

Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

September/October 2007

Basements, Backyards, Creeks and Curbside Inlets All Overwhelmed by August 23 Rains



On August 23, 2007 Hanover Park experienced 3.25 inches of rain over a very short period of time, followed by widespread power outages. For many residents, both in Hanover Park and throughout the area, this intense rainfall led to basement flooding, caused by both the sewers backing up into homes, and sump pumps failing due to lack of electricity.

Although this storm is over and most of the flood-damaged goods have made their way to the curb and the landfill, this is the time to be taking steps to be better prepared in the event of another storm of this magnitude. If you have a sump pump in your basement, installing a back up system that will be available in emergencies is an excellent option. There are several types of systems available, including battery back ups or reserve power supplies. Learn about features offered with the various systems and purchase the one that best meets your needs. Regardless of the system you choose, you will need to follow the required maintenance recommendations to assure that it will work when needed. Be sure you



understand the specific limitations of the many systems on the market, including how much water it can pump, how high it can pump, and how long the back up power supply can last.

You may also want to contact your insurance agent to find out what coverage you have, or what coverage is available for purchase that covers basement flooding.



Some homes also experienced back up from the sanitary sewer system, which may have come up through a floor drain or other fixture in your lower level. One way to prevent this from occurring is to install an overhead sewer system. This consists of a sanitary sewer ejection pump and pipes placed higher in your basement, which can prevent the water from backing up into your house. The Village has a program to assist homeowners with the cost of installation of such a system. If you would like information on this program, please contact the Public Works Department at (630) 372-4440 and request that information on the overhead sewer program be sent to you.

Street Flooding: Here's What You Can Do to Keep it From Happening

This past August brought heavy rainfall amounts on several occasions, which lead to localized street flooding. In some cases, the flooding occurred because the storm sewer was already full and could not take any additional water. In other cases, flooding was caused by grass, leaves, branches and other debris blocking the water from entering the storm sewer inlets. In these cases, once Village crews were able to remove the debris, the street drained within a matter of minutes.

Here's what you can do to prevent street flooding in the future:

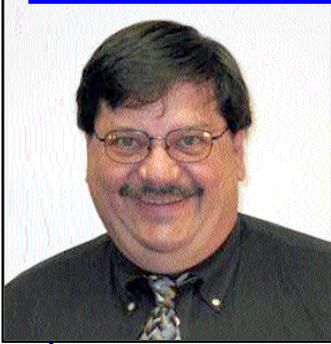
- Don't blow grass or other yard debris into the street.
- If heavy rainfall is expected, take a look at the curb and gutter to see if there is debris in the curb line. Removing

any obstructions will allow the rain to flow freely into the storm inlet.

- If your street begins to flood, and the weather conditions permit, go out to the inlet with a rake and remove any debris that may be blocking the grate. During the heavy storms on August 23 many residents took it upon themselves to keep the inlets clean. Their effort not only reduced flooding for themselves and their neighbors, but also freed up Village crews' time to respond to other more urgent problems.

Preventing street flooding not only allows vehicles to travel more safely, but also helps prevent overland flooding into houses, as well as helping to prevent flood waters from entering the sanitary sewer system, which can lead to basement flooding.

Rodney Craig



Minute with the Mayor . . .

Hanover Park is a town blessed as we dodged a huge bullet when we received the impact of a ten year storm with high winds. Many of us who reside between Irving Park Road and Lake Street were without power for as long as three days as tree limbs fell upon power lines. In some cases, entire trees fell on homes and across streets. The Public Works Department took immediate action assuring sewers on flooded streets were open and tree limbs were removed. Super kudos to them for their dedication to Hanover Park.

If you witnessed police assisting in the clearing and removal process, your observations were accurate. The CERT team also assisted going door to door following the storm with handouts, sharing information on the recovery process. The Fire Department was prepared for a high volume of calls and received over 30 calls for downed power lines and flooding. It was nice to see residents assisting one another sharing engine generator power and with tree removal. The response to a fallen tree on a home along Peach Tree Street was the talk of the Public Works Department. How nice to see neighbors pitching in assisting with the removal quickly and responsively. Walking through the neighborhoods and personally witnessing the cooperation was a sight that makes this Mayor proud of our hometown. Congratulations to all residents who assisted their neighbors. I can say without hesitation: "Hanover Park is a town where people care for their neighbors."

I received a most favorable call from Bartlett Fire Chief Heine following a large fire along Rt. 59 in their community. Our CERT Rehab team responded to assist at the scene. Chief Heine commented that "the CERT Team really made a difference by keeping the firefighters free from exhaustion and being overheated on that 95 degree day." " This helped our firefighters recover and get back on the job faster." That huge "thank you" is most appreciated, so I'm sharing it with all as we honor these volunteers.

If you're looking for an employment opportunity, the DuPage Job Fair will be held Friday, October 5, 2007 from 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM at the College of DuPage, P.E. Arena, 425 Fawell Blvd, Glen Ellyn. This not-for-profit event is the most highly attended employment fair in the County and many technology based companies participate.

The past few months I've met with numerous residents at different venues. I've received countless email inquires and concerns, and I give every ounce of energy to resolve them. In November, the Village Board meets to discuss future Village priorities. My number one concern is Police Department response time, and that is directly a staffing issue. Another is the Code Enforcement Department to assure that the quality of life continues for our residents. Their staffing, in my opinion, is also unacceptable. Overcrowding concerns wherein multiple persons move into homes, duplexes, or multifamily areas are stressing our resources as we seek solutions to maintain our quality of life. As your Mayor, I'm asking for increased staffing for the Police Department and the Code Enforcement Department. I'm also working with the DuPage County Housing Authority. They have suggestions including the licensing of the rental residential homes, and I will be strongly suggesting that we explore their suggestions.

I'm preparing an environmental plan and enlisting residents in this process by reestablishing the Environmental Committee. On another environmental matter, the wind generator plan is moving ahead as collaboration between School District #20 and the Evangel Church continues. Village staff has been working diligently, meeting with all concerned to assure this project will meet or exceed the needs of Hanover Park.

Finally, we are blessed with some very outstanding representatives. State Representative Fred Crespo has been very responsive and willing to find resources for Hanover Park. State Senator John Millner offers outstanding suggestions as we seek to solve our housing concerns. State Senator Michael Nolan is clearly a leader with environmental issues at heart. All three have written letters of support for the Wind Generator and support education and saving taxpayers dollars. Their leadership in the House and Senate as sponsors for the Wind Generator Bills is an example of a bi-partisan testament to the value of the Bills and the best interest for Hanover Park.

I encourage residents to contact me with concerns or questions via office staff, phone messaging, and email. Village Board meetings are held monthly on the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 PM. It continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. Take an opportunity to get involved.

Sincerely,

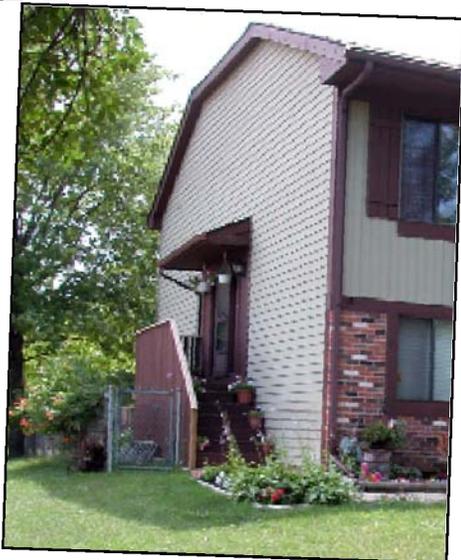
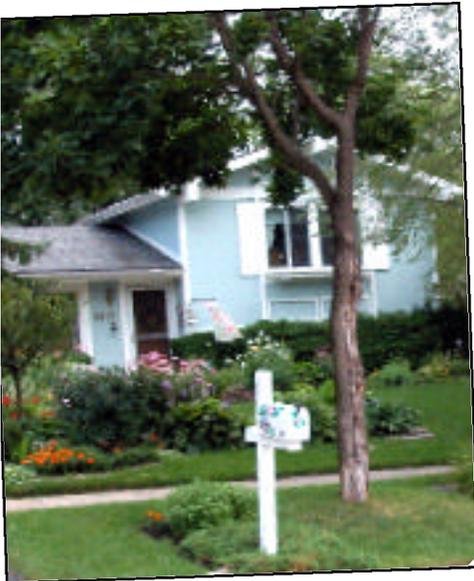
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rod".

Rod Craig, Village President
RCraig@hanoverparkillinois.org

Congratulations to Our 2007 Community Appearance Award Winners!

The Village of Hanover Park recently honored the 2007 Community Appearance Award winners.

Winners in both the single and multifamily categories will receive a \$100 gift certificate, a plaque and will be recognized at the Village Awards Night to be held in early 2008.



Congratulations to our winners:

Single family category: The Hain Residence – 5317 Niven (top photo)

Multi family category: The Steineke Residence – 1557 Merrimac Lane South (bottom photo)

Could the Trees on Your Property Survive a Storm?



Solid as an oak, strong and unyielding in the wind, reaching for the sky describes trees of strength, size and longevity. However, unmanaged trees can fail in severe weather. That's why the Village of Hanover Park Forestry Division performs annual inspections to check for improperly growing branches, broken branches or damaged main trunk, poor structure or rotting, which can weaken a tree. Every parkway tree is trimmed every three to seven years depending on their size, class and/or location.

Parkway or public trees are not the only trees that need scheduled maintenance and proper trimming. During a wind storm, numerous trees on private property could come crashing down, causing major damage to homes, vehicles, power and telephone lines. A close inspection reveals that the vast majority of failed trees and branches were due to little or no maintenance (trees that were not pruned or trimmed while they were growing and/or inspected on a scheduled basis). In contrast, only branches are lost from parkway and public trees that receive scheduled maintenance. Proper tree trimming helps ensure the safety of your and your neighbor's property and the health of your trees.

The fall season is a good time to inspect all the trees in your yard. Pay special attention to trees close to your home or near any structures that may be targets for trees (either your home or your neighbor's home). If the trees in your yard are taller than your house and have not been trimmed for more than seven years, they are more likely to fail in a windstorm, hard rain, or ice storms. Large trees between homes or next to driveways should be checked especially carefully for potentially hazardous conditions. We strongly recommend calling a tree expert or a certified arborist to inspect the trees, remove branches and prune as necessary to reduce the chance of tree failure, as well as to keep trees healthy and property safe. In some cases, a tree expert may suggest the removal of a tree for safety reasons.

Tree locations that should be checked regularly by a certified arborist include:

- Trees overhanging structures (i.e. houses, sheds, play equipment, driveway)
- Trees between houses
- Trees in back yard utility easements
- Trees that could reach the public right-of-way if they fall (sidewalks and streets)

Emergency Storm Damage:
call 630/372-4444
to verify if an emergency brush pick up is scheduled

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. Each year, Hanover Park high school seniors are invited to participate in this program. Although considered, academics are secondary to the student's involvement in serving the Hanover Park community. The Youth of the Year will receive a \$1000 scholarship, with the runner-up receiving a \$500 scholarship.

To qualify, the student must be a resident of the Village of Hanover Park, a member of the graduating class of 2008, and plan to attend a community college, technical school or university.

The completed application, essay and letter of recommendation must be returned to: Village of Hanover Park, Youth of the Year Scholarship, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133. APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 14, 2007.

For more information call 630-372-4210 or visit our website, www.HanoverParkIllinois.org



**TRICK OR TREAT
HOURS ARE
FROM
3:00-7:00 PM
ON
WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 31**

Helpful Hints for a Safe & Happy Halloween

Help keep your favorite ghosts and goblins safe this Halloween by reviewing these important safety rules with your children.

- NO candy should be eaten until it has been inspected by an adult.
- Discard any unwrapped items.
- Check all food wrappers for signs of tampering.
- Keep costumes simple. Costumes should be made of light, brightly colored or reflective material, so that your trick-or-treater can be easily seen at night. Costumes should not restrict either vision or movement.
- At least one person in the group should carry a flashlight while trick or treating.
- Trick or treat in groups whenever possible, accompanied by one or more adults.
- Instruct your children not to enter any home, and don't invite anyone else's child into your home.
- For safety's sake, trick or treat only at homes in your own neighborhood.
- Remind children to cross only at corners and to look both ways before crossing the street. Children should use sidewalks whenever possible, obey traffic lights, and walk – never run – across streets.

What to Do – And Not to Do – When You Rake and Dispose of Leaves This Fall

Autumn, although beautiful, requires leaf disposal. Leaves generated from parkway trees in public streets are collected by Village crews. Trees and leaves on private property are the homeowner's responsibility.

Depositing leaves on public property is prohibited. Violators face a minimum \$100 fine. Raking leaves into streets strains Village street-sweeping efforts. Vast quantities of leaves in the street also increase the potential for flooding because storm sewer inlets become clogged. Residents can choose from three options to properly dispose of leaves:



1. Create a backyard composting area.
2. Mulch leaves by running over them with a lawn mower (you may wish to use the mulch for landscaping purposes, such as around shrubs); or
3. Place leaves in a yardwaste container, attach a yardwaste sticker (\$1.88 per sticker), and have them collected by Allied. If you have a scavenger other than Allied, please contact them for yardwaste collection information.

The Village recommends options #1 and #2. The escalating cost of disposing of leaves at a landscape waste facility is greater than disposing of garbage at a landfill.

Allied's final yardwaste collection day is Friday, November 30, 2007.

Mark Your Calendar for Final Brush Pickup in October

The Hanover Park Village Brush Pickup Program will take place in October.

Collection Date

Collection Area

October 1

Streets north of Lake Street and west of Barrington Road

October 8

Streets north of Lake Street and east of Barrington

October 15

Streets south of Lake Street and north of Lawrence Avenue

October 22

Streets south of Lawrence Avenue



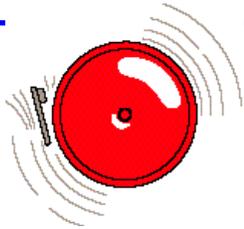
Questions regarding the Village Brush Pickup Program should be directed to the Public Works Department at 372-4440.

Village Hosting Blood Drive on October 25

Hanover Park residents will have the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and give the gift of life on October 25 when the Village hosts its semi-annual blood drive. The blood drive will be held from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2121 W. Lake Street.

Your donation will benefit those involved in car accidents, burn victims, patients with anemia, bone marrow and stem cell transplants, organ transplants, and many other traumas and blood-related disorders. There is no artificial substitute for blood. Volunteer donors are the only source of blood for people who need it. All blood types are urgently needed.

Walk-ins are welcome, or you may sign up in advance by calling Heather Nelson at (630) 372-4254, or email hnelson@HanoverParkIllinois.org



Bring the Whole Family to the Fire Department Open House on October 13!



Come prepared to have a great time at the Hanover Park Fire Department's annual community-wide open house! You will have the opportunity to see high tech fire-fighting apparatus, vehicle displays, and take a tour of the fire station at 6850 Barrington Road. It's all happening on Saturday, October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

First up will be a hazardous materials incident demonstration from 10:15-11:00 a.m., followed by a tower ladder rescue demonstration from 11:30-12:00 noon. A vehicle crash with extraction demonstration will begin at 12:30.

Also featured will be: • injury and burn prevention • common hazards in the home • procedures for calling 9-1-1 and reporting emergencies • and tours of the Flight for Life helicopter (if available). The fire safety trailer, fire safety obstacle course, information on smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, and gas and electric appliance safety tips will also be part of the day's events. You'll also have the opportunity to have your blood pressure checked free of charge.

Change your clock, change your battery

Daylight Savings Time changes back to standard time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 4th. That's also the date that you need to make another change – a change that could save your life – by changing the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Changing smoke detector batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce tragic deaths or injuries. It's a change that could save your life!



And don't forget about your chance to win a free pizza!

On Thursday, November 1, the Hanover Park Fire Department will team up with Rosati's Pizza to promote the "Change your Clock, Change your Battery" campaign. From 6:00 to 9:00 PM firefighters will randomly follow the delivery crew from Rosati's Pizza. If the residence has a functioning smoke detector, the residents will receive their pizza free of charge. If the residence has a smoke detector that is not functioning, or if there is no smoke detector at all, the residents will be given a new smoke detector from the Fire Department.



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) 372-4412 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 to the right).

Enter today!!!



Celebrate the Season with the 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 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
Attn: Crime Prevention Department

Welcome New Businesses!

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

Vitaminka to your Health
1230 Lake Street

Quo Vadis Bookstore
1230 Lake Street

Express Nail Salon
7207 Orchard Lane

Go Cool Restaurant
(formerly Swami Foods & Video)
2002 Army Trail Road

E Line Furniture
1164 Lake Street

Enterprise Rent-A-Car
1001 Irving Park Road

Chase Bank (opening November)
1640 Irving Park Road

CONECT 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

Well, the summer is coming to a close and the children are back at school. However, projects are still cooking throughout the community. Of particular note, El Pollo Loco is well underway with renovations to convert the former Wendy's location at 7310 Barrington Road into "THE PLACE" for flame-grilled chicken. Originally founded in Mexico, El Pollo Loco opened its first American location in California in 1980. Today, El Pollo Loco operates more than 360 locations in the United States. Famous for fresh natural chicken that is marinated in a unique blend of herbs, spices and citrus juice and then flame-grilled to perfection; El Pollo Loco also serves made-to-order grilled burritos, Pollo Salads, Tacos al Carbon, quesadillas, Chicken Tortilla soup, and fresh salsas. My mouth is watering just thinking of it.



Just around the corner, Chase Bank is renovating the former Buona Beef building at 1640 Irving Park Road. Opening by the end of the year, this Chase Bank will be a full-service bank branch that will have easy access from Irving Park Road or Barrington Road. With five drive-thru lanes and two ATM's, service is sure to be a hallmark of this location.

On the northeast side of town, a beautiful auto-oriented facility is set to open. Located at the southwest corner of Irving Park Road and Orchard Lane, this building will house an Enterprise car rental facility which will open soon. Additionally, an oil change business will also be located here. The developer of this facility, in addition to constructing a well-appointed masonry structure, also installed approximately 500 feet of storm sewer which should significantly enhance street drainage in this area.

Look for interior upgrades at White Castle on Barrington Road to begin shortly. These improvements will include a revised seating area for enjoying those delicious little burgers with the grilled onions and steamed buns. If you haven't noticed, I'm partial to "grilled" items.

Additionally, Ultra Foods will be adding a Fifth/Third Bank branch location within their store on Barrington Road. This way, you'll be able to do your shopping and banking with one stop inside the same location. And you thought Ultra Foods already had everything you'd want in a grocery store.

I'd love to tell you about a couple of other businesses headed to Hanover Park, but that would be a little too premature. Maybe next time.

On the industrial side, two new buildings are underway in our premier business parks. Matsui America is constructing a 20,800 square foot facility in Turnberry Lakes, and IDI is constructing a 52,000 square foot building in Hanover Corporate Center. For those industrial developers out there seeking prime space in the Chicago metro area along the Elgin/O'Hare expressway, you'd better not wait too long. There is very little acreage left in these two parks.

Empire Beauty School Opens its Doors in Hanover Park

Hanover Park Elected Officials and CONECT Committee members joined Empire Beauty School Officials and staff at its recent grand opening.

Empire Beauty School has provided more than 70 years of quality cosmetology education. Courses include licensure training for nail technology, cosmetology and hair styling. The Hanover Park School, located on Lake Street, is fully equipped with modern salon furniture and cosmetology tools helping students in preparing for successful careers. The Hanover Park location is one of 88 schools located in 18 states.



Spotlight on Business

Menard's

The Village of Hanover Park's CONECT Committee wishes to recognize Menard's as a finalist for the Mayor's Choice Award. Menard's continues to build on their contributions to the community that they established more than a decade ago.

As fall approaches, now is the time to prepare your home for the upcoming winter season. Menard's offers a variety of products and services to help you keep your most important investment warm, dry and environmentally sound. Whether it be insulation, programmable thermostats, filters, compact fluorescent light bulbs, or weather-stripping, the friendly staff at Menard's can assist you with all your home improvement questions.

But don't stop with the interior, Menard's offers a wide array of products for your home's exterior also. Don't forget winterizer fertilizer, rakes, lawn bags and leaf blowers and vacuums to keep your yard looking beautiful all fall. And with Halloween just around the corner, don't forget to check out Menard's selection of

fun and frightening decorations.



Menard's

Menard's is located at 900 Irving Park Road in Hanover Park, less than one mile east of Barrington Road. Store hours are Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 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.

Additional Area Code Coming to Hanover Park Effective October 7

A new area code, 331, will be coming to a large portion of west suburban Chicago beginning on October 7. The new area code will cover the same geographic area now being served by the 630 area code. The 630 area code officially became "exhausted" at the end of June and will be supplemented by a 331 area code for new phone customers effective October 7.

Beginning October 7, all calls must be dialed with 11 digits: 1 +area code + telephone number.

Your telephone number, including current area code, will not change. There is no change in the price of a call and the coverage area will not change. Local calls will remain local regardless of the number of digits dialed.

In addition to changing your dialing procedure, all service, automatic dialing equipment, or other types of equipment that are programmed with a 7-digit number will need to be reprogrammed to use the new dialing pattern. Some examples are:

- ▲ Call forwarding settings
- ▲ Life safety systems
- ▲ Fax machines
- ▲ Internet dial-up numbers
- ▲ Alarm and security systems/gates
- ▲ Speed dialer
- ▲ Voicemail services and similar functions
- ▲ Internet numbers

Thanksgiving Closings

The Village will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open.



★★★ CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS ★★★

OCTOBER

Mon., Oct. 1	Brush pickup, Area 1	7:00 a.m.
Thurs., Oct. 4	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 8	Brush pickup, Area 2	7:00 a.m.
Tues., Oct. 9	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Oct. 9	Sister Cities Committee	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 11	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 13	Fire Department Open House	10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 15	Brush pickup, Area 3	7:00 a.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	
Mon., Oct. 22	Brush pickup, Area 4	7:00 a.m.
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.

NOVEMBER

Thurs., Nov. 1	Change your clock/change your battery pizza program	6:00-9:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 1	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 4	Daylight Savings Time ends	2:00 a.m.
Thurs., Nov. 8	Development Commission	7:30 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 13	CONNECT Committee	12:00 noon
Tues., Nov. 13	Sister Cities Committee	8:00 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 14	CPR class	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 15	STAARS/Laurel Hill Elementary	7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 15	Village Board meeting	7:30 p.m.
Mon., Nov. 19	Cycles 3 & 4 water bills due	
Thurs., Nov. 22	Thanksgiving holiday – Village Hall closed	
Fri., Nov. 23	Thanksgiving holiday – Village Hall closed	

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.
Thurs., Dec. 13	Development Commission	7:30 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.
Mon., Dec. 24	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Tues., Dec. 25	Christmas holiday – Village Hall closed	
Thurs., Dec. 27	Elected officials call in program	7:00 p.m.

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



Somewhere 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

Education in Cape Coast, Ghana

by Cathy Ratcliffe, Elsie Johnson Elementary School Principal

At Zion School a student bangs on a metal drum embedded into the ground to signal that recess is over. There are no clocks or bells to mark the time. Their teachers meet them at the classroom doorways.



Children share lunch

Students are seated on wooden benches for two at a table or at individual desks on wooden chairs. I am reminded of a colonial American classroom. The technology is a well-used chalkboard, not easily read due to use, as a teacher begins her lesson on the environment. Junior Secondary Students (junior high in our system) sweep the walkways, classrooms and playground to prepare for the second session of students. This school is on split shifts.

At Hanover Park School K1, K2, and 1st grade students are being lead in opening activities by the head teacher. The pledge of allegiance, national anthem, and school song are being sung loud and clear by 4, 5 and 6 year olds. Half-way into the morning first graders are taking a math test copying problems from the board into their exercise books. Fifth graders are having an English language lesson on verb tense.

4th graders at Golden Cresche Preschool, Primary, and Junior Secondary School, a private school, wait in line to get their lunch that is being cooked on a propane stove and being served by staff carrying their babies on their backs.

Students at Mfantsipim Preparatory School, a private all boys school, (high school in our system) study history using government issued text. Students are sharing books. There are not enough for every student to have his own. In order to be accepted to this level in the educational system, students need to get top marks in 85-90% of the 13 subjects they test in when sitting for their exams at the end of 9th grade. Fewer than 5% of



Hanover Park School

these students are Cape Coasters.

The Old Girls (alumna) and parent group of St. Monica's Primary and Junior Secondary School for girls are raising money to repair the wall around the school that is falling due to age and erosion of the soil. The secondary students perform a native dance for us wearing their native clothe instead of their usual blue and white uniforms as they play on traditional drums in a small assembly hall.

Such are the everyday experiences of students in Cape Coast, Ghana.

Through the Poplar Creek Library and its branches in Hanover Park and Schaumburg, students of



Lessons on the well-used blackboard

all ages and their parents, as well as educators, will have the opportunity to pen pal with Cape Coast students to learn first-hand how we are alike and how we are different. They will have the opportunity to learn from those who have visited Cape Coast about the culture, traditions, foods and history. This new program will get underway sometime in late fall and will be publicized through our local libraries and schools. It is one way we will continue to connect with our Sister City.

As I sit with a group of Cape Coast teachers, I am struck with the depth of their commitment and the knowledge of methodology given their lack of status and of resources to do their jobs. The difference in the sophistication of our school systems or the physical makeup of our buildings does not seem to matter. Resources, salary, time, and parents present a challenge to these West African educators as they do to their counterparts in the

United States. Educators love to talk about education even in Cape Coast! Having the opportunity to talk to teachers, administrators and students was an enlightening and humbling experience and one that will continue to be an inspiration to me in my work with students, staff, parents, and the community of Hanover Park.

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 _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I'd like you to know: _____



Shine at Village Hall

(*STudents Artists and AuthoRS Program)



The work of Ontarioville Elementary School's young artists was on display beginning on September 20. Artists included:

Second Grade: Francisco Arreguin, Maria Camargo, Juan Patino, Elizabeth Mancera

Third Grade: Alex Ramirez, Diego Ocampo, Jessica Ramon, Anabel Beristain

Fourth Grade: Abigail Mejia, Lucas Nephew, Teresita Cintora, Esteban Miranda

Community Development Department Offers Evening Hours

As a convenience to Hanover Park's residents and businesses, the Community Development Department will maintain extended hours (8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.) the first Thursday of every month. Regular Department hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please call (630) 372-4260.



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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

Art Extraordinaire!



A small but eye-popping sample of the works of art at the Fine Arts Fair

Sunday, September 16, the Village of Hanover Park and the Ontarioville Art and Music League held its inaugural fine art fair. The weather was beautiful and the historical site of Jubilee Park was a perfect setting for the high-quality artwork on display. A total of 17 artists participated, with work ranging from mixed media to beads and glass. Several not-for-profit organizations also took part in the event. Entertainment was provided by the Hanover Park Park District Dance Troupe and the Jazz style of We II, Don and Anita Komorski.

Unable to attend the event? Don't fret. Ontarioville Art, located at 27W285 Devon Avenue, has fine art available from many of the artists whose works were on display.

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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 **October 25 and December 27**. We'd love to hear from you!

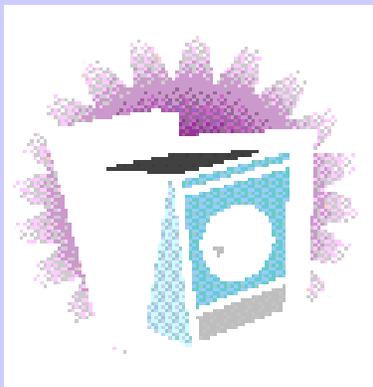
The Hanover Park Fire Department Reminds All Residents to Clean the Clothes Dryer Vent

In 2006, The Hanover Park Fire Department responded to six structure fires in which a clothes dryer was the cause.

Although there were fortunately no injuries or deaths as a result of these fires, they caused approximately \$11,750.00 in damages. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that in 2006, clothes dryers were associated with 15,600 fires, which resulted in 20 deaths and 370 injuries. Fires can occur when lint builds up in the dryer or in the exhaust duct. Lint can block the flow of air, cause excessive heat build-up, and result in a fire in some dryers.

To help prevent fires:

- Clean the lint screen/filter before or after drying each load of clothes. If clothing is still damp at the end of a typical drying cycle or drying requires longer times than normal, this may be a sign that the lint screen or the exhaust duct is blocked.
- Clean the dryer vent and exhaust duct periodically. Check the outside dryer vent while the dryer is operating to make sure exhaust air is escaping. If it is not, the vent or the exhaust duct may be blocked. To remove a blockage in the exhaust path, it may be necessary to disconnect the exhaust duct from the dryer. Remember to reconnect the ducting to the dryer and outside vent before using the dryer again.



- Clean behind the dryer, where lint can build up. Have a qualified service person clean the interior of the dryer chassis periodically to minimize the amount of lint accumulation. Keep the area around the dryer clean and free of clutter.

- Replace plastic or foil, accordion-type ducting material with rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or corrugated semi-rigid metal duct, which provides maximum airflow. The flexible plastic or foil type duct can more easily trap lint and is more susceptible to kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.

- Take special care when drying clothes that have been soiled with volatile chemicals such as gasoline, cooking oils, cleaning agents, or finishing oils and stains. If possible, wash the

clothing more than once to minimize the amount of volatile chemicals on the clothes and, preferably, hang the clothes to dry. If using a dryer, use the lowest heat setting and a drying cycle that has a cool-down period at the end of the cycle. To prevent clothes from igniting after drying, do not leave the dried clothes in the dryer or piled in a laundry basket.

Did you know . . . Fire Prevention Week is actively supported by fire departments across the country. This is the 86th year that fire departments have observed Fire Prevention Week, making it the longest running public health and safety observance on record.

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