

With the Snow Comes New Salting Procedures

As you have probably heard in the local news media, road salt used for melting snow and ice has increased in cost and is in short supply. The good news is that the Village has already taken delivery of 2,000 tons of salt for use during this coming winter season.

However, since salt is in short supply, the Village will be making some changes to our operations to provide the best response possible, while attempting to conserve salt. Listed below are the major changes to our salting operations.



- We will no longer continuous salt main roads

such as Church Street, Walnut Avenue, East Avenue, etc. They will receive spot salting at stop intersections and at mid-block.

- All other streets will be spot salted only at stop intersections and mid-block.
- Cul-de-sacs will be spot salted only.
- We will begin to plow snow at the 1/2 to 1 inch amount, as opposed to 2 inches in the past.
- We will continue to apply salt brine twice a week at every stop intersection, hill, curve, and school zone.
- We will reduce our salting during larger snowfall events until plowing operations are completed.
- Salting operations will be adjusted for the Commuter Lots, Village Hall, Police, and Public Works.
- The Public Works Department will make every effort to continue to provide the public with safe, passable roadways.

Ring in the Holiday Season...



The Village of Hanover Park will hold its third annual tree lighting event Friday, December 5, 2008 at 6:30 PM at the Municipal Complex. Students from Spring Wood Middle School Choir and Band and Greenbrook Elementary School fifth grade choir will be performing. Also, the Hanover Park Park District Allegro Dance Troupe perform to holiday classics.

A special guest, assisted by his elves, will arrive

by fire truck to help light up the Village welcoming in the holiday season. Refreshments will be provided by the Hanover Park Lions Club. Please join us for this exciting event!



Get that Warm and Fuzzy Feeling!

As part of its 50th Anniversary Celebration, the Village would like to present 50 blankets to not-for-profit organizations to help keep those in need warm for the winter, and we need your help!

We invite you to participate in this program by asking you to make and donate a blanket. An easy and inexpensive blanket is the fuzzy no-sew fleece "tie" blanket. (Instructions are available at Village Hall). What a great way to be creative, spend time together and help those in need.

If you would like to participate, contact Trustee Lori Kaiser at 630-837-9152 or Kim Benedix at 630-372-4210. The blankets can be dropped off at Village Hall on December 5, 2008, 6:30 PM at the Holiday Tree Lighting. Thanks for your help!

Minute with the Mayor...



Happy Holidays to all. The photo on the left is from last year's Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. What a great time that was had by all. I don't know where the year went, however may the spirit of the holidays be in your heart throughout the year. My Hanover Park story of compassion follows:

They say it takes a Village to raise a child. This is true, several months ago a family of seven found themselves homeless following a serious fire. The local fire department did an excellent job putting out the fire. When all was said and done, seven people were homeless and they had few resources to get them back on their feet. Early all of their possessions were lost. They have been living in various hotels since, and are today. This can cost as much as \$600 per week, leaving no means for getting ahead to secure a permanent place to live. Still together as a family, they have been doing the best they can to survive day to day, but the emotional and financial impact of the fire and the ongoing struggles of raising three kids continue to make life very hard.

The kids are enrolled in school and the school staff and social workers are already working to meet needs. After receiving food and clothing from "Hands Of Hope" at Evangel Church, they met another Hanover Park resident who had had seen tough times himself. This man provided the name of the Fire Department Chaplain, and suggested they may find hope there. In doing so, a chain reaction of resources was put into action to assist this family with housing, food, clothing, employment, counseling and social support. Keeneyville School District 20, Evangel Church, our Fire Department, Salvation Army, the Hanover Park Community Resource Center, St Columba Episcopal and Living Christ Lutheran Churches are assisting as they provide services and partnerships to help this family. Other resources will be called upon for transitional housing, transportation, financial assistance and case management. Willing to work hard and grateful for

Hanover Park has its share of problems, but we also have an abundance of resources (human assets) and many people who care. It is because of the commitment to the needs of others that the agencies, Churches, and organizations of Hanover Park can collectively provide effective services. It is because of the commitment and concern for each other that this family has made it this far. It is by working together as one Hanover Park that we can offer real hope and real change to those in need. Thank you all.

On December 6th, via a Mayor and Trustee Carter initiative, a "Surviving this Economic Crisis and Strengthening Our Family Symposium" is to be held at the Hanover Park Park District from noon to 3:00 P.M. We will host three separate workshops to help assist families survive in this turbulent economic time. The workshops scheduled are as follows and will run concurrently:

(1) Making our kids mind without losing ours! - Coping through the toddler stage - Managing 6 – 12 year olds and - Surviving with 13 – 19 year olds

(2) Enhanced Community Living: *Dr. Carl Bell*, Panel: Police Chief Ron Moser, Police Social Worker Trisha Rossi - Understanding the impact of traumatic stress on children - Is there a correlation between childhood relationships and the leading causes of death in adults? - Cultivating resiliency in youth

(3) Surviving these tough economic times:

-I am in financial trouble; HELP ME manage my debt! (Marla Bollak) -My company is downsizing, what should I be doing? (Dr. Chris Easley) - How do I manage financial stress in this tough time? (Dr. Wm Martin)

You are invited; please RSVP to TrusteeCarter@yahoo.com or to me rcraig@hpil.org.

This is my holiday message. We celebrate our blessings and we volunteer to mentor those who have needs and a helping hand to make a difference. Our schools work to instill opportunities through mentorship, hope, and believing that every one can succeed, "I o Exceptions." The only risk we see is our commitment to engage and participate. Contact me if mentorship is in your heart.

Wind Farm Turbine Alliance Rally a Great Success at Lake Park High School

On October 28, 2008, Keeneyville District 20 and your Mayor sponsored a Wind Turbine Alliance Rally for HB 6660. On a cold windy night over 80 people showed up, a great turnout that demonstrates the wide reaching community support on the issue. *(continued on Page 3)*

Minute with the Mayor (continued)

We were very honored that Congressman Roskam, State Senator Ioland, State Representatives Coladipietro, Ramey, and Crespo attended just prior to their election. This bi-partisan initiative couldn't be more grass root oriented; we thank them all and congratulate them on their re-election.

The Wind Turbine Alliance is working to provide clean, sustainable energy to schools by forming a consortium of public entities by supporting the use of wind turbines located in Central Illinois. The goal for school districts is to leave a smaller carbon footprint, and be a positive role model for the students in their charge.

A second goal of the Alliance is to reach out to those School Districts, College Districts, and Municipalities across the state to share the message to their State Senators and Representatives on the subject matter. Saving tax dollars for those taxing bodies and offering head of house type employment down state are certainly goals worthy of debate by our government leaders in the State House.

Pictured are, US Representative Peter Roskam, 6th Congressional District; Gary

Ofisher, Keeneyville School District #20; Representative Franco Coladipietro (R) 45th District; Dr. Carol Auer, Superintendent Keeneyville School District #20; Senator Michael Ioland (D) 22nd District; Representative Harry R. Ramey Jr. (R) 55th District; Representative Fred Crespo (D) 44th District; and Rodney S. Craig, Village President, Hanover Park. When you see them, thank them for their commitment to Hanover Park.



The hope and expectation for Wind Turbine resources are alive and well. No effort worth accomplishing comes easily; it takes tenacity and superb leadership at every level of government.

Finally, if you enjoy being a part of our Tree Lighting ceremony, stop by the Village Hall December 5th at 6:30 PM 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. If you want to decorate a tree, call Kim Benedix at Village Hall. Happy Holidays to all and to all a most enjoyable New Year to you and your family.

RCraig@hpil.org

Deck the Homes Contest

It's time to start preparing for the Annual "Deck the Homes" contest. So get ready to display your holiday spirit!

Winners will be chosen in both the single and multifamily categories. Winners in each category will be awarded a \$100 gift certificate and a plaque and will also be invited to the annual Village Awards night scheduled for January 2009.

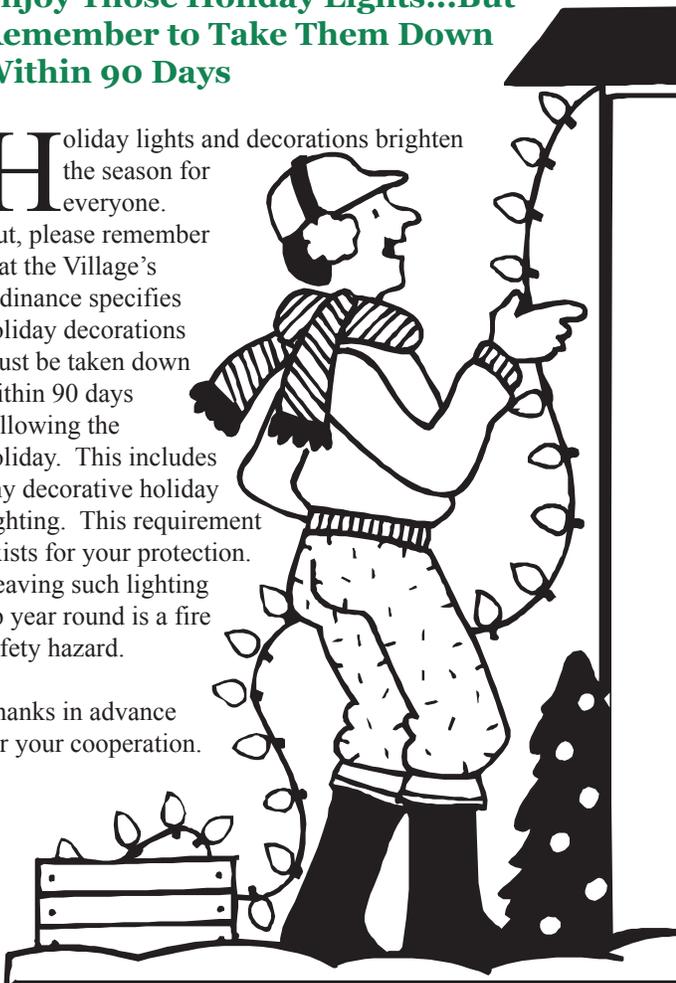
All homes will be judged by Village Elected Officials. Call 630-372-4210 and nominate your favorite home! Nominations are due December 15, 2008!

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 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 year round is a fire safety hazard.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



CONECT
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Anita and Don Komorski

All About Wireless

Alvarez Jewelry
Leticia Alvarez

**Charter National Bank
and Trust**
William Mingotti

**Classic Computer
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MIDCO
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Patrick Grill

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.

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Hot Off The Grill

Fall is upon us! The frosty evenings will soon be turning to frosty days. That means snow can't be too far behind, and I'll be taking the kids sledding. I guess I better get to Menards and purchase some sleds for them to ride. How nice it is to finally have this big, new store open for business. Even those of you who never shopped at the old Menards location further east on Irving Park Road will be amazed at the amount of merchandise that is available at this new store. From hardware to power tools, to lights and paint; from food stuffs to appliances, and lumber to landscape material, Menards has what you need. If you haven't already, stop by and see how these specialists can assist you with your home improvement project. I think you'll be glad you did.



The northeast corner of Barrington Road and Irving Park looks so much better now that Menards and Bank of America are operating. And there is more on the way. Look for a new restaurant at the corner of Barrington Road and Bristol Lane where the old Citgo gas station used to be. A national chain serving quality Chinese cuisine in a quick serve atmosphere will likely begin construction soon at this location, with plans to be open by next summer. In addition, another outlot along Irving Park Road in front of the new Menards appears very attractive to a number of quality retailers as evidenced by the multitude of retailers wanting to discuss this location with Menards representatives during a recent retailers convention in Chicago. I would be very surprised if Menards were unable to strike a deal with one of these retailers by the next edition of this article.



Changes are also occurring daily along the western leg of Lake Street as Suburban Tire continues with construction of their new automotive facility. The building will have a beautiful brick, split-faced block and EFIS (a masonry-type of

stucco) façade that will significantly enhance the look of the corridor.

In addition, the old Lakewood Restaurant building will be demolished soon to make room for another restaurant; and I uCare continues to move forward on their 150-bed skilled nursing facility that will be located east of the former Lakewood Restaurant property.

I would like to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving and a joyous holiday season. May you enjoy festive times with your family and friends. I hope the I ew Year brings you health and happiness. And don't forget, Menards has a huge selection of holiday lights and decorations sure to brighten your spirits. I think even Mr. Scrooge would be impressed.

COMMITTEE

Hanover Park COI ECT Committee
(Education and Community Teamwork)

Mayor's Choice Award Program

Nominate your favorite business for the "Mayor's Choice Business of the Year" Award. This award honors contributions made by Hanover Park businesses benefitting our community.

Entrants must be located in Hanover Park and will be judged in several categories including, but not limited to:

- ◆ Community Involvement
- ◆ Excellence in Customer Service
- ◆ Positive Image and Appearance
- ◆ Longevity within Hanover Park

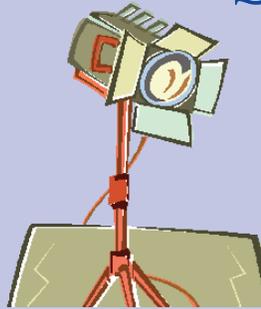
Judging will be conducted by the Hanover Park Business COI ECT committee.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please send a letter of interest responding to the following categories:

- ◆ A description of community involvement
- ◆ A short company history
- ◆ Number of employees
- ◆ Information regarding the company's growth in Hanover Park
- ◆ Description of company's business philosophy, accomplishments and challenges
- ◆ A description of the company's efforts to provide excellent customer service.

If you have any questions about the Mayor's Choice Business Award program please contact Patrick Grill, Community Development Director at 630-372-4281.
Nominations Due December 12, 2008

Spotlight On Business



The Alvarez family purchased their building on Irving Park Road in 2006. With their hard work and efforts, they remodeled the building and transformed it to what is now known as Alvarez Jewelry. Their business is family owned and was operating in Bartlett for 12 years. Many loyal customers followed them when they relocated to Hanover Park.

Alvarez Jewelry showcases high quality jewelry as well as provides jewelry repair services to their customers. The owners, Juan and Leticia Alvarez, also create custom design pieces. Leticia Alvarez stated "Their company's philosophy is to help every customer and everyone they come in contact with... After experiencing a devastating robbery shortly after their grand opening, the Alvarez family persevered and succeeded in maintaining their business.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvarez are very involved in the community. Alvarez Jewelry serves as a member of the Hanover Park Business COI ECT Committee. In recognition of commitment to their business, customers and the community, Alvarez Jewelry was a finalist for the 2007 Mayor's Choice Award.

Stop in to see what is new and support Alvarez Jewelry located at 2105 W. Irving Park Road, Hanover Park, IL 60133 or contact the Hanover Park store at 630-213-3903. Business Hours are Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, 10:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Welcome New Businesses!

Greenbrook Montessori

1675 Greenbrook Boulevard

Metro Bellas Artes, Inc.

7207 Orchard Lane

Bank of America

1500 Irving Park Road

Hanover Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry

27W250 Ontarioville Road

Amor Salon

2422 Army Trail Road

Luxury Furniture

7560 Barrington Road

Echo Investigations

2071-A Irving Park Road

Cre8tive Cutz

5650 Arlington Drive

Mallard Lake Landfill - Methane Gas Update

On October 1, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency hosted a public meeting at the Village Hall to update residents and other interested parties regarding the Mallard Lake Landfill Issue and Extent Report and the Comprehensive Correction Action Plan. The Mallard Lake Landfill Issue and Extent Report outlines the current situation regarding the migration of methane gas off-site from the Mallard Lake Landfill in the area of Discovery Park and the Hanover-Schick subdivision in DuPage County. BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc., the landfill operator, is under an Administrative Order of the U.S. EPA to remove the methane gas which is trapped approximately 40 feet below the surface in this area.

The landfill operator is responsible for the long-term treatment of methane gas generated at the Mallard Lake Landfill. This past spring and summer, a series of improvements were undertaken to the methane gas collection system at the Mallard Lake Landfill. This included the drilling of six new large diameter gas extraction wells along the western and southern boundaries of the Mallard Lake Landfill. These new large diameter gas extraction wells have had a positive impact for removing methane gas near the Discovery Park area. However, additional large diameter gas extraction wells are needed to extract and remove the methane gas that has migrated off-site.

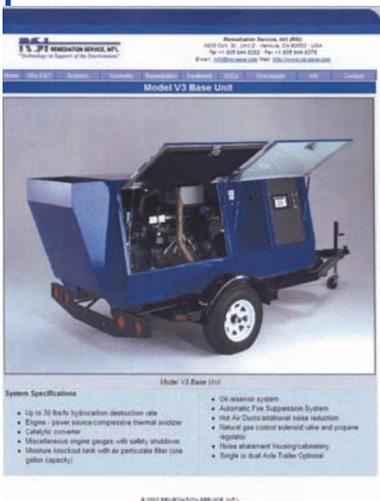
The Mallard Lake Landfill Comprehensive Correction Action Plan has been approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency and involves the use of mobile oxidizer units to extract, remove and combust the methane gas that is located in the subdivision areas. The plan provides for the installation of three large diameter gas extraction wells in the parkway areas, three wells in the Hawk Hollow Forest Preserve and one well in a right-of-way area owned by the Forest Preserve District of DuPage County just north and west of Discovery Park.

The three mobile oxidizer units to be located in the Village parkway areas will be enclosed by an eight foot cyclone fence approximately 19 feet in length by 10 feet in width with sound barriers. During the initial startup period, the mobile oxidizer units are scheduled to run 24-hours a day, seven days per week for at least four months. It is anticipated that the system operations may later be adjusted to daytime hours if it can be demonstrated that the 24-hour operation is not required. During the startup period, BFI Waste Systems of North America, Inc. and the United States Environmental Protection Agency will evaluate the effectiveness of

the mobile oxidizer units and will determine how long the mobile oxidizer units will need to remain in place to extract, combust and remove the methane gas trapped beneath the surface.

It was determined by the U.S. EPA and the landfill operator that the use of the mobile oxidizer units to extract and combust the methane gas is the most preferred method to remove the methane gas trapped beneath the surface. Other solutions discussed included the venting of the methane gas to the atmosphere, which was determined to be unacceptable, and installing underground piping to transport the methane gas back to the landfill gas collection system which would have required excavations in Village streets to accomplish this method. The Village and the U.S. EPA are very interested in ensuring the landfill operator removes and destroys the underground methane gas that has escaped from the Mallard Lake Landfill. Please look for updates in future editions of the Hanover Hi-Lighter regarding this issue.

If you have questions regarding the Mallard Lake Landfill issue, please contact the U.S. EPA or IEPA officials listed below: Mike Joyce, U.S. EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, 312-353-5546; Steve Faryan, U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator, 312-353-9351; Tom Rivera, Project Manager, Illinois EPA, 847-294-4079; or Carol Fuller, Illinois EPA Community Relations Coordinator, 217-524-8807. Additional information regarding this ongoing methane gas investigation can be found at the U.S. EPA on scene coordinator website at www.epaosc.net/mallardlake.



Youth of the Year Scholarship Applications Due December 12

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 \$1,000 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 2009, 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 12, 2008.

For more information call 630-372-4210 or visit our website at www.hpil.org

STAARS

(STudent Artists and AuthoRS)
Shine at Village Hall



Artwork from Spring Wood Middle School was on display in the Village Hall October 16 to November 19, 2008. Artists include:

Sixth Grade: Emma Marchese, Julia Iguyen, Angelique Montecillo, Alizea Brame, Karen Castillo, Hadiya Jackson.

Seventh Grade: Veronica Hacker, Cynthia Lopez, Jillian Kent, Nicole Tsiodras Devin Hall and James Trout.



Congratulations 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 employee award winners:



*Lorey Throgmartin
Customer Service*



*Pat Hamill
Leadership*



*Robin Dubiel
Employee of the Year*

*Dan Kosartes
Rookie of the Year*



*Sue Heavens
Teamwork*



*Tom Dahl
Supervisor of the Year*



WINTER START-UP TIPS



Always start the heating season with a new furnace filter

Make certain the furnace flue pipe is connected properly

Do not store anything that can burn around the furnace

Have the furnace cleaned and adjusted to help lower fuel costs



Vacuum the bathroom fan grill regularly to avoid dust build-up

Never use the fan if it is making noise while running

Avoid letting the fan run for extended time while unattended

Bathroom fans should be inspected and cleaned annually



Keep space heaters at least 3 feet from combustible materials

Avoid using space heaters in sleeping areas

Do not place heaters on chairs or other furniture

Avoid using extension cords with space heaters

Do not use electric heaters in bathrooms

Do not use kerosene or oil burning heaters indoors



HAVE A WORKING SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR ON EACH FLOOR

For additional information contact the Fire Department at (630) 736-6800

Winter's Almost Here, Can Snow and Ice be Far Behind?

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

Winter Parking Regulations

On-street parking is not permitted after a snowfall of two or more inches until the street has been plowed. Help the snowplow 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.**



Remember to shovel the sidewalk, too!

Many neighborhood children walk to school and need to be able to use the sidewalks, so Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours following a snowfall of two inches or more.



Thanks for helping to keep children safe by not forcing them to walk in the street where they could find themselves in danger of vehicle traffic. Your help is much appreciated.

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 five feet of your driveway.

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

Wintertime Safety Tips

Be a Friend to a Hydrant

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

Keep Kids Away from Snow Piles at the Curb

For safety'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.

Snowy Day Garbage Reminders:

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

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.

Avoid Frozen Pipes

When inside plumbing is on an outside wall, let the faucet drip slightly during very cold nights.

If the water meter is located near a broken or cracked window, fix the window immediately.

Don't turn the thermostat down drastically when taking a winter vacation.

Ask the Village to shut off your water if you'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.



Fire Department Schedules 2009 CPR/First Aid Classes

The Fire Department offers basic CPR and First Aid classes. In addition, the Fire Department offers Healthcare Provider (HCP) CPR classes that are open to healthcare professionals only. Class time is 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

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

Fees:

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

Preregistration is required. Contact the Fire Department at 630-736-6800 between 8:00AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Enjoy Your Christmas Tree ... Then Recycle it December 27, January 3 or January 9

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Saturday, December 27, Saturday, January 3, and Friday, January 9. 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 27, January 3 and January 9. 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.

Holidays Bring Changes to Garbage Pick Up 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 29, 2008.

Christmas Holiday - pick up will take place on Saturday, December 27, 2008

New Year's Holiday - pick up will take place on Saturday, January 3, 2009

NOTE: The final curbside yardwaste pick up will be on Saturday, November 29, 2008.

Calendar of Events

DECEMBER	1	Budget Meeting	7:30 PM
	4	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	5	Holiday Tree Lighting	6:30 PM
	9	COJ ECT Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
	9	Sister City Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Development Commission Mtg.	7:30 PM
	12	Youth of the Year Applications Due	
	15	Deck the Homes Nominations Due	
	15	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	16	DuPage County and Commercial Water Bills Due	
	18	STAARS-Elsie Johnson	7:00 PM
	18	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	20	CPR Class	8:00 AM
	23	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	24	Village Hall Closed - Holiday	
25	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		
JANUARY	1	Village Hall Closed - Holiday	
	8	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	13	COJ ECT Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
	13	Sister City Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	15	STAARS - Einstein School	7:00 PM
	15	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	17	Healthcare Provider CPR	8:00 AM
	19	Cook County Water Bills Due	
	19	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	27	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	30	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
FEBRUARY	5	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	10	COJ ECT Committee Meeting	1:00 PM
	10	Sister City Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	19	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
	16	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	19	STAARS-Anne Fox	7:00 PM
	19	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	21	CPR/AED Class	8:00 AM
24	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	

Help Emergency Response Crews Quickly Locate Your Home

The Hanover Park Police Department is asking residents to keep their address numbers posted and visible from the street so emergency response personnel can identify a home quickly. Please follow these recommendations:



Type: The address numbers should be numeric; not spelled out.

Size: The number should be at least four inches in height.

Location: Place the address numbers on the home where they are easily visible from the street.



Speak Out

Making Hanover Park a great place for everyone and every business is prime importance for your Hanover Park Elected Officials and staff.

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

Please let us know what you think by faxing or mailing 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.

Mail forms to:

**The Village of Hanover Park
Village President's Office
2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park, IL 60133**

Or fax to: (630) 372-4225

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'd like you to know...

Hanover Park Environmental Committee

Think Green this Holiday Season

The holidays are just around the corner. Here are a few tips from the Hanover Park Environmental Committee to save you time and money while helping conserve resources.

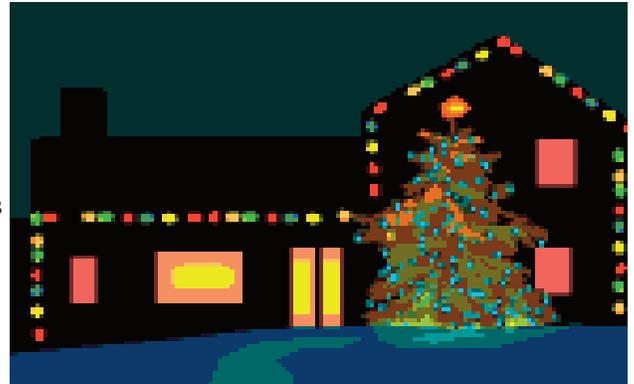
If you are planning to buy new holiday lights, consider LEDs. They are up to 99% more energy efficient than traditional lights, which saves you money, they last up to 23 years and they give off almost no heat thereby greatly reducing the risk of fire.

Most wrapping paper is not recyclable, and much of that beautiful paper ends up in landfills. One alternative is to use gift bags instead. Gift bags come in many styles and fold flat for easy storage for use next year, saving you time, space and money. Plus, with gift bags, you never have to fuss with scissors or worry about running out of tape!

Exchanging holiday cards is a great tradition. This year, shop your favorite store or charity's selection of holiday cards made from the greatest amount of post-consumer recycled paper you can find. "Post-consumer recycled paper" means that the paper came from someone's recycling bin (in contrast to "recycle" material from paper mill scrap pieces). Or, many card companies and charities offer free holiday e-cards through their Web sites.

Holiday season is often snow season as well. If you use a de-icer on your walkways or driveway, look for products made from magnesium chloride instead of sodium chloride (salt) or calcium chloride. Magnesium chloride melts ice at temperatures as low as minus 17 degrees Fahrenheit. Regular salt stops working around 15 degrees above zero. Also, magnesium chloride does less damage to concrete and plants and won't rust your car like salt will.

When you buy recycled cards and money-saving items such as LED lights and gift bags, you'll be helping others as well as yourself. Have a happy holiday season!



Village to Receive PACE Bus Service

Beginning January 5, 2009, portions of the Village will be provided PACE bus service. PACE and the Village agreed to amend existing bus route I umber 554 to include a reroute along Lake Street and Barrington Road in the Village. PACE Route I o. 554 also serves portions of Elgin, Streamwood, Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg. Shown below is a map indicating the new alignment.

The new transit service will make a scheduled stop near Lake and Church Streets at the Metra commuter parking lot. The bus also will make "flag stops" along Lake Street and Barrington Road. Destination sites along the route include the Elgin terminal, St. Alexius Medical Center, Woodfield Mall and the I orthwest Transportation Center. One-way trips are provided during the weekday morning and return trips during weekday afternoons. I o Saturday, Sunday or Holiday service is provided. Specific estimated arrival times are available at www.pacebus.com. The present fare for Route 554 is \$1.50 although PACE is requesting a \$0.25 increase (to \$1.75) in 2009. Service is provided by means of a 30 passenger bus.



The Village entered into an agreement to fund 10% of the bus route cost. PACE pays 50% and the remaining five communities share the local cost portion.



The Finance Counter

New Water Bill Format

Beginning in November 2008, your water and sewer bill will have a new look! The bill will be printed in a letter-sized format enabling the Village to present the billing information in an easier to read format. The new bill also has more space to provide residents with information about current events or other special messages. The back of the bill includes an explanation of water and sewer charges and payment and contact information. A pre-addressed return envelope will be mailed with the bill for your convenience. A sheet explaining the new bill format will be mailed to residents with their November or December 2008 bills.

Water and Sewer Bill Payments

Pay your water and sewer bill on-line at www.hpil.org! Click on Services/Finance/Direct Pay and on the link to be directed to the Illinois State Treasurer's Office E-PAY website (Electronic Payment Services Program). Type in Hanover Park, and you will then be able to use your credit or debit card to make your payment. Please note that there is a nominal fee added to your total bill by the payment processor for the use of the service. This fee is based on the total amount of your bill. You will be able to look up the amount of the fee prior to completing the transaction. Mastercard, American Express, and Discover are accepted on-line.

Water and sewer bill payments may also be made in person at the Village Hall in the Finance Department in the form of cash, check, debit or credit card including Visa and Mastercard. Payments may also be placed in either night drop box located adjacent to the driveway in front of the Village Hall and outside of the main entrance or mailed. Payments may also be made at Dino's Foods located at 6768 Barrington Road. Only cash will be accepted and Dino's

THIS IS THE FIRST UTILITY BILL DISTRIBUTED USING OUR NEW CITIZEN-FRIENDLY FORMAT. IT IS NOW EASIER TO READ, PROVIDES MORE INFORMATION AND INCLUDES A PRE-ADDRESSED RETURN ENVELOPE FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE (SEE ENCLOSED). THIS SECTION OF YOUR NEW BILL WILL BE RESERVED TO NOTIFY YOU OF INTERESTING AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EVENTS IN THE VILLAGE.

Hanover Park

PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL BILLING INFORMATION

BILL DATE: 10/20/2008 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 234388-00
 NAME: JOHN SMITH
 SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 OAK STREET

METER INFORMATION		BILLING PERIOD	
Previous Reading	4000	Service From Date	9/1/2008
Current Reading	3900	Service To Date	10/1/2008
Consumption (1,000 gallons)	100	Read Type	ACTUAL

PAST DUE BALANCE

CURRENT CHARGES

WATER	\$20.00
SEWER	\$15.00

TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 10/20/2008

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AFTER 10/20/2008

A 4% LATE PENALTY WILL BE ADDED TO CURRENT CHARGES IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS NOT RECEIVED BY DUE DATE

RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

Village of Hanover Park
 2121 West Lake Street
 Hanover Park, IL 60133-4398
 (630) 372-4230

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 234388-00
 SERVICE ADDRESS: 123 OAK STREET

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE BY 10/20/2008

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE AFTER 10/20/2008

AMOUNT PAID

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PLEASE DO NOT FOLD OR STAPLE

Attention Commuters! Need a Parking Permit?

Did you know you can purchase your Hanover Park commuter parking permits through the mail? Complete an application and mail it or place it in the night drop box with a check for the correct dollar amount. Your parking permit will be mailed to you. Applications are available at the Village Hall and at the Coffee Depot in the Metra station. Please allow plenty of time for processing and mail delivery.

You may also purchase your parking permits online at www.hpil.org. Click on Services/Finance/Direct Pay page and click on the link. A convenience fee will be charged by the payment processor for the service. Once notification of your payment is received, a parking permit will be mailed to you.

A representative from the Village will be at the Metra station on the last Wednesday of every month between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM selling monthly and quarterly parking permits. Only cash or checks will be accepted.



Selling your home?

Please call the Finance Department at 630-372-4230 before your closing date to set up a final water meter reading and to make sure there are no outstanding payments due to the Village. The seller is required to purchase a real estate transfer tax stamp prior to the closing on the property. All monies owed to the Village must be paid prior to the issuance of the stamp.

RTA Seniors Ride Free Program Registration

Senior citizens age 65 or over living in the RTA (Rapid Transit Authority) service region (Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties) are eligible for free transit on fixed routes operated by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), Metra and Pace. To take advantage of the free transit, seniors must have the senior reduced fare card. Please call 630-372-4230 for more information.



Village of Hanover Park Receives GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association has announced the Village of Hanover Park has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Budget Report. This is the 18th consecutive year the Village of Hanover Park has received this award.

This award is a significant achievement for the Village of Hanover Park. The Village's Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Budget has been reviewed and meets the nationally recognized guidelines for an effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the Village's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The Village's budget was rated proficient in all four categories. The Village of Hanover Park has received this distinguished budget award, consecutively, since Fiscal Year 1992 (18 consecutive years).



Budget Team Members: Mark Masciola, Marc Hummel and Joan Rock

Recognition is given to the Village's Budget Team including: Village Manager Marc Hummel, Assistant Village Manager Mark Masciola, and Finance Director Joan Rock. Special recognition is given to Assistant Finance Director Tom Dahl and Executive Coordinator to the Village Manager Kim Benedix for their efforts to insure that this annual budget continues to be an effective communications document.

How Safe is Email?

Email has proven to be a quick and affordable way to keep in touch with friends and family as well as conduct business. Email has become extremely popular - here at the village we process over 4,500 emails daily! Being able to attach documents, photos, videos and recordings coupled with the ability to read them nearly anywhere, it's no wonder why it has become a very popular method to communicate. But how safe is it?



We are all familiar with the postal service that protects our mail, but email is another thing altogether and is not protected by one organization. The closest parallel between email and postal mail would be a postcard or flyer; just as a postcard can be read by postal workers, so email can be read by network administrators who keep the email systems running.

Fortunately, network administrators are typically too busy to read other's email. There are times when an administrator may need to read an email that runs into problems in order to fix it - such as being undeliverable or stopped for spam or virus checking reasons. Emails sent and received at work are the property of the company and may be intercepted at any time for any number of reasons. Web email, such as Yahoo, Hotmail and others, may not be intercepted as frequently but they are monitored for spam and viruses as well and can be reviewed if it meets certain criteria.

Knowing that your email could be read by others should serve as a reminder to not send sensitive information via email. You should avoid using email to send account numbers, passwords or other information that can be used to steal your identity. Keep in mind that attachments, unless encrypted, are also easily readable.

Reputable companies know the inherent risks of email and will not send or ask you to send sensitive information via email. Be suspect of any company or organization that would ask for passwords, account numbers or other such information via email. It's best to follow-up with a phone call instead.

Still, don't let this put you off from sending your emails. It is a safe and effective form of communication for most purposes. Just remember to avoid sending sensitive information you would not want others to see.



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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
- Finance Department (630) 372-4230
- Water Billing (630) 372-4233

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

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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, time and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Cultural Inclusion and Diversity
- Development Commission
- Environmental Committee
- Hanover Park COI ECT
- Sister City Committee

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

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

We're looking for Your Input

Coming Soon . . . a new Comprehensive Plan

Your opportunity as a resident to participate in the future of the Village will be here soon. The Village will be looking for your input by taking part in the process of a new Comprehensive Plan.

What is a Comprehensive Plan?

It is a document that the Village uses to help guide the decisions made regarding land use, transportation, housing, recreation and open space, environment, and economic development.

Why Update the Comprehensive Plan?

The Village typically updates this document every 8-10 years. 1998 was the last time this document had been updated.

How Does the Village Plan to Update the Comprehensive Plan?

The Village has contracted with Teska Associates to perform the work. Their proposal for the project best fit the direction the Village is to go in for the future. Their plan is to integrate issues such as green initiatives, economic development, and online mapping and data to the comprehensive plan and zoning code. The documents will be more user-friendly and will take into account the use of technology. This is to be a multi-disciplined project involving multiple meetings with staff, Development Commission, Village Board, and the public.

The Village will have meetings open to the public in which comments and concerns may be raised. Please keep an eye out for a meeting schedule here in the Hi-Lighter and on the Village web site at www.hpil.org. For questions about the Comprehensive Plan contact Jackie Reyff at 630-372-4263.

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Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay" or click on the link on our home page.

MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online.

VISA and Mastercard may 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 to 9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns. The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

We'd love to hear from you!

Due to the holidays, the next call in will be January 22, 2009

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Except for the Grinch and those overachievers that finished this year's holiday shopping before last year's decorations were taken down, the rest of us are fast approaching the shopping frenzy that mark the holidays! It's a shame that when we should be focusing on others, there are a few that think only of themselves. Being a victim will certainly ruin your holiday!

It's easy to become distracted when shopping, even under ordinary circumstances. Add children, a few big packages, large crowds, and holiday special sales and decorations, and you become an easy target. Below is a checklist of some basic holiday shopping safety tips. Be sure to watch your credit and debit cards carefully. It only takes a few minutes for someone to cause you years of trouble.

Let's not help the bad guys have happy holidays, keep those for yourself!

Holiday Shopping Safety Checklist

- ☞ Make arrangements to place packages in a locker or in the trunk of your car periodically. Thieves love people trying to carry a lot of items.
- ☞ Watch that your credit card isn't swiped more than once.
- ☞ Use bank machines during the day when possible and always in well lit, well populated areas. If someone looks suspicious nearby, go to another ATM.
- ☞ Don't take more than one credit card with you and don't keep all your money and forms of identification in one place. Keep money and ID in your front pockets if possible.
- ☞ Be wary of any strangers striking up a conversation or asking questions. The bad guys like to distract you with an accomplice.
- ☞ Keep close watch on your children, or better yet, get a sitter so you only have to concentrate on one dilemma at a time!
- ☞ Make sure your child knows their name, address, and telephone number, **II CLUDII G** your cell phone number.
- ☞ Be wary of people soliciting for charities. It is best to choose one yourself and you contact them.
- ☞ Always know where you are parked. Walk with authority and purpose and criminals will usually leave you alone. Have your keys ready long before you reach your car.

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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. Icolosi, *Trustee*
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