

Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

February 2009

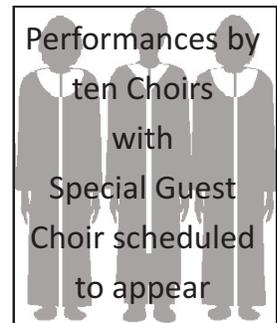
Village of Hanover Park
Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee to host

1st Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration



Admission is Free!
Please join us
Evangel Assembly of God
5700 Bartels Road
Hanover Park

Sunday - February 22, 2009
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM



The Power of One: Commitment, Challenge and Change

Remember to VOTE on Election Day, Tuesday, April 7

The Consolidated Election on April 7, 2009 will include elections for offices in the following:

Townships
Park Districts
Library Districts
Elementary and High School Districts
Community College Districts
Township School Trustees

Hanover Park voters will also be voting for:

Village President (4-year term)
Village Clerk (4-year term)
Village Trustee (Three 4-year terms)

If you need to register to vote, two forms of ID are required, one with your Hanover Park address on it. Voter registration can be done in the Village Clerk's office during regular office hours. Remember Voter Registration for the Consolidated Election on April 7th closes on Tuesday, March 10.

If you are going to be absent on election day but wish to cast a ballot, you can vote by absentee ballot or early vote. Early voting for the Consolidated Election opens on Monday, March 16 and closes on Thursday, April 2. The nearest early voting site for Hanover Park Cook County voters is Streamwood Village Hall and for Hanover Park DuPage County voters a location is at Stratford Square Mall. Absentee ballot applications are available in the Village Clerk's Office or from the County Election Authority where you are registered to vote.

Polling places on Tuesday, April 7, 2009 are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. for Hanover Park voters to cast their ballots in person. If you need the location of your polling place or have any other election questions, contact the Village Clerk's Office at 630-372-4220.

VOTE!

Minute with the Mayor...



My first writing of the New Year brings much happiness to the Craig family. We are expecting our second grandbaby in May, and I personally retired from the Federal Aviation Administration. I'm pretty excited that I will be able to contribute more time representing the residents of Hanover Park. I look forward to working with U-46 and mentoring 10 boys at Parkwood and Laurel Hill schools. Additionally, having time to invest leadership in the Wind Turbine Alliance of school districts, municipalities, and college districts is pretty exciting stuff. Our future success is vested in our abilities to pursue green economic initiatives.

Thanks to State Senator Noland for his invitation to meet our new President of the Senate John Cullerton. I had the opportunity to speak about the needs and issues within Hanover Park during our visit. Additionally, we must congratulate our Congressman Peter Roskam on his appointment to the Ways and Means Committee. This is a most prestigious appointment, and it reflects well on our fine Congressman.

I must express my personal congratulations to our Public Works Department, Scott Weber, Superintendent of Streets, and his team of snow plow drivers. At one point, following 70 hours of work moving snow, the team had to manage the creek as a heavy rain raised concerns with rising water. The Public Works employees really deserve a smile and wave when you see them drive by. They are really dedicated to keeping our streets clean of snow.

On June 5, 2009, Relay For Life is returning to Hanover Park at the Hanover Park Park District Community Center. Together we need to encourage our friends and family to join us in the fight against cancer by participating. The Village and the Park District will again work together to provide outstanding support to those who will be participating. Additional information will be available in future Hi-Lighters, on my blog, and on the Village's web site.

I recently met with the Hanover Park Little League where I learned that in addition to their Little League program they also have a fine girls softball program. Check them out at <http://www.hanoverparklittleleague.com/> or call them at 630-487-6217. I also would like to congratulate the Hanover Park Hurricane Girls Cheer team. The 100 lb girls won 2nd in Cheer and 3rd in Pom. Well done girls! Contact the Hurricane Football and Cheer program at: <http://www.hpcanes.com/>

The Mayor's Veteran Advisory Committee has met to organize upcoming events to honor those in Hanover Park who have served our country. A Mayor's Breakfast on Memorial Day will serve as the kick-off event. Additionally, considerations are being discussed to establish a Veterans' Honor Board to acknowledge our Hanover Park Veterans.

The second meeting of my crime prevention leadership team will have met by the time this is read. I have invited our clergy, educators, Police Chief, township, state and federal officials together to pursue goals that will contribute to the social health and quality of life we all respect and aspire to achieve. I look forward to reporting the initiatives and outcomes of this leadership team in the near future.

The many faces of Hanover Park add to the cultural diversity we celebrate daily in our schools as our students embrace the differences our varied cultures bring to the classroom. This is an exciting place to raise a family where learning goes beyond what we read in the school books. We have choices, and our children have hope for success when we all pitch in as caring adults modeling the right stuff.

It continues to be my pleasure and a blessing to represent the people of Hanover Park, our Hometown. I hope you will take an opportunity to get involved and make a difference in our success.



RCraig@hpil.org

Environmental Committee News

The Environmental Committee would like to remind residents of additional recycling options currently being offered by the Village.

Electronic Recycling: The Village, in cooperation with DuPage County, is a drop-off location for E-waste. To date, the Village has collected over 15,000 pounds of used electronic goods for recycling. Items the Village collects include:

- 🏠 Computers and Peripherals: CPU's, laptops, monitors, flat panels, keyboards, mice, cables, printers, plotters, external hard drives, tape drives, etc.
- 🏠 Data Center Equipment: Power distribution units, uninterrupted power supplies, motor generator sets.
- 🏠 Office and Telecommunications Equipment: Copiers, fax machines, phone systems, cell phones, hand-held devices, projection equipment, audio equipment, video equipment, televisions, calculators, and security equipment.

Items can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Village of Hanover Park Public Works facility, located at 2121 West Lake Street. If you have questions, please call 630-372-4440.

Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL) Bulb Recycling: Throughout this past year, the Village offered free CFL bulbs to residents. Over 9,000 light bulbs were distributed as part of this program. The Environmental Committee is now offering free recycling of these light bulbs. If you have a CFL bulb you need to dispose of, please bring it to the Village of Hanover Park Public Works Facility between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Recreational Vehicles on Residential Property

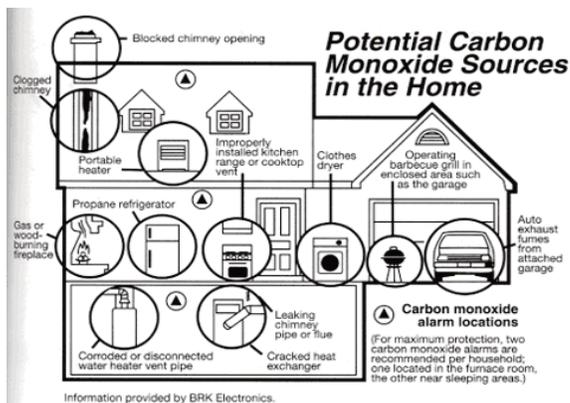
The Village Board has recently amended the regulations of RVs to provide that enforcement will not begin until May 1, 2009 to give homeowners additional time to bring their property into compliance with the regulations adopted in May of 2008. In addition, the definition of a RV was amended to exclude personal mobility devices such as electric wheelchairs or scooters and golf carts used by persons with disabilities.

Beginning May 1, 2009 a homeowner may only have one RV parked outside on residential property. An RV may be parked on the driveway or in the rear yard on a temporary surface like gravel or patio blocks.

A recreational vehicle is any vehicle used for traveling or recreational activities including: camping and travel trailers, truck or van campers, boats, snowmobiles, ATVs, unlicensed motorcycles, unlicensed or off-road vehicles, or trailers that contain an RV.

Questions can be directed to the Code Enforcement Unit of the Police Department at 630-372-4480.

How to Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning



Carbon monoxide poisoning can happen within minutes and is responsible for more deaths than any other single poisoning. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas produced by car exhaust, woodburning fireplaces and fuel-burning appliances. The carbon monoxide produced by these items can be harmless if items are used properly, but become harmful when used improperly or are not functioning properly.

Carbon monoxide levels can be found in homes, but at what point are these levels harmful? An average healthy adult can be exposed to carbon monoxide levels of 50 ppm (parts per million) for 8 hours before they may experience any signs or symptoms. When levels of carbon monoxide reach 70-100 ppm, individuals will begin to experience signs and symptoms after a few hours of exposure. Indications include flu-like symptoms such as headache, fever, and

nausea. Exposure to levels between 150 and 300 ppm for a few minutes can cause a person to feel dizzy and/or drowsy, and one may begin to vomit. Exposure at levels of 400 ppm or higher over a few hours may cause an individual to become unconscious; possibly cause brain damage, even death.

You can prevent carbon monoxide poisoning from affecting your loved ones by following these tips:

- ❶ Place a carbon monoxide detector on every level of living space in your home. There are many types of carbon monoxide detectors available at many hardware and home good stores.
- ❷ Carbon monoxide is lighter than air; therefore detectors should be installed on the ceiling or as high as possible on a wall.
- ❸ Be sure to change the battery at least once a year and check the age of the detector. Some manufacturers have suggested length of time a detector should be used before it is replaced.
- ❹ Never start a car, gas powered lawnmower or snowblower in a closed garage.
- ❺ Have fireplaces and chimneys regularly inspected to insure that they have proper ventilation.

If your carbon monoxide detector is activated, call 9-1-1 and leave the house. Keep the house closed so when the Fire Department arrives they can obtain a proper reading of the carbon monoxide levels in the home.

STAARS

(STudent Artists and AuthoRS)
Shine at Village Hall



Artwork from Ontarioville Elementary School was on display in the Village Hall November 20 to December 17, 2008. Artists include:



First Grade:
Ashanti Jackson,
Miguel Torres
First/Second Split: Brandon Barrera
Second Grade:
Jennifer Zavala
Third Grade:
Johnny Andrade,
Abigail Chavez

Fourth Grade: Uriel Espinosa
Fourth/Fifth Split: Alex Ramirez
Fifth Grade: Alejandra Reyes, Sofia Alfaro
Sixth Grade: Carlos Aguilar, Emily Portillo

Artwork from Elsie Johnson Elementary School was on display in the Village Hall December 18, 2008 to January 14, 2009. Artists include:

First Grade: Allen Encarnacion, Joey Harolle, Aylssa Zhang
Second Grade: George Gonzales, Adriana Guereca, Morgan Zitzka
Third Grade: Hayley Harper, Sarah Nicolas Cruz
Fourth Grade: Natalie Franz, Tyler Zitzka
Fifth Grade: Tom Costalis, Sweetu Mehta



Photos with Santa

Did you have your photo taken with Santa at the Holiday Tree Lighting Event? If so, your free photo is ready to be picked up at the Village Hall Finance Counter.



Fuzzy and Fifty Blanket Program a Huge Success!

The Village of Hanover Park would like to thank all those who participated in the Fuzzy and 50 blanket program. Due to your generous donations we not only met but exceeded our goal of providing 50 blankets to those in need.

We hope you got that “warm and fuzzy” feeling taking part in this program and consider participating again next year as we try to collect even more blankets!



Pictured above: Trustee Lori Kaiser, Chairperson of the Fuzzy and 50 Blanket Program and Kim Benedix, 50th Anniversary Committee Staff Liaison

Congratulations Deck the Home Award Winners



Congratulations to this year's Deck the Homes Award winners. Even with the difficult weather, our Elected Officials had quite the selection of decorated homes to choose from.

Multifamily category Winner (above) The Rodriguez Residence - 1612 Tanglewood. Single family category winner (right) The Voss Residence, 6861 Peach Tree Street.



Third Annual Holiday Tree Lighting was Terrific!

Hundreds braved the wintry weather to welcome in the holidays at the third annual holiday tree lighting event. Entertainment was provided by Spring Wood Middle School band and choir, Greenbrook Elementary School fifth grade choir, Allegro I and Allegro II and Storyteller Chris Fascione. Santa and his elves arrived by fire truck and over 95 children visited with him and had their pictures taken. Twenty trees were decorated by schools, committees, local businesses and not-for-profit agencies. Special thanks to the Hanover Park Lions Club for supplying cookies and hot chocolate!



CONECT
Committee Members

A & A Music
Anita and Don Komorski

All About Wireless

Alvarez Jewelry
Leticia Alvarez

**Charter National Bank
and Trust**
William Mingotti

**Classic Computer
Systems**
Kevin Swan

E. Kinast Distributors
William Schierer

First Eagle Bank
Paula Wegner

**Hanover Park
Branch Library**
Gail Tobin

**Hanover Park Chamber
of Commerce & Industry**
Patricia Langenstrass

**Hanover Park
Park District**
Michelle Macholl

Hanover Park Quick Wash
Phil McBride

Jimmy John's
Sandra and Brad Simousek

**La Luz De Morelos
Bakery**
Ray Hernandez

Menards
Bob Morris

MIDCO
Robert Ries & Jodi Ehrhardt

Nitto Kohki USA, Inc.
Michelle Parker

Paragon Group 1, Ltd.
Glenn Dailey

Re/Max Boardwalk
Patti Besler

Ultra Foods
Steve Sprandel

Board Liaison
Sherry Craig

Staff Liaison
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

Happy New Year! Time for a fresh start to a year of promise and hope. I have high expectations for this year, even though it has started rather slow and most definitely cold. While the media hasn't painted the rosier of pictures for our national economy, there are signs of redevelopment that can be found throughout the village.

However, the most exciting news of the year so far has been the addition of Pace bus service through Hanover Park. On January 5th, Route 554 began a new route along Lake Street and Barrington Road with a scheduled stop at the Metra train station. This route connects the Pace Transportation Center in Elgin with the Pace Transportation Center in Schaumburg.



Representatives from PACE and local Elected Officials welcome Route 554 bus service.

service for persons needing to travel north on Barrington Road and east on Golf Road in the morning and vice-versa in the afternoon.

More information can be found about this service on the Pace website www.pacebus.com.

The closed Lakewood Restaurant has been demolished making room for what could be an upscale restaurant. Negotiations are still underway for this project, but it is nice to finally have this structure removed from what is otherwise a beautiful thoroughfare. Next door to this, Suburban Tire continues with construction of their new building. We'll be getting our new tires and oil changes there before we know it.

Also coming down is the structure at the northwest corner of Barrington Road and Maple Avenue.

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In addition to the Hanover Park train station; this route also includes stops at St. Alexius Medical Center and Woodfield Mall. Service is provided on weekdays only and travels eastbound in the morning and westbound in the afternoon. The best feature of this route is that it will stop on request to let riders out anywhere along the route and will pick-up any passengers that flag the driver. This is a wonderful

COMMITTEE

Hanover Park CONECT Committee
(Education and Community Teamwork)

Hot off the Grill (continued)

The owner is considering a number of options related to redevelopment of this parcel. In addition, negotiations are underway concerning a façade improvement for Hanover Square Shopping Center behind this site.

Although the Chinese restaurant I mentioned in my last edition has not materialized, there are still parties interested in that site. I suspect activity will increase with the temperatures.

Lastly I would like to mention that Teska Associates have been given the task of updating the comprehensive plan for the village. As part of this process, they will be creating a website to track progress on this effort and to allow comments on all elements of the plan.

Hopefully you have all have managed to stay safe with all the snow and ice we've been having. All it makes me want to do is stay in and drink some hot chocolate with whipped cream. Ahh...to sit next to the fireplace with a cup of cocoa watching the snow fall. Until next time, stay warm and remember, spring is just around the corner.

Welcome New Businesses!

All Star Kung Fu
1824 Irving Park Road

Envios Express &
Services
2390-A Walnut

Midwest Gold Buyers
7420 Barrington Road

Corlan Medicar
2071A Irving Park Rd

Chumas Grocery
7217 Olde Salem

Famous Fadez
2101 Irving Park Rd

Lux Dry Cleaners
2430 Army Trail Road



Spotlight On Business

Crown Trophy

With over 140 locations nationwide, 30 years in the industry and a growing exclusive product line, Crown Trophy has come to be known as “America’s Favorite Awards Store!” Crown Trophy Hanover Park has been providing high quality products and services to local organizations in Hanover Park for the past six years. Crown Trophy currently employs 4 people at its location on Army Trail Road with an additional 12-14 local area teens added during their busiest seasons.

Jess Freeman and his son-in-law, Joe Trybus, owners of Crown Trophy Hanover Park, get to know their customers on a personal level. Their first clients were local schools and park districts.



Through “word of mouth” and “shoe leather” marketing, their clients grew to include the Hanover Park Little League, the Hanover Park Cheerleading and Football Association, the Hanover Park Fire and Police Departments, and the Village of Hanover Park. Their business philosophy includes providing special donations and discounts to several local not-for-profit organizations.

Some of the many services and products provided at Crown Trophy include sports awards, trophies, plaques, medals and pins, name badges, acrylics, glass and crystal awards, as well as a full line of corporate awards and state-of-the-art laser engraving. Crown Trophy specialists work closely with their customers to design those special “customized” trophies, while offering a quick turnaround time. That’s one of the reasons Crown Trophy has experienced a steady increase in local customers over the years. Jess and Joe have stated that “Our philosophy is to be a contributing member of the community who support youth organizations, not just the local sports clubs”. Their motto “WE CAN” is a daily assurance to their customers that their needs will be taken care of.

Crown Trophy is community minded through its support of local youth organizations, personally going to the local fields and businesses to meet and greet customers, and continually finding new ways of integrating into the community. Crown’s concept is to reward everyone who participates. Crown Trophy was a finalist for the 2007 Mayor’s Choice Award in recognition of their commitment to the community, dedication to their customers, and positive contributions to the residents of Hanover Park.

To see the full line of products and services that Crown Trophy offers, stop by the Crown Trophy Hanover Park store located at 1826 West Army Trail Road (NW corner of County Farm), in Hanover Park, IL. They can be contacted at 630-213-3890 or by e-mail: crowntrophyhanover@sbcglobal.net. Store hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Crown Trophy – where “Everyone is a Winner!”



The Finance Counter

What's New

Water bill payments may now be made at Zuli's Grocery located at 2009 W. Irving Park Road. Only cash will be accepted. Zuli's will charge a \$0.50 administrative fee per transaction.

Payments may also be made at Dino's Finer Foods located at 6768 Barrington Road. Only cash will be accepted at Dino's.

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.

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.

Senior Citizen Discounts Available

Water Discount:

Hanover Park residents age 65 or older are invited to apply for our senior water bill program. With this program, seniors are exempt from the minimum bill payment and are only required to pay for the actual amount of water that is used. Applications are available at the Village Hall in the Finance Department.

Refuse Discount:

Allied Waste Services offers 50% reduced garbage rates for seniors needing financial assistance. You must meet the specific income and residency criteria and have been approved for the Circuit Breaker Program to be eligible. Call 630-372-4210 or stop in the Manager's Office for more information.

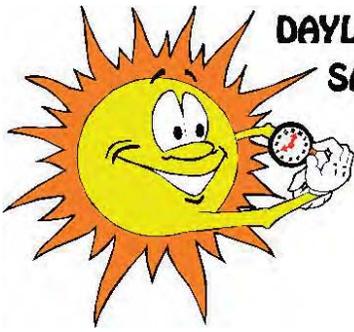
Selling your home?

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.



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME**

**Don't forget to set
your clock ahead
one hour
March 8, 2009!**

Calendar of Events

February	2	Budget Workshop	7:30 PM
	5	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	9	Budget Workshop	7:30 PM
	10	CONNECT Committee Meeting	Noon
	10	Sister City Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	16	Presidents Day - Village Hall Closed	
	19	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
	19	Citizen Corps Council Meeting	6:00 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	
26	Budget Workshop	7:30 PM	
March	2	Budget Workshop	7:30 PM
	5	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	10	CONNECT Committee	Noon
	10	Sister City Meeting	7:00 PM
	12	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	16	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee	7:15 PM
	19	Cook County Water Bills Due	
	19	STAARS - Greenbrook School	7:00 PM
	19	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	24	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
April	2	Village Board Meeting	7:00 PM
	9	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	14	CONNECT Committee	Noon
	14	Sister City Meeting	7:30 PM
	16	STAARS - Horizon School	6:45 PM
	16	Budget Law Hearing	7:15 PM
	16	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	20	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
	20	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Meeting	7:15 PM
28	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM	



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...

SISTER CITY COMMITTEE MEMBERS RECOUNT TRAVELS TO CAPE COAST CASTLE: A Symbolic Journey through “The Door of No Return” in honor of Black History Month.

Many historians estimate that the majority of Americans who trace their roots to the plantations that once stood in the “Deep South” are descended from those who began their long sad journey from the slave forts of West Africa. Known as “castles,” these structures were built every 4 to 6 miles along the Gulf of Guinea, from present-day Sierra Leone to Cameroon. Inside their walls human beings were bought, bartered and sold as just another local commodity; they were imprisoned under gruesome conditions for weeks, then shipped as cargo to the New World.



Cape Coast, Ghana has one of the few remaining castles from this period. It was restored in the early 1990’s under the auspices of the Smithsonian Institution, and is now classified as a World Heritage Site. Hundreds of people walk the grounds every year, but for many it is anything but a “tourist attraction”. Instead it is a personal glimpse at a broken link in their family history; for others it is a breathtaking reminder of the resiliency of the human spirit.



Cape Coast Castle is not an easy place to visit. The guides are knowledgeable but they do not spare you the experience. You edge your way down into the dungeons, walking on stone steps worn smooth -- not by the weather -- but by countless bare feet. You are enveloped in the inky darkness, standing uncomfortably close to fellow travelers; you imagine the despair of being chained together, losing all sense of time. The guide takes you back into the courtyard, and you instinctively reach for your sunglasses; you welcome the breeze and move about freely in the open compound. Your mind turns to another century. How brutal the sun must have been after so many weeks below ground; how incredible to take a long breath of sea air after the stench of existing in excrement.



The guide offers concluding remarks, describing how the captives, still in shackles, were herded out of the castle, onto the lava rock, into wooden canoes then rowed out to the deep water, forced to climb nets onto the sailing ships. The guide explains the symbolic “Door of No Return”. You are invited to step through it.

You stand as a group on the lava rock and look out to sea, far out to the horizon line, far out to what appears to be the end of the world. Once another group of people stood in this same place and saw this same sight, but under such different circumstances. You are silent and feel the connection. When it is time to walk back through the door, you go back in memory of those who were never able to return.

Blood Drive to be held March 11

Providing potentially life-saving help to a victim of a car accident, a patient with anemia or a blood-related disorder, those needing a bone marrow or organ transplant, or those needing a transfusion during emergency surgery is as easy as stopping by the Village Hall and rolling up your sleeve on March 11, 2009.

LifeSource Blood Center will be at the Village Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. making it convenient for those who would like to give the “gift of life” by donating blood.

All blood types are urgently needed to help return the blood supply to normal levels. You can register in advance by calling Wendy Bednarek at 630-372-4250. Walk ins are welcome!





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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 CONECT
- 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

Hanover Park Hurricanes Win Super Bowl

At a recent Board meeting, Hanover Park officials recognized the Hurricanes 115# Football Team for their victory at the BGYFL Super Bowl. A proclamation declaring December 1 – 6, 2008 as Hurricane Nation week was read. Gratitude was expressed to Vincent Hailey, President of Hurricane Nation for support and dedication to the youth of the Hanover Park Community. The skills youngsters are taught: leadership, discipline, teamwork and sportsmanship stay with players for the rest of their lives.



Many team members attended the meeting wearing game jerseys that proudly display the Hanover Park logo commemorating the town's 50th Anniversary. Head Coach Phil Rizzo expressed thanks to the Village for their support of Hurricane football. Members of the 115# Football Team include: Chris Abruzzo, Bryce Carlson, Isaiah Carrington, Nathan Dary, Anthony Dickey, Riley Dino, Edgar Favela, Michael Gutierrez, Jacob Kalinowski, Austin Lerma, Randy McAfee, Jessie Mijes, Alex Pineda, Hurshel Ross III, Jakob Roth, Zack Saboya, Michael Staniszewski, Zachary Thomson, Thomas Tripicchio, and Zak Yurik. The team was coached by Phil Rizzo, Sr., Scott Mruk, Jim Zaloudek, Mike Maxa, Josh Maxa and Phil Rizzo Jr.

Curfew Reminders

The Hanover Park Police Department vigorously enforces the curfew ordinance in an effort to reduce crime. Experience has shown that in many cases, juveniles violating curfew are involved in the commission of other, more serious crimes. In other cases, juveniles violating curfew are at greater risk to become a victim of a crime.

Hanover Park Local Ordinance provides that "It shall be unlawful for a minor to be or remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Village during curfew hours." Curfew hours are defined from 11:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday until 6:00 a.m. the following day; and 12:01 a.m. until 6:00 a.m. on any Saturday or Sunday. A minor, for the purposes of the curfew ordinance, means any unemancipated person under 17 years of age.

There are limited exceptions to curfew restrictions. The complete curfew ordinance is available for review on the Village website www.hpil.org.



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.

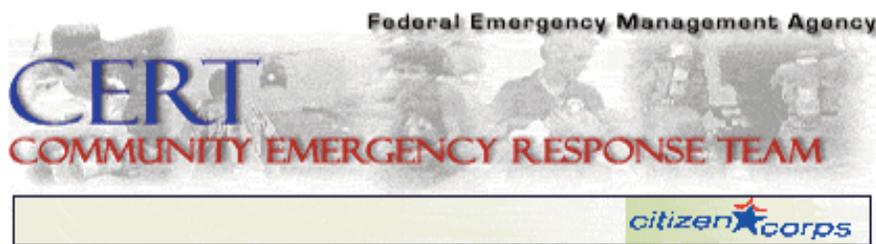
We'd love to hear from you!

The next call in will be February 26, 2009 and March 26, 2009

Interested in Helping Your Community in An Emergency? Consider Participating in the CERT Training Program.

Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demand for these services. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. With this training, they will be able to provide for the needs of their home and family during a disaster. The CERT training consists of the following:

- **DISASTER PREPAREDNESS:** Addresses hazards to which people are vulnerable in their community. Materials cover actions that participants and their families take before, during, and after a disaster. Since they will want to help their family members and neighbors, this training can help them operate in a safe and appropriate manner. The CERT concept and organization are discussed as well as applicable laws governing volunteers in that jurisdiction.
- **DISASTER FIRE SUPPRESSION:** Briefly covers fire chemistry, hazardous materials, fire hazards, and fire suppression strategies. However, the thrust of this session is the safe use of fire extinguishers, sizing up the situation, controlling utilities, and extinguishing a small fire.
- **DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS PART I:** Participants practice diagnosing and treating airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques.
- **DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS, PART II:** Covers evaluating patients by doing a head to toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area, performing basic first aid, and practicing in a safe and sanitary manner.
- **LIGHT SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS:** Participants learn about search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques, and most important, rescuer safety.
- **DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY AND TEAM ORGANIZATION:** Covers signs and symptoms that might be experienced by the disaster victim and worker. It addresses CERT organization and management principles and the need for documentation.
- **COURSE REVIEW AND DISASTER SIMULATION/EXERCISE:** Participants review their answers from a take home examination. Finally, they practice the skills that they have learned during the previous six sessions in disaster activity.



The Hanover Park Police Department will be sponsoring a CERT Training program on Wednesday evenings beginning March 4th and ending on April 1st. Each session will run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. If you are 18 years of age, a resident of Hanover Park and are interested in becoming a trained CERT member, please contact Sgt. John Dossey at 630-372-4414 for a course application.

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

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

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