that are not kept moist can present a very serious fire hazard. When you bring a tree home, cut about an inch off the end of the trunk. This will remove the dried end and allow the tree to absorb water. Always keep the water tray full so the tree stays moist.

**Trimming the Tree:** Purchase tinsel or artificial icicles of a non-leaded material. Leaded materials may be hazardous if eaten by children or pets. Avoid any decorations that tend to break easily or have sharp edges. Keep tree trimmings that are small or have removable parts out of the reach of your child. These pieces may be swallowed.

**Lights:** Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree.

Use only lights that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL label) or another reputable testing agency. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Never use indoor lights outside.

Keep children away from light sets and electrical decorations. All lights present the problem of shock and casualty hazards for curious kids. When you are stringing the lights on your tree, be careful how you place them. Keep all bulbs turned away from gifts and paper ornaments. Lights in windows can cause curtains and drapes to ignite.

**Candles:** Keep candles a safe distance from other things. Keep candles out of reach of children.

- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens.
- Keep candles away from other decorations and wrapping paper.
- Place candles where they cannot be knocked over.



**Paper:** Dispose of gift wrappings soon after opening presents. A room full of paper lying around on the floor is just one more holiday hazard. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace. They may ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.

## Winter's Almost Here!!

### Winter parking regulations:

On-street parking is not permitted after a snowfall of two or more inches until the street has been plowed. Help the snowplowing crews get 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:

Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.

### And shovel the end of your driveway last:

Save yourself both time and aggravation by waiting until AFTER the snowplow 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.

### Wintertime Safety Tips:

- ❑ Please keep fire hydrants clear of snow so they will be easier for the Fire Department to locate and use.
- ❑ 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.



## Tell Us What You Think

Making Hanover Park a great place for kids, adults, families, retail establishments, and commercial and industrial businesses is job one 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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## Shine at Village Hall

(\*STudents Artists and AuthoRS Program)



The work of Anne Fox Elementary School's young artists was on display from October 18 through November 14. Artists included:

**First Grade:** Ashley Lindemann, Desire Rodriguez

**Second Grade:** Keijana Yeazell

**Third Grade:** Jack Worman, Leonel Santiago

**Fourth Grade:** Monika Alcheikh, Shea DeMonteverde

**Sixth Grade:** Daisy Alonso, Nicole Kasman

**Grade 1/2:** Efren Gomez

## 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.



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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
- Environmental and Utility 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**

## Welcome to Our Intern & Rookie School Grads!



Village President Rod Craig (far left), and Fire Chief Craig Haigh (far right) with Hanover Park's five recent Rookie School graduates.

Five firefighters who recently completed the Fire Department's Rookie School program were recognized for their achievement at a recent Village Board meeting. Congratulations to:

Nicholas Ballestra, Adam Kolka, Matthew Lucido, Stephen Scheffler, and Joseph Valach who are joining the Department as part time Firefighters/EMTs.

Matthew Maty is joining the Hanover Park Fire Department as the Department's first intern. Matthew is a fire science student at Moraine Valley College and is in the process of becoming a registered EMT.

Welcome to all!

**Pay your water bill online!**

[www.HanoverParkIllinois.org](http://www.HanoverParkIllinois.org)

**Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"**

**MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online. Visa and MasterCard 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 **January 24 and February 28**. We'd love to hear from you!

# NEWS You Can USE

from the Hanover Park  
Environmental  
and Utility Committee



Protecting our environment and conserving natural resources is Job One as we focus on taking better care of our planet. With that in mind, Hanover Park officials recently commissioned a group of nine volunteers to head up its Environmental and Utility Committee. This committee will be charged with reviewing and recommending energy conservation steps and eco-friendly suggestions for the Village. At its first meeting in October, Committee members reviewed steps the Village has already taken, including:

- Energy saving light fixtures.
- High-efficiency boilers.
- Use of BioDiesel in Village trucks.
- Approved purchase of a Hybrid vehicle.

As a homeowner, the committee suggests several things we can do to reduce energy usage, save money and help the environment:

#### No Cost Tips

- Turn off lights in unattended rooms
- Set thermostat to 68 degrees in the winter
- Heat/cool only rooms in use, close vents and doors in unused rooms
- Unplug electric chargers, televisions and audio/visual equipment when not in use
- Turn off your computer when not in use

#### Low Cost Tips

- Install weather stripping on doors and windows.
- Install electric timers on lighting, small appliances and air conditioners.
- Add dimmer switches to lighting.
- Install at least 10 inches of attic insulation.
- When buying new appliances, lights, or electronics, look for the ENERGY STAR label.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light bulbs.

#### Some local opportunities to conserve include the following:

True Value Hardware has compact fluorescent light bulbs available with an instant rebate from ComEd.  
Walgreens offers printer cartridge refilling.  
OfficeMax offers electronic recycling for a small fee, but consumers are provided with a coupon for a new purchase.



## Village of Hanover Park

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#### 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  
**Robert D. Packham**, Trustee

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