

Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee

Presents

Celebrating Cultural Diversity

The Strength of our Village

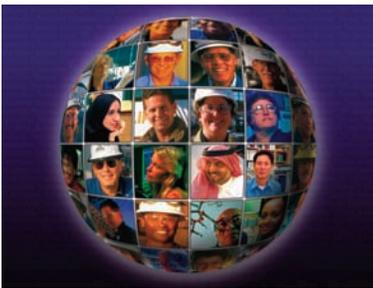
The Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee invite you to celebrate Multicultural Communications Month and to honor Asian culture.

Listen ■ See ■ Feel ■ Smell ■ Taste the diversity of Hanover Park with all of your senses and enjoy cultural presentations.

Saturday

April 4, 2009

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM



Village of
Hanover Park
Municipal
Complex
2121 W. Lake Street
Hanover Park

Economic Development Update

The Village recently accomplished two significant economic development projects. Completion increases property and sales taxes that help fund Village services.

First, in November 2008, Menards opened its new home improvement center at the prior location of the old Tradewinds Shopping Center at the northeast corner of Barrington and Irving Park Roads. The Village undertook a bold creative economic development strategy using



Menards is located at the corner of Barrington and Irving Park Roads.

Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to achieve this new commercial center. Menards had planned to move its existing store out of town so the Village initiated a redevelopment agreement including the Village's condemnation of shopping center leases and relocation of tenants. Menards is

responsible for development costs and the Village will provide sales tax and TIF financial incentives for a portion of the costs. Based upon early sales tax returns, this high priority business retention objective to retain Menards has been successful, and the Village will derive increased sales taxes for many years to come.

In the upcoming Fiscal Year 2010 budget, the Village will make the last indebtedness payment on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District No. 2 bonds, which were issued in 1987. The TIF bonds funded the redevelopment of the Westview Shopping Center at the northwest corner of Barrington and Irving Park Roads. Some residents may remember this area included an old redi-mix cement plant and an obsolete Kohls food store, which was structurally deteriorating due to poor soils. The Village redevelopment plan included borrowing approximately \$12 million for land acquisition and soil stabilization costs that has been repaid not from Village-wide property taxes, but from the increase in taxes within the TIF District. 22 years later, the center is an example of a successful TIF redevelopment. Presently the center includes Ultra Foods, LA Fitness, Card Factory Outlet and several other retail establishments.

Annual Police Auction Scheduled May 16, 2009

Looking to buy a bike, stereo, sports equipment, jewelry or more? Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 16 and plan to attend the annual Police Auction of unclaimed property. The event will be held rain or shine in the Public Works garage, 2121 W. Lake Street. Previewing begins at 8:00 AM; a professional auctioneer will put the first item up for bid at 9:00 AM. All sales are final. Bidders are required to sign in to participate.



Minute with the Mayor...



The Mayor's column has been an interesting endeavor during my first term as your Village President. As this term comes to a close I feel the need to reflect on a few thoughts.

The people of Hanover Park comprise an impressive cross-section of cultures and backgrounds. Every township, school district, college district, park district, library district, and your Village must seek to understand the different values, norms, and relationships that exist within each and every diversity. As I have worked to build relationships with each, I've discovered how our ability to work together can truly make a difference in our quality of life. The Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee is beginning to model how to bring everyone together and celebrate their heritage. The schools are seeking and modeling excellent solutions in a way that matches their neighborhood. As first generation parents are discovering, taking a greater and active role in the education of their children is important, as they learn to read, write, and earn respect. My recent visit to Streamwood High School to speak to our young people looking ahead with an openness and willingness to contribute to the good of all is refreshing. So many are looking at teaching and public service in jobs that contribute to the health and support of families, this is good for our future. Many others students are not sure, it was very rewarding to share with them the emerging opportunities that green solutions will bring and the opportunities for new jobs that require creative thinking and solutions.

Recently I participated at a fundraising event at Greenbrook School for the Lantgen family whose daughter is trying to beat the effects of leukemia. I must applaud the Principal/Teachers/PTO for their efforts to raise a significant amount of dollars during these trying times to aid the family. Yvette Barajas and Michelle Garrett deserve a job well done as leaders in our Village who know how to get the job done. Additionally, they could not have gotten the job done without the many volunteers and donations of raffle items. A great supportive family exists at Greenbrook School, thank you all for modeling the right stuff.

In the two years of my tenure, I've discovered a need for greater emphasis on intergovernmental collaboration. As the dollars become scarce, opportunities to save taxpayer dollars must be pursued. The Wind Turbine Alliance is one of those initiatives, (<http://www.ilwindforschools.com>) and now jobs are becoming another as the economy weakens.

As last year, I must share that on June 5th Relay For Life is returning to Hanover Park at the Hanover Park Park District Community Center. Call Wendy Bednarek at the Village for information. She can be reached at: 630-372-4254. 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 or the Relay for Life site: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=18330&pg=entry

The Mayor's Veteran Advisory Committee continues to meet, and I have applications on my desk. A Mayor's Breakfast on Saturday prior to Memorial Day will serve as the kick-off event. Additionally, considerations are being discussed to establish a Veteran's Honor Board to acknowledge our Hanover Park Veterans.

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. Involvement includes participating in the Municipal Elections on April 7th. This election for Hanover Park is a significant event given the differences between the political parties. It has been my passion to serve the people of this fine Village, wave when I drive by.



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Village of Hanover Park Honors Award Winners and Volunteers

The Village of Hanover Park recently held its Awards Night. Mayor Rod Craig presented awards and recognized Village volunteers and others who serve the Hanover Park community. Among the awards presented were the Citizen of the Year, Humanitarian Award, Youth of the Year Scholarship, Business of the Year, Educator of the Year, and Service to Youth Award. Also recognized were Village Committee members, the 2008 Appearance Award winners, and businesses who have contributed to the Village's Corporate Partnership Program.

Service to Youth Award

The Service to Youth Award was presented to Mr. Ray Kiel. Mr. Kiel has been involved with the Hanover Park Little League program since 1995 and the Scouting program since 1994. He managed and coached nine league championship teams and three big league championship teams. He serves on the Hanover Park Little League Board of Directors. Mr. Kiel was instrumental in the success of the 50th Anniversary parade.



Service to Youth Award (pictured left to right – Mayor Rod Craig and Ray Kiel)

Humanitarian Award

Each year, the Village of Hanover Park presents the Hanover Park Humanitarian Award to an individual or group who has served the community through humanitarian efforts. The award was presented to Pastor Jennie Swanson. Pastor Swanson is the Pastor at Living Christ Lutheran Church and Chaplain for the Hanover Park Fire Department. Under her leadership the community outreach center that provides a library and computer lab and “English as a Second Language” classes was created. Mayor Craig stated, “Pastor Swanson is a dedicated and gifted public servant.”

Youth of the Year

This program is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the young people of Hanover Park. Students are judged on heroism, community service, service to school, personal achievement and family commitment. This year's winner is Deval Patel and the runner up is Sandeep Sandhu. Both are seniors at Glensbard North High School.

Educator of the Year

Judy Ciaglo was presented with the Educator of the Year award for her work at Greenbrook Elementary School. Ms. Ciaglo is one of those special teachers who is always willing to go the extra mile for her students and colleagues. She will do whatever it takes to help her student's achieve. She has been a teacher in District 20 for 17 years and holds a Masters Degree in Education from St. Xavier College in Illinois.



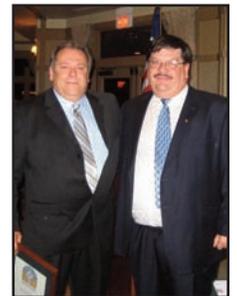
Educator of the Year (pictured left to right – Mayor Rod Craig and Judy Ciaglo)

Business of the Year

The “Mayor's Choice Business Award” program was developed by the Village's CONECT Committee to recognize outstanding achievement in the business community within the Village. The winner of the 2008 Mayor's Choice Business Award is First Eagle Bank. Established in Hanover Park in 1994, First Eagle has seen steady growth. The bank is very involved in community programs and activities. Its vision is to make a positive difference in people's lives, the community and each other. The “Spotlight on Business” article on page seven features First Eagle Bank and provides additional information on services this local bank provides to Hanover Park residents.

Citizen of the Year

Mayor Craig announced Mr. John Holdeman as the 2008 Citizen of the Year. Mr. Holdeman is the owner of Prairie Station Pub in Hanover Park. He also coordinated the Classic Car Show in celebration of the Village's 50th Anniversary. Mr. Holdeman contributed proceeds from the car show to DuCap, an organization formed to help the youth of Hanover Park. Mr. Holdeman is active in the “Toys for Tots” program, the Streamwood DARE program and with Smyrna Church.



Citizen of the Year - John Holdeman and Mayor Rod Craig

Thank you Corporate Sponsors

The Village of Hanover Park would like to extend a special thank you to those businesses who have participated in our Corporate Partnership Program

Gold Level

Bell, Boyd & Lloyd
 First Eagle Bank
 Paddock Publications
 Ultra Foods
 Budweiser- City Beverage
 Illini-High Reach
 Storino, Ramello & Durkin
 Water One

Silver Level

Andres Medical Billing
 Avalon Petroleum
 Classic Computer Systems
 Greenbrook Currency Exch.
 Northwest Collectors
 Norman Samelson
 Stephen A. Laser Associates
 Apple Hill Consulting
 Buck Brothers
 Consoer Townsend
 Harris Bank
 S. B. Friedman and Co.
 Schirott & Lutkehans

STAARS

(STudent Artists and AuthoRS)
Shine at Village Hall



Artwork from Albert Einstein Elementary School was on display in the Village Hall January 15 to February 18, 2009. Artists include:

- Third Grade:** Caitlin Bondarowicz, Peter Gomez
Fourth Grade: Katrina Adriatico, Michala Belter, Kirsten Besterman
Fifth Grade: Tayyibah Ahmed, Callie Johnson, Preena Patel, Ryan Ward
Sixth Grade: Nidya Galvez, Joe Kosiek, Marie Lange, Karishma Patel, Megha Patel, Maeve Prusnick



Artwork from Anne Fox School was on display in the Village Hall February 19 to March 18, 2009. Artists include:

- Second Grade:** Grecia Aquilar
Third Grade: Vanessa Bahic, Jackie Serrano
Fourth Grade: Haris Khan, Cheyenne Kopecky
Fifth Grade: Justin Fortney, Javon Lane, Julia Morales, Yazmin Nunez, Cederian Jones-Stevens



Public Works Department Hiring Seasonal Employees



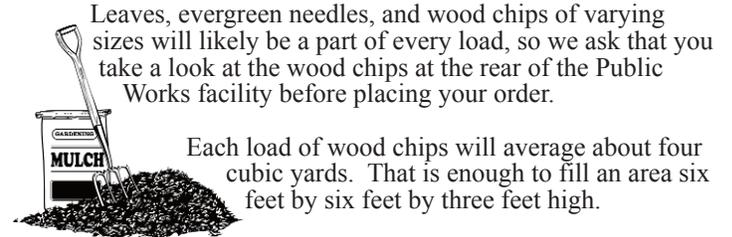
The Village has immediate openings for full-time seasonal laborers to work 40 hours per week; 6 AM to 2:30 PM Monday through Friday, April through September or July through December. Responsibilities include performing various manual tasks in the maintenance of Village property and/or repair of roads and drainage structures, and other related work.

Applicants must be at least 18 years year of age, possess a valid driver's license and steel toe safety shoes. Hiring is contingent on prospective employees passing an employer-paid drug screening.

The selection process will include a review of the candidate's past work experience, a personal interview and background checks. Applications and further information may be obtained from the Village's web site www.hpil.org at Village Hall, 2121 W. Lake Street, or by calling 630/372-4250.

Free Wood Chips Available

Residents can call the Village for free wood chips. The wood chips are a by-product of the Village's Brush Pick Up Program and vary in size and composition.



Leaves, evergreen needles, and wood chips of varying sizes will likely be a part of every load, so we ask that you take a look at the wood chips at the rear of the Public Works facility before placing your order.

Each load of wood chips will average about four cubic yards. That is enough to fill an area six feet by six feet by three feet high.

The Public Works Department will deliver the wood chips and dump them in the driveway ONLY—not on driveway aprons, sidewalks or lawns.

Call the Public Works Department at 630-372-4440 for further information and to request a delivery.

Environmental Committee

Looking for Volunteers

Each year, The Conservation Foundation conducts its DuPage County River Sweep. The River Sweep is a county-wide clean-up which encourages citizens to improve local waterways by removing debris and litter from a section of stream or pond. The event has been held annually since 1991, and citizen volunteers have removed nearly 185 tons of garbage from DuPage County waterways. This year, the event is being held on Saturday, May 16 from 9 AM to noon.

The Environmental Committee would like to lead a group of volunteers from the Village of Hanover Park in cleaning a section of the West Branch of the DuPage River or a local pond. We are looking for individuals or groups to assist in keeping our waterways clean. If you're interested, please contact the Public Works Department for more information or to be placed on the volunteer list.

Recycling

The Environmental Committee would like to remind you the Village is a collection point for electronic waste and CFL light bulbs. If you have any of these items to recycle, please bring them to the Public Works Department, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. To date, we have diverted almost 21,000 pounds of waste from landfills.

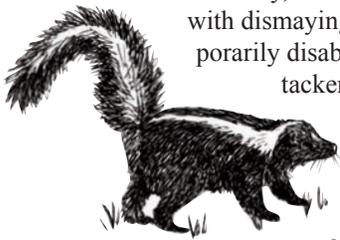
Energy Grant Received

The Village has recently completed work in conjunction with a grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation. The grant funded the upgrade of various lighting fixtures in the Police Department and Fire Station 2 to energy-efficient units. It is estimated these new fixtures will reduce our energy consumption by 10.21 kilowatts.

The Environmental Committee meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Village Hall. We are always looking for interested parties to join us in our quest to improve the environment. If you have ideas you would like to share with the committee, please join us at our next meeting.

Living with Skunks

The striped skunk is one of our more interesting mammals, with a unique striped black-and-white coat, bouncing walk, and an air of confidence. The confidence is the result of a remarkable defense system: glands beneath the skunk's tail produce an oily, sulfurous substance that it can spray with dismaying accuracy (up to 12-16 feet), temporarily disabling the senses of a potential attacker and allowing the skunk to escape.



Skunks are nocturnal burrowing members of the weasel family, with a diet that includes insects, other small animals, fruits and carrion. Many of the insects that

skunks eat are bothersome to humans. With the onset of spring, skunks can become more of a nuisance. The Village offers the following suggestions on dealing with skunks:

Preventing Problems With Skunks

- ☼ Do not encourage skunks by feeding them.
- ☼ Keep pet food and watering dishes inside, especially at night.
- ☼ Do not allow spillage to accumulate outside bird feeders.
- ☼ Keep grills and barbecues clean. Even the smallest food scraps may attract skunks.
- ☼ Do not keep garbage cans outside, if possible. If stored outside, keep them securely covered.
- ☼ Use welded wire to exclude animals from underneath decks, steps, elevated shed openings under concrete slabs and porches.
- ☼ Secure outside access to crawl spaces.
- ☼ Cover window wells.

Recommended Deterrent Techniques

- ☼ Place lighting (such as bright flashlights, flood lamps, blinking strands of holiday lights, etc.) in their den to be left on during the daytime for one week. They are nocturnal animals, and light will disturb their rest.
 - ☼ Play a radio, portable alarm clock, noisy children's toy or anything that plays music or makes noise repeatedly either in or near their den during the daytime for one week to disturb their rest.
 - ☼ Place rags soaked in ammonia at the den and stake it down. Ammonia has an irritating smell. Over time, the ammonia will dissipate, so it is important to re-soak the rags on a daily basis.
- Very Important:* We do not recommend using ammonia soaked rags during the baby season (March-August). It may injure infant wildlife, which are too young to escape.
- ☼ Pour moth crystals into the den.

It is important to use all the techniques at the same time in order for the deterrents to be successful. To determine if the animal has left the den site, fill the opening with dirt. If the skunk is still using the den, the dirt will be cleared away. If after a few days the dirt has not been disturbed, securely repair any access openings. Failure to do so may result in the skunk or another animal moving in.

Contact the Public Works Department at 630-372-4440 for further assistance.

Village Streets Scheduled for Resurfacing

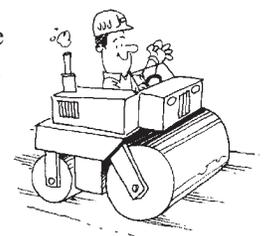
The Village of Hanover Park will be resurfacing 12 streets throughout the Village this spring.

The work will begin in May and consists of grinding approximately two inches of existing asphalt and replacing with a new two-inch thick asphalt surface course. Prior to the resurfacing, drainage structures will be rebuilt, sections of deteriorated pavement will be patched, and deteriorated sections of curb and gutter will be replaced. The resurfacing is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Street	From	To
Parkview Dr.	Kensington Ln.	Dead End
Brookside Dr.	Whitebridge Ln.	Parkview Dr.
Camelia Dr.	Briarwood Ave.	Arbor Vitae Dr.
Arbor Vitae Dr.	Astor Ave.	Dahlia Dr.
Center Ave.	Laurel Ave.	Lake St.
Hickory St.	Sycamore Ave.	Walnut Ave.
Plum Tree Ln.	Sycamore Ave.	Walnut Ave.
Evergreen Ave.	Church St.	Hanover St.
Indian Hill Ave.	Highland St.	Dead End
Maclain Ln.	Cinema Dr.	Dead End
Garbo Ln.	Cinema Dr.	Dead End
Arlington Cir.	Arlington Dr.	Arlington Dr.

Village Offers Sidewalk, Curb and Gutter Reimbursement Program

Are you planning on reconstructing your driveway this year? Do you think your sidewalk, or curb and gutter should be replaced at the same time? If you answered yes to both questions, the Village may be able to assist you.



If your sidewalk needs to be replaced, the Village may contribute up to \$4.00 per square foot. For the curb and gutter, the reimbursement is up to \$15.00 a lineal foot.

For more information on the program, please contact the Public Works Department at 630-372-4440 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Village Hall will be closed Memorial Day May 25, 2009
Police and Fire Departments will be open

CONNECT
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Anita and Don Komorski

All About Wireless

Alvarez Jewelry
Leticia Alvarez

**Charter National Bank
and Trust**
William Mingotti

**Classic Computer
Systems**
Kevin Swan

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William Schierer

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Bakery**
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MIDCO
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Patti Besler

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Sherry Craig

Staff Liaison
Patrick Grill

**The CONECT committee
Mission Statement:**

CONNECT 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.

CONNECT COMMITTEE

'Connecting with Business - the Hanover Park CONECT Committee
(Committee On Networking, Education and Community Teamwork)

Hot Off The Grill

Do my eyes deceive me? Is the mercury actually rising, dare I say, into the sixties? Spring must be on the way. At least the huge snow piles from December are gone, and I can actually see the dormant grass of my yard. Soon the buds will come out, the grass will start to turn green, and I'll begin to remember why I continue to put up with these winters around here.

Those of you who live on the northeast side of town have probably noticed the face-lift going on at Olde Salem Plaza. This is the small shopping center at the northeast corner of Olde Salem Circle and Irving Park Road. Mr. Konstantinos (Gus) Tselos has taken on the challenge to reinvigorate this aging center. Gus has already completed a façade improvement and will continue to make exterior improvements to the property. He has made it his mission to fill the center with a variety of multi-cultural businesses. Currently, Gus has leases for approximately 83% of the center and anticipates that he will have the center 100% leased within the next 2 to 3 months. This center is already home to such businesses as Liberty Tax Service, Hanover Glass, Allstate Insurance, ADT, Barton Staffing, and JV Tek. Businesses that will soon be opening include Chumas Grocery, SWS Imprints and the Learning Junction daycare. Gus has tried to provide as many different services as possible at this location in an attempt to meet the needs of the surrounding neighborhood. Once Gus has finished with the redevelopment and retenancy of this building, he intends on looking for another location in Hanover Park to do the same thing. If you haven't already, you may want to stop by and see the changes going on at Olde Salem Plaza.



By the time you read the article, the new Suburban Tire store on Lake Street, across from Village Hall, will probably be open. The owner, Steve Lefler, has done a fantastic job with the building and incorporating various types of green technologies, including use of solar power, waste oil heating and heat recovery ventilators and a geo-thermal heating system. In addition, all the old steel from the previous building was recycled and the all the wood was mulched. A green roof will be added later in the spring. You'll definitely want to take advantage of the "Grand Opening" specials that Steve will be offering.

I'd also like to remind everyone about the new Pace Bus Route #554 that is now running during the morning and afternoon rush hours Monday through Friday. It's a great way to get to Woodfield Mall, Elgin, St. Alexius Medical Center, and most importantly, to the Hanover Park train station.

Lastly, I'm feeling so bullish about the weather that I'm going to grill out tonight and dust off the golf clubs and bring them up from the basement. May you all enjoy a great spring.

Welcome New Businesses!

American Real Property
7235 Olde Salem

Hanover Dental
7640 Barrington Road

The Learning Junction
7229 Olde Salem

Ultimate Financing
7205 Orchard

Family 2nd Hand Store
1178 Lake Street



Spotlight On Business

One of the highlights of Hanover Park's Village Awards dinner in January was Mayor Rod Craig's presentation of the 2008 Mayor's Choice Award for

Business of the Year to First Eagle Bank. Opening in Roselle in 1985 and relocating to Hanover Park in 1994, First Eagle Bank has been providing its customers with a personal "hometown" touch to their banking needs.

Since relocating to Hanover Park, First Eagle Bank has seen steady growth and has become a prominent business in the community. The Hanover Park branch has 38 employees who work hard to build a relationship with each and every customer. As an independent full-service commercial bank, First Eagle serves the business and residential communities with deposit and lending needs.

"The bank looks to cultivate long lasting, all-inclusive relationships with its customers, combining both technology and personalized service," said Patrick

Kaveney, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Especially during the current economic conditions, First Eagle takes pride in its stability and strong capital position. First Eagle offers its customers on-line banking and bill payment, telephone banking and debit cards while still striving to provide one-on-one customer service. "Much of our success can be attributed to our existing customers and the referrals we receive for their friends or customers to establish a relationship at First Eagle," said Paula Wegner, Senior Vice President. "First Eagle is proud of the many relationships it has developed over the years."



First Eagle Bank is very community-minded through its involvement in the following programs: corporate sponsorship of the Village of Hanover Park, member of CONECT, member and Board of Director of Hanover Park Chamber of Commerce, participation in the Village's 50th Anniversary celebration, teaching a four week class at Elsie Johnson School for second graders, mentoring at Greenbrook School and working with the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support program at Ontarioville School. First Eagle's vision is to make a positive difference in people's lives including their customers, the community and each other.

The Hanover Park branch of First Eagle Bank is conveniently located at 1040 Lake Street. Lobby hours are Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Drive-Up hours are Monday through Friday 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information on the extensive services and current rates offered, contact Paula Wegner at (630)893-3800.

Your Opinions on Future Village Development are Needed

The Village of Hanover Park wants to know your opinions about the issues that affect development in the Village. The comprehensive planning process offers opportunities for interested Hanover Park residents and business owners to provide input to assure the Plan reflects your desires and aspirations as the Village seeks to maintain a strong, attractive and desirable community. The Comprehensive Plan is a significant land use planning tool that will help guide future development in the Village.

We want you, the residents, to participate in the survey, the results of which will be used for the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code update. The survey is posted on the Village's web site www.hpil.org. It can be accessed through the homepage scrolling marquee or by navigating to Services/Community Development/Comprehensive Plan and clicking on the link to Teska Associates.

If you do not have access to a computer, you can pick up a copy of the survey at the following locations:

- Village Hall - 2121 W. Lake Street
- Police Department - 2121 W. Lake Street
- Fire Station No. 1 - 6850 Barrington Road
- Fire Station No. 2 - 5500 County Farm Road
- Schaumburg Township District Library - Hanover Park Branch - 1266 Irving Park Road
- Poplar Creek Public Library District - Sonya A. Crawshaw Branch 4300 Audrey Lane
- Metra Commuter Station - Lake Street & County Farm Road

Please return completed surveys by April 15, 2009 to the Village of Hanover Park, Community Development Department, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL 60133

Planning a Home Improvement?

If you're planning a home improvement project that involves changes to the exterior of your property, remember that you will need to submit a current plat of survey with your application. This includes any permit for a fence, shed, addition, pool, driveway, etc. The plat must be to scale (reductions or enlargements will not be accepted) and no more than six months old. These surveys are used to verify the location of the improvement



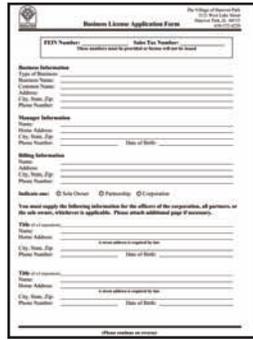
and to determine whether lot coverage or setbacks are met and where the current easements are located. New plats of survey are prepared when a home is sold and are usually included with your closing documents. Additionally, any registered surveyor can prepare a revised plat upon request. So when you're ready to make that improvement this spring, don't forget to bring a recent plat of survey with you to submit with your application.



The Finance Counter

What's New

Electronic copies of popular Finance Department forms are now available on-line. These forms are provided in PDF format and can be filled out on your computer before you print them. Go to www.hpil.org/referencedesk/formsandpermits.htm to see which forms are available.



Attention Commuters!

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 enough 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 Good News for Seniors!

Seniors are no longer required to reapply every year for the senior water bill program. If you are 65 or older and have not yet applied please come to the Village municipal complex to sign up. With this program, seniors are exempt from the requirement to pay the minimum bill amount and are only required to pay for the actual amount of water they use.

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.



Spring Can Bring Severe Weather

It's easy to be confused with terms weather stations use to alert us of severe weather. Two types of severe weather we encounter in our area are tornadoes and thunderstorms. Both can bring potential problems. Let's review the difference between a Warning and a Watch. A Tornado Watch means weather conditions are right and a tornado is *possible*. Listen to the radio or stay tuned to local television stations for further information. A Tornado Warning means a tornado has been spotted or indicated by the weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

Tornadoes generally occur at or near the trailing edge of a thunderstorm. Tornadoes can develop so rapidly that little, if any, advance warning is possible. Because of this rapid development you need to be sure you keep an eye out for the following danger signs: dark, greenish skies; large hail; a large, dark, low-lying cloud; loud roar, similar to a freight train.

Keep in mind peak tornado season in our area is March through July however, they can develop all year long.

Another severe weather possibility is thunderstorms. Like tornadoes, thunderstorms are issued as watches and warnings. A thunderstorm watch tells you that the weather is right to produce a thunderstorm, and you should keep an eye on the sky. Tune to local radio and television stations for details.



When weather centers issue a thunderstorm warning, severe weather has been reported by "spotters" or has been detected on doppler radar. The warning indicates imminent danger to life and property to those areas in its path. Thunderstorms can occur singly or in clusters and can produce heavy rain for a brief period; 30 minutes to an hour.

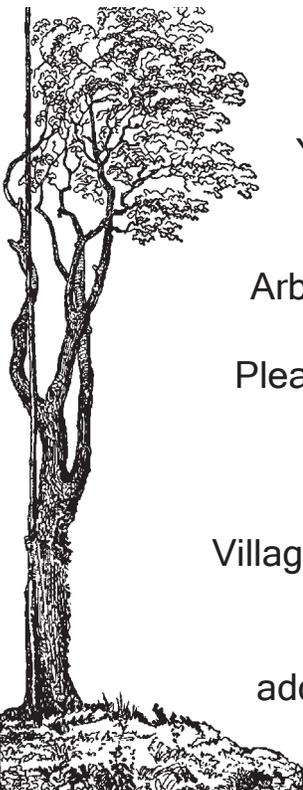
Guidelines to follow when a thunderstorm is likely to occur in your area include: secure objects outdoors that may blow away and then move inside; avoid taking a shower or bath during these periods as the fixtures found in the shower or bath can be conductors of electricity; unplug appliances (i.e. televisions, microwaves, etc.) and computers as they can be damaged by power surges from lightning

Websites are available providing additional information on severe weather in our area. Many of the sites suggest having an "Emergency Supply Kit". Kits should be in a rubber container, preferably with a lid, to help keep contents dry. Suggested items include: flashlights, battery-operated radios, extra batteries, gallon bottles of drinking water, first aid kit, blanket, food, and other essentials.

We have provided a brief outline of what to do and look for in the case of severe weather. You can access more information from the FEMA website www.fema.com or the Homeland Security website at www.homelandsecurity.com There you can also find answers to many of your questions on being prepared and staying safe.

Calendar of Events

April	4	Celebrating Cultural Diversity Event	3:00 PM
	6	Brush Pick Up - Area 1	7:00 AM
	9	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	13	Brush Pick Up - Area 2	7:00 AM
	14	CONNECT Committee	Noon
	14	Sister City Meeting	7:00 PM
	16	STAARS - Horizon School	6:45 PM
	20	Brush Pick Up - Area 3	7:00 AM
	20	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
	20	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	23	Budget Law Hearing	7:15 PM
	23	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	23	Elected Official Call In Program	7:00 PM
	24	Arbor Day Celebration	
May	27	Brush Pick Up - Area 4	7:00 AM
	28	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	7	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	12	CONNECT Committee	Noon
	12	Sister City Committee	7:00 PM
	14	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	16	Maxwell Street	9:00 AM
	18	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	20	Cook County Water Bills Due	
	21	Citizen Corps Council Meeting	6:00 PM
	21	STAARS - Laurel Hill School	7:00 PM
	21	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	25	Memorial Day - Village Hall Closed	
	26	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
28	Elected Official Call In	7:00 PM	
June	4	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	5	Relay for Life - American Cancer Society	6:00 PM
	9	CONNECT Committee Meeting	Noon
	9	Sister City Meeting	7:00 PM
	11	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 PM
	15	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Comm.	7:15 PM
	18	DuPage County Water Bills Due	
	18	Village Board Meeting	7:30 PM
	23	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 PM
	25	Elected Official Call In	7:00 PM



You are cordially
invited
to an
Arbor Day Celebration
April 24, 2009
Please visit the Village's
web site
www.hpil.org
or contact the
Village Manager's Office at
630/372-4210
for
additional information

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...

Annual Spring Hydrant Flushing

It's that time of year again. Beginning Monday, May 4 and continuing through Friday May 15, the Village Water Division will be flushing hydrants throughout the Village. The flushing will occur between the hours of 6:00 AM and 2:00 PM. Notices will be posted in designated areas prior to flushing.



Residents should not wash laundry during the flushing hours as rust staining of clothing may result. Residents with water softeners are encouraged to check the cycle time of their softeners so that the unit does not regenerate during this period.

Residents often ask why the Village flushes fire hydrants every year. The answer is regular hydrant flushing is a vital

part of routine maintenance for the water system for these important reasons:

Improves water quality: Flushing removes minerals such as iron and magnesium that have collected in the water mains.

Improves water flow: By removing these minerals, the inside diameter of a water main is increased and therefore allows a better flow of water.

Hydrant maintenance: A fire hydrant is a mechanical device. Operation of a hydrant lubricates internal mechanisms and gaskets.

Hydrant inspection: Any deficiencies are noted and repaired as necessary to insure that each hydrant will perform when needed for an emergency.

Hydrants will be flushed by area according to the following schedule:

Cook County

May 4, 5, 6

South of Irving Park Road, north of Lake Street, west of Barrington Road.

May 7, 8

South of Irving Park Road and east of Barrington Road. (Hanover Highlands and Longmeadows South Area)

May 11, 12, 13, 14

Jensen Boulevard east to Farmstead Lane, north of Irving Park Road to Cynthia Lane and Hastings Lane

DuPage County

May 4, 5, 6, 7

South of Devon Avenue, east of Church Road, west of Arlington Drive East (Greenbrook Area) Fremont and Glens area.

May 8, 11

South of Stearns Road, north of Schick Road

May 12, 13, 14, 15

South of Schick Road to Army Trail Road, east of Bayside Drive to west of Kuhn Road and west of Windjammer Lane.

Schedule subject to change due to weather conditions or emergencies!

Brush Pick Up Program Resumes

The Brush Pick Up Program provides FREE curbside pick up and chipping of branches, which are then reused as mulch. Last year, the program produced mulch which was made available free to Village residents for use around shrubs and flower beds. Brush will be picked up in April, July, and October.

What will be picked up:

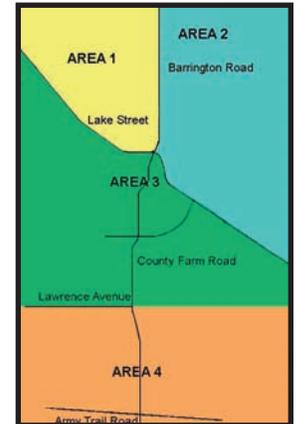
Branches with a minimum of two (2) feet in length and a maximum of ten (10) feet in length and less than eight (8) inches in diameter.

What will not be picked up:

- 🚫 Small hedge or pine clippings.
- 🚫 Yardwaste or brush in containers.
- 🚫 Brush or branches with thorns.
- 🚫 Stumps or tree roots.

How to stack the brush:

- 🚫 Neatly stack the brush in one direction with the butt end toward the street.
- 🚫 No lumber, wire, rope, or other material may be included with the brush.
- 🚫 Do not block the sidewalk when putting brush out!



Set-out Time

Brush can only be set out two days prior to 7:00 AM on your scheduled pick up day. Please cut out the schedule to refer to throughout the year.

Please do not put brush out after 7:00 AM on the first day of the collection cycle. Hold it for the next scheduled pick up. The Village incurs considerable cost returning to an area to collect brush set out after the first day of the collection cycle. If you have problems or questions regarding the Village's Brush Pick Up Program, call 630-372-4440.

Curbside yardwaste collection will be provided by Allied Waste Services once a week on Fridays through November 28, 2009. Yardwaste collection will resume on April 3, 2009. Yardwaste stickers are required for curbside pickup.

2009 Brush Pick Up Schedule

Area 1: Streets north of Lake St. and west of Barrington Rd.	April 6	July 6	October 5
Area 2: Streets north of Lake St. and east of Barrington Rd.	April 13	July 13	October 12
Area 3: Streets south of Lake St. and north of Lawrence Ave.	April 20	July 20	October 19
Area 4: Streets south of Lawrence Ave	April 27	July 27	October 26



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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

Protect Your GPS!

Hanover Park Police Officers have taken several reports of burglaries from vehicles. Items taken most often are global positioning system (GPS) devices. These little items make it easy and convenient for us to find where we're going. Unfortunately, they're also guiding the way for thieves!

Area publications report that GPS devices have become the number one stolen item. With GPS units typically retailing for \$200 to \$1,000, combined with their small size and high resale value, it's easy to see why they are so attractive to thieves.



Many GPS owners take precautions by hiding the device under their car seat or in the glove box. However, they usually leave the suction-cup windshield mount attached. Thieves see the mount and view that car as a likely target. Even if they don't see the actual mount, the tell-tale suction-cup ring identifies the possibility of a GPS device inside. Here are a few tips for protecting your GPS units:

- Lock your car doors - every time. Always. It seems simple, but an extremely high number of vehicle burglaries occur to unlocked cars.
- Try to park in well-lit, well-populated areas. If at home, use security lights. Burglars are very shy and like to stay hidden in the shadows.
- Always remove or hide your valuables anytime you leave your car. Don't make it so tempting the thief can't resist! Remove your GPS unit before you enter a place to park, as many thieves use spotters to watch for targets.
- Consider a friction mount instead of the suction-cup mount. These rest on the dashboard and can be easily hidden. If you do use the original mount, then at least wipe off the suction-cup mark from the windshield.
- Write down the unit's serial number. If your GPS is recovered, it's easier for authorities to determine it has been stolen and return it. Also, use your GPS's password/lock features.

As with most new technology, GPS units are designed to make our lives easier. Protect your property. Take away the temptation and the opportunity and the thief will likely go somewhere else. Don't let your GPS unit guide the bad guys to you, let it guide you to somewhere fun!



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 April 23, 2009 and May 28, 2009

Buy it or Sell it at Maxwell Street West!

Why host your own garage sale when we'll do all the hard work for you? Hanover Park's popular Maxwell Street West brings out thousands of potential customers. All you have to do is set up your merchandise and wait for people to stop by your table.

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



Maxwell Street West - Saturday, May 16, 2009 Sign Up Today!

Yes, I want to reserve a space at the Village of Hanover Park's Maxwell Street West

**Hanover Park Commuter Parking Lot - Lake Street
Saturday - May 16, 2009 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

- One Space, 9 feet wide by 18 feet deep \$20.00 (Hanover Park Resident) \$25.00 (Non-Resident)
 Two Spaces, 18 feet wide by 18 feet deep \$40.00 (Hanover Park Resident) \$50.00 (Non-Resident)

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

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Items to be sold _____

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

The Village reserves the right to restrict and prohibit the type of merchandise that can be sold from the Village's commuter parking lot. There will be NO sales of live animals, illegal products, weapons of any kind, sexually-oriented products or other material that - in the sole discretion of the Village - is deemed inappropriate for this event. Questions regarding whether certain merchandise may be sold should be directed to the Village Manager's office at (630)372-4210.

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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*
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