

# Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

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## Valparaiso - Hanover Park's Newest Sister City

The Hanover Park Sister Cities traveling delegation has successfully returned from its September 7-10, 2010 visit to Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico. Village President Rod Craig and Village Clerk Eira Corral accompanied members of the Sister Cities Committee: Chairman Linda McCance-Packham, Arnulfo Flores, Maria Pineda, and Gustavo Pineda. The traveling delegation made a personal investment in making the trip to officially recognize the Sister Cities bond that began with the December 2009 visit of Valparaiso, Zacatecas Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez.

The four day trip included a meet and greet with the Sister Cities Committee members of both Hanover Park and



*Hanover Park Sister Cities Delegation*

Valparaiso. A dialogue was shared on the goals and objectives of the committees, which highlighted the importance of a mutually beneficial relationship in

developing a transnational exchange of culture, traditions and best practices in municipal government. A formal welcoming was held to greet our Hanover Park delegation with the honor of being presented with the "Distinguished Guests" medal by Valparaiso, Zacatecas' Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez. The Sister Cities Relationship was officially accorded with the signing of a Friendship Agreement and exchange of gifts to commemorate the occasion.

The Hanover Park delegation had the opportunity to visit several institutions, which included Primary School J. Jesus Gonzalez Ortega, the Agro Technology Preparatory School, the Tomas Edison Library, and the Culture House. A presentation of the Valparaiso Comprehensive Development Plan was led by Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez who prominently noted the importance of developing round table discussions with residents, members of the local industries, and the migrant community to achieve cohesive community goals. Additionally, the presentation reviewed the structure of the 3x1 Migrant

Program, a partnership between the migrant community and the government at the municipal, state, and federal level. The 3x1 Migrant Program has served as a catalyst

for several economic and infrastructure development projects in Valparaiso, Zacatecas and other communities in Mexico. The success of the program derives from the civic participation of the migrant community and its commitment to invest one-fourth of the funding for such projects, while the municipal, state, and federal government each fund one part of the project.

Zacatecas' Governor Amalia Garcia Medina invited the Hanover Park Sister Cities delegation to celebrate the Day of the Migrant in the state capital. Mayor Craig and Clerk Corral delivered a proclamation declaring September 8, 2010 as Day of the Migrant in Hanover Park. The proclamation stressed the important contributions of the migrant community in the business community. The Sister Cities delegation attended a Migrant Day Conference led by Dr. Miguel Moctezuma Longoria of the University of Zacatecas. This event was followed by an honorary dinner hosted by Governor Garcia Medina, in which the Migrant of the Year was recognized for his leadership.



*Hanover Park Village President Rodney Craig with Valparaiso Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez.*



*Hanover Park Sister Cities Delegation with Valparaiso Sister City Members*

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## Minute with the Mayor ...



*Valparaiso Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez with Village President Rodney Craig.*

I was honored to lead the Hanover Park delegation of the Sister Cities Committee to Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico. Local officials, committee members and their families witnessed the signing of the Sister Cities Friendship Agreement. Valparaiso Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez and I signed the important document as Valparaiso joins as our second Sister City (Cape Coast, Ghana being the first). It was a marvelous trip as we learned about the many projects helping to improve the quality of life in central Mexico. Many U.S. citizens from the Valparaiso, Zacatecas area live in and around Hanover Park, and are assisting their home town with many improvements. The people we met were warm and generous during our visit, and wherever we went we were greeted honorably. Our concerns for the well being of our country are equally matched in Mexico. I'm optimistic that our legislative leaders will collaborate on a solution to the immigration issues in the near future. We need to work hard on the problem and celebrate the people.

I was pleased that the ground breaking of the new Police building occurred as the Village moves ahead with this project. I've submitted numerous names of skilled workers to our general contractor, Leopardo Construction, in hopes to help put Hanover Park residents to work. This was a goal of the Village Board as we move forward investing in our hometown. We expect to have our station open for service in late 2011. Please, watch the progress by visiting our live webcam at [www.hpil.org/pdwebcam](http://www.hpil.org/pdwebcam).

The photo to the right, with Senator Durbin, was taken in Washington D.C. as I joined a delegation of Mayors from both DuPage and Cook Counties. Pictured are Itasca Mayor Jeff Pruyn, Hanover Park Mayor Rod Craig, Bensenville Mayor Frank Soto, Senator Durbin, Franklin Park Mayor Barrett Pedersen, DuPage County Chairman Bob Schillerstrom, and Elmhurst Mayor Pete DiCianni, as we seek support for the Western Access to O'Hare and the connecting roadway project. Also attending was Elk Grove Village Deputy Manager Murphy and DuPage County Commissioner James Healy. This road is of national importance for the number of jobs it will create, its economic enhancements throughout the corridor, and its ease to congestion. The plan is valuable for Hanover Park as a match to our updated Comprehensive Plan recently approved by the Village Board. Our goal is to bring direct public transportation to County Farm Road to enable us to provide a hub to North/South transit along the Barrington Road/County Farm corridor. We also met with Congressmen Roskam, Costello, Mica, Lipinski, and Congresswoman Biggert, along with the Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood.



*Delegation of Mayors from both Cook and DuPage Counties in Washington, DC.*

This summer the Village co-sponsored, along with John Holdeman of Prairie Station Pub, a wonderful Car and Motorcycle Show at the Metra station. We attracted over 130 cars and expanded the show to include auto related vendors and UTI, a training school for auto mechanic education. Proceeds from the Car and Motorcycle show benefited the Hanover Park Community Resource Center. Lots of fun was had by all as we enjoyed a perfect weather day.

I must also make special mention of Veteran's Committee member Ann Delort, who requested we pursue remembering those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. On Saturday, September 11, 2010, the Village held a ceremony honoring the individuals who lost their lives on this tragic day, along with those that continue to pay the ultimate price as Police and Firefighters. It was a great event which included the presentation of an 8' X 13' American Flag hand crocheted by Hanover Park resident Dallas Braun.

Remember to vote this November. Voting sends a message. It says, "We care. We are involved. We are engaged in solving the problems of our day." The reason Hanover Park is represented by State Senators and Representatives who are engaged, communicate, and care about our area, is because we are willing to stand up and make our voices heard. I encourage you to vote. Don't let the pessimism and negativity that dominate our media keep you home.

Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Share in the Pride for Hanover Park. Take the time to volunteer and give back to our wonderful town, at the Schools, Churches, or assisting on the playing field. We are a Village that believes all youth will achieve and have hope for success without exception.

Sincerely,

Rodney S. Craig, Village President

[rcraig@hpil.org](mailto:rcraig@hpil.org)

## 3rd Annual Car Show A Success

On Sunday, August 22, 2010, the Village of Hanover Park proudly sponsored the 3rd Annual Car and Motorcycle Show presented by Prairie Station Pub. This event raised funds to benefit the Hanover Park Community Resource Center's youth programs. On a wonderful sunny afternoon, the event provided great fun and family time for the residents of Hanover Park, and attracted spectators from the neighboring towns. We appreciate the participation of the car and motorcycle owners that proudly showcased 130 of their best engines. Congratulations to the winners!



## Sign Up for Our eNews and eAlerts Service

Sign up for the Village's eNews and eAlerts service, which is available to anyone interested in receiving periodic e-mail updates containing information on Village news and events. Since the program was introduced in August 2009, more than 900 residents have subscribed.

This service also sends out eAlerts from the Public Works, Police and Fire Departments when there is an emergency such as a water boil order, natural disaster or other emergency information requiring immediate action.

To join the eNews and eAlert mailing list, simply go to the Village's website, [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org), click on the mailing list button under "Services" on the left-hand side of the screen, and enter your e-mail address.

You may opt to be removed from the e-mail list at any time by clicking on the "unsubscribe" option.

## Valparaiso - Sister City *(Continued from page 1)*

Establishing the Sister Cities Relationship with Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico continues the mission of the Sister Cities International organization, originated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, to create and strengthen partnerships between U.S. and international communities by building global cooperation at the municipal level, promoting cultural understanding and stimulating economic development. This is the second Sister Cities relationship for the Village of Hanover Park, having already established a bond with Cape Coast, Ghana, Africa of nearly 20 years.



*Members of both the Hanover Park Sister Cities and Valparaiso, Zacatecas Sister Cities delegations.*

## Hispanic Heritage Event

Village President Rod Craig, Village Clerk Eira Corral, Trustee Rick Roberts, the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee, and the Hanover Park Police and Fire Departments joined the Hanover Park Park District and the Hanover Park Park Foundation in celebrating Latino heritage through an extraordinary cultural event on September 17, 2010, which highlighted the historic Mexican Bicentennial Independence Day. The show was a demonstration of the importance of family values and the new generation of Latino youth by showcasing the Genesis youth folkloric ballet and Hanover Park's very own Los 5 Magnificos de la Quebradita aerobic dance performers. The participation of these young people provided an opportunity to learn about the role that youth plays in keeping their cultural roots and integrating their values to their upbringing in Hanover Park.

## Holiday Safety Tips

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



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

**Lights:** Always turn off lights on trees and other decorations when you go to bed or leave your home. A short circuit in any of this equipment could cause a fire. Never use electric lights on a metallic tree. Use only lights that have been tested by Underwriters Laboratories (UL label) or another reputable testing agency. Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Never use indoor lights outside.

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



**Candles:** Keep candles a safe distance from other items in your home. Candles should also be kept out of reach of children. Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Keep candles away from decorations and wrapping paper and place candles where they cannot be knocked over.

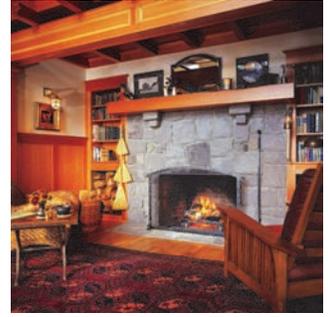
**Paper:** Dispose of gift wrappings soon after opening presents. A room full of paper lying around on the floor is just one more holiday hazard. Do not burn wrappings in the fireplace, as they may ignite suddenly and cause a flash fire.



**Holiday Plants:** Holly and mistletoe can be fatal to a small child. Poinsettia leaves are not fatal if swallowed, but can cause a skin rash and an upset stomach. Call 9-1-1 if your children ingest any of these holiday plants.

## Fireplace Safety

As summer slowly fades to fall and the temperatures begin to drop, there's nothing quite as cozy and warm as a crackling fire in the fireplace. But if you don't take some simple precautions, that fire could turn deadly.



Each year, approximately 14,000 house fires are started by fireplaces in the United States.

Keep your family safe and warm by using these fireplace safety tips:

- **Have your chimney or wood stove inspected** and cleaned annually by a certified chimney specialist. This reduces the risk of fires and carbon monoxide poisonings due to creosote buildup or obstructions in the chimney. To locate a certified chimney specialist, visit the CSIA website at [www.csia.org](http://www.csia.org) or your local telephone directory.
- **Install a chimney cap** to keep debris and animals out of the chimney. Remove branches at least 15 feet away from the top of the chimney.
- **Choose the right fuel.** Choose well seasoned wood that has been split for a minimum of six months to one year and stored in a covered and elevated location. Never burn Christmas trees, treated wood or construction debris in your fireplace.
- **Keep the hearth and area around the fireplace clear.** Combustible material, such as furniture or seasonal decorations, too close to the fireplace could easily catch fire.
- **Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.** Place detectors throughout the house and check batteries in the spring and fall. When you change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time, remember to check your batteries.
- **Never leave a fire unattended.** Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house. Soak hot ashes in water and place them in a metal container outside your home.

**More tips.** You can receive more information on keeping your family safe and warm this winter by visiting [www.csia.org](http://www.csia.org) or [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov).



## Keep the Wreath Red Program



As we approach the holiday season, the Hanover Park Fire Department would like to remind you to keep your holiday safe and happy. "Keep the Wreath Red" is a holiday fire safety program designed to increase fire safety awareness. In the event of a holiday-related fire, firefighters will replace one of the red bulbs with a white one. The goal is to keep the bulbs on that wreath red. While fire safety should be practiced every day of the year, this program is a constant reminder for citizens to use proper care when putting together their holiday displays, including lights, electrical cords, candles, Christmas trees and other decorations.

Fire safety reminders for a safe holiday season include:

- Check all your illuminated decorations to make sure they are in good condition. Light strands that have frayed or cracked wires should be thrown away and replaced with UL approved devices. Outside cords should be approved for exterior uses and inside cords should not be placed under carpets or throw rugs.
- Keep live Christmas trees watered frequently. Be aware of your tree's life and when it becomes brittle, discontinue using the lights. Always turn off the lights when leaving your home.
- Use extreme caution with holiday candles and all other open flames to assure they are safe and will not set fire to nearby objects.
- Make sure your fireplace is in good working order and the chimney is free from obstructions and creosote build-up. Christmas wrappings and tree branches are not to be burned in the fireplace. Their intense and rapid burning can cause chimney fires and flames to extend out of the firebox into your home.
- As always, check your smoke detectors and make sure they are in good working order. If you did not change the batteries when you changed your clocks in November, change them now.

## 2011 CPR and First Aid Schedule

The following is the 2011 schedule for Heartsaver CPR, Heartsaver CPR/ACD, Healthcare Provider (HCP) CPR, and First Aid classes. All classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1 located at 6850 Barrington Road.

**Class fees: CPR and First Aid – Resident \$30; Non-Resident \$50; HCP CPR – Resident and Non-Resident \$60.**

Please call (630) 736-6803 to request more information and to register. Special interest groups can be scheduled throughout the year based upon availability of instructors.

### Class Date

Saturday, January 15, 2011  
 Saturday, February 19, 2011  
 Saturday, March 19, 2011  
 Saturday, April 16, 2011  
 Saturday, May 21, 2011  
 Saturday, June 18, 2011  
 Saturday, July 16, 2011  
 Saturday, August 20, 2011  
 Saturday, September 17, 2011  
 Saturday, October 15, 2011  
 Saturday, November 19, 2011  
 Saturday, December 17, 2011

### Class

Healthcare Provider CPR  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 First Aid  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 Healthcare Provider CPR  
 Healthcare Provider CPR  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 First Aid  
 Heartsaver CPR/ACD  
 Healthcare Provider CPR

## Tree Safety

With the holidays approaching quickly, here are a few quick-tips regarding tree safety. Many artificial trees are fire resistant. If you buy one, look for a statement specifying this protection.

A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. To check for freshness, remember that a fresh tree is green and the needles are hard to pull from branches. When bent between your fingers, fresh needles do not break. The trunk butt of a fresh tree is sticky with resin.

Remember to place trees away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Heated rooms dry trees out rapidly, creating fire hazards. Cut off an inch or two of the trunk to expose fresh wood for better water absorption. Trim away branches as necessary to set tree trunk in the base of a sturdy, water-holding stand with wide spread feet. Keep the stand filled with water while the tree is indoors.

Place the tree out of the way of traffic and do not block doorways. Make sure that the tree is secured against accidental tipping by children or pets.



## From the Finance Counter



### Auto Pay Service Now Offered

The Village of Hanover Park now offers the convenience of an automatic pay program for your residential water and sewer service. By participating in this program, the Village will automatically deduct the payment for your water and sewer bill from your checking or savings account on or near the due date. This new service will save you time and money and is of no cost to you. For further information and to enroll in this service, please go to the Village's website, [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org) or contact the Village at (630) 372-4230.

### Senior Citizen Discounts

#### 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 Village Hall 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) 372-4440 or stop by the Public Works Department for more information.

## Pay Your Water Bill Online!

Did you know you can pay your water bill online?

Visit the Village's website:

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

Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"  
MasterCard, American Express and  
Discover may be used to pay bills online.

**Visa and MasterCard may only be used when paying in person at the Village Hall.**



## Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee Attends Interfaith Ramadan Event

On August 24, 2010, the Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee attended the Interfaith Ramadan Iftar and Dinner at the Mosque Masjid Al-Huda in Schaumburg. The event included a presentation by Dr. Khalid Abdus Sami titled, "Dialogue: the Best Medicine".

Dr. Sami shared the concept of creative co-existence to explore the idea of not living together, but living side by side in harmony. He also discussed the Four building blocks of dialogue to achieve this harmony. The first element detailed the suspension of judgment, second identifying assumptions, third the importance of listening to learn, and finally confirmation by inquiry and reflection.



*CIDC members Sharmin Shahjahan and Village Clerk Eira Corral*

The event served as an opportunity to network with various community and faith based organizations to enhance the surrounding community. It also brought together several community leaders including Village President Rodney Craig, Village Clerk Eira Corral, Trustee Lori Kaiser, Senator Mike Noland and State Representatives Fred Crespo and Paul Froehlich.

## Hanover Park Recognizes October, 2010 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



*Trustee Edward Zimel, Ashley Walsh and Mayor Rod Craig.*

At the October 7th Village Board meeting, Mayor Rod Craig read a proclamation declaring October, 2010 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 15, 2010 as National Mammography Day.

Ms. Ashley Walsh, Income Development Representative from the American Cancer Society, Northwest Suburban Region accepted the proclamation.

## Don't Leave Your Vehicle Running and Unattended

With winter coming, it's typical for one to start their vehicle to let it warm up, leaving it unattended. Most vehicle thefts that occur within the Village are crimes of opportunity where the victim leaves their vehicle running and unattended while they run in for that cup of coffee at the convenience store, gas station, or simply leave it unattended in their driveway to warm up. Help us lower crime rates and protect your investment by staying with your car while it warms up, or by turning it off and securing it when at convenience stores & gas stations.

(625 ILCS 5/11 -1401) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 11 -1401)

*Sec. 11-1401. Unattended motor vehicles. No person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle shall permit it to stand unattended without first stopping the engine, locking the ignition, removing the key from the ignition, effectively setting the brake thereon and, when standing upon any perceptible grade, turning the front wheels to the curb or side of the highway.*

## Winter Parking Regulations

With winter around the corner, just a reminder that winter parking regulations will soon be in effect. There is no parking on village streets after a 2 (two) inch snow fall.

62-11-1323. *Limited parking for snow removal.*

*It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any public street in the village at any time within 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more has occurred, except on those streets where late night parking is permitted in section 62-11-1327 (b), that within 24 hours after a snowfall of two or more inches vehicles shall be parked only on the side of the street on the day during which late night parking is permitted.*

## School Parking and Cell Phone Usage

A friendly reminder to all residents that school is back in session. In an effort to keep our children safe, please use extra caution when driving through school zones. School zones are marked areas around schools where children often board buses or cross a roadway. Remember to reduce your speed and obey the speed limit in school zones. In addition to obeying the school zone speed limit parents should pay extra attention to parking signs in the area of schools and ensure that their vehicles are properly parked and not in violation of any parking restrictions.



In 2009, a new law went into effect prohibiting the use of cellular phones in school zones. Drivers are prohibited from using cellular phones while driving on the roadway in a school zone. The Hanover Park Police Department encourages all drivers to put the cell phone away and pay extra attention when driving through school zones.

## 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 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.

**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.

## CONNECT Committee Members

### Ames Real Estate

Robert Ries & Jodi Ehrhardt

### Charter National Bank and Trust

William Mingotti & Don DiSanto

### Classic Computer Systems

Kevin Swan

### College of DuPage

Terry Hogan

### E. Kinast Distributors, Inc.

William E. Schierer

### F. Espinoza Taxes, Inc.

Flavio Espinoza

### First Eagle Bank

Paula Wegner

### Hanover Park Branch Library

Gail Tobin

### Hanover Park Chamber of Commerce

### Hanover Park Park District

Mark Elkins

### Hanover Park Park Foundation

Michelle Macholl

### Hanover Quick Wash

Phillip McBride

### Menards

Bob Morris & Allen Silbernagel

### Nitto Kohki USA, Inc.

Michelle Parker

### Northern Frame and Auto

Jean Lynn

### Paragon Group I, Ltd.

Glenn Dailey

### Ultra Foods

Gerry Schroeder

# CONNECT

## Hot Off The Grill

by Patrick Grill,

Community Development Director



Wow! What a summer. Although we endured some hot weather, all in all, we had an abundance of opportunities to enjoy all of the activities that summer affords us. Personally, I was able to spend some quality time with my twins out on the golf course. I hope all of you were able to enjoy similar experiences this summer.

The good weather also afforded contractors with ample time to work on their projects. The Village has seen a significant increase in the number of permits issued over the last eight months. Although the national economy seems to be going in fits and starts, locally, about a dozen companies in our business parks either upgraded or expanded their facilities this summer. I believe this is a precursor of better things to come in the next year.

Construction is complete at the Claremont, NuCare's 150-bed skilled nursing facility located west of Church Street Station on Lake Street. This facility should be fully operational and accepting patients by the middle of November. I cannot say enough about the quality of the construction and professionalism of the contractor that NuCare used to erect this show-piece structure. We should all share a sense of pride to have such a wonderful facility in such a great location.

As construction was winding up at the Claremont, construction began on the new Police Headquarters just across the street. Located on the former Mid-America Water site, this building will encompass 52,836 square feet and include space for all Police functions including administration, patrol, investigations, code enforcement, evidence storage, and detention facilities. The building will also include a community room. Renderings of the building are on display at the Municipal Center. Completion of this \$15,000,000 facility is expected in the winter of 2011.

Weather-wise, there is a definite chill in the air, which means winter is creeping up on us. So take advantage of the nice days we have left and engage in something fun outdoors. Before we know it, we'll have snow and frigid temperatures that will keep us indoors. It also means that the holidays will be here before we know it. Don't get caught shopping at the last minute. We have many quality retailers that carry all types of holiday decorations, gifts and food items right here in Hanover Park!

## Committee

# Welcome

## New Businesses

**Claremont of  
Hanover Park**  
2000 W. Lake Street

**Dream Dental PC**  
6602 Barrington Road, Unit G

**Toys R Us**  
7550 Barrington Road



## Spotlight on Business

# Wireless Zone



Hanover Park is proud to announce the arrival of its very own Verizon Wireless Zone thanks to the entrepreneurial spirit of Tom Del Regno.

Founded in 1988 as "The Car Phone Store", Wireless Zone has become the nation's largest premium wireless retail franchisor and was ranked the No. 1 Franchise in its category by *Entrepreneur* magazine. Every store is independently owned and operated, exclusively offering Verizon Wireless products and services.

Formerly, a General Manager in the housing industry, Tom decided technology was an industry that would never die, no matter the economic climate. He knew he had to re-invent himself and that's when his entrepreneurial spirit kicked in and he began his second career as a small business owner at the young age of 53, opening his first Wireless Zone in June of 2010.

Keeping a focus on the company's mission statement, "We are dedicated to being the nation's top wireless retailer by providing the best customer experience", keeps the system growing with new owners like Tom Del Regno.

Tom has plans to open five locations in the metro Chicago area within the next five years. He grew up in Hanover Park, and the site of his first location used to be a dirt track where he drove his mini-bike around as a child. He remembers playing his little league games right around the corner from his current store location. He plans on bringing that hometown feel to his store, growing relationships with each customer.

For the latest cellular/wireless phones, GPS navigation, wireless accessories and more, stop by and talk with Tom Del Regno at his Wireless Zone located at 1744 Lake Street (across from the Train Station) - 630-830-8900. Store hours are Monday-Friday (10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.), Saturday (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), and Sunday (12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.).



*Village Trustee Edward Zimel, Village President Rod Craig, Tom Del Regno and Community Development Director 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.

## 2010 Youth of the Year Scholarship Applications Now Available

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 2011, 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 10, 2010**

For more information, call 630-372-4210 or visit our website at [www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org).

## French Student Interns at Village Hall

The Village of Hanover Park hosted French student Cecilia Göransson for a three week internship in August. Ms. Göransson is a student at the Institution Des Chartreux in Lyon, France. She is studying Economics and was particularly interested in the workings of the Human Resources Department in a U.S. municipal government environment.

For her internship, Ms. Göransson spent time in each department of the Village learning their function. She then spent time with the Human Resources Department learning how they support the various functions of the Village. Wendy Bednarek, Director of Human Resources, stated, "It was a pleasure and honor to host Cecilia. We learned a lot from each other and now have a life-long friend." Ms. Göransson stayed with a family in Hanover Park and, in addition to the internship, was able to enjoy many of the Chicago-area attractions. She has since returned to France and has begun a new school year with this experience to share with her classmates.



*Village President Rodney Craig with Intern Cecilia Göransson, Human Resources Director Wendy Bednarek and Village Clerk Eira Corral.*

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program:



CERT is a Federal Emergency Management Agency program that educates citizens about the hazards they face in their community and trains them in life saving skills.

The citizens are trained to assist emergency services in disaster situations, which would otherwise overwhelm emergency services following a major disaster. Upon completion of the program, attendees are presented with a certificate.

Training sessions covered include: disaster preparedness, fire suppression, basic disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, team organization, and terrorism.

**Where: Hanover Park Village Hall**

**When: October 20 – December 1  
(Wednesday evenings - 6:30-9:30 p.m.)**

**Who: Attendees must be 18 years or older**

To request an application and register for this training opportunity, contact Course Director Sergeant John Dossey (372-4414) or Supervisor Michael Nowak (372-4425) of the Hanover Park Police Department.



## Holiday Closings

Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday.



Village Hall will also be closed on Thursday, December 23rd and Friday, December 24th for the Christmas holiday.

## Coffee with the Board

Hanover Park elected officials extend an invitation to residents to attend a quarterly Coffee with the Board event. Any questions you have regarding Village services or policies will be addressed by the elected officials.



The next Coffee with the Board event will take place on **Saturday, November 13, 2010** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 214.

Listed below are the 2011 Coffee with the Board dates:

- February 12, 2011
- May 14, 2011
- August 13, 2011
- November 5, 2011

## Board Workshops

Board Workshops are held at 6:00 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in Room 214 of Village Hall. These are less formal meetings where Board and staff review objectives and direction. The public is welcome to attend.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### November, 2010

| Date | Meeting/Event                              | Time       | Location       |
|------|--|------------|----------------|
| 4    | Village Board Workshop                     | 6:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 4    | Village Board Meeting                      | 7:30 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 6    | Veteran's Committee Meeting                | 9:00 a.m.  | Room 214       |
| 9    | CONNECT Committee                          | 12:30 p.m. | Room 214       |
| 9    | Sister City Meeting                        | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 11   | Development Commission Meeting             | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 212       |
| 13   | Coffee with the Board                      | 9:00 a.m.  | Room 214       |
| 15   | Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.       | 7:15 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 18   | Village Board Workshop                     | 6:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 18   | Village Board Meeting                      | 7:30 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 18   | Cook County Water Bills Due                |            |                |
| 20   | Heartsaver CPR/AED Class                   | 8:00 a.m.  | Fire Station 1 |
| 23   | Environmental Committee Meeting            | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 25   | Village Hall Closed (Thanksgiving holiday) |            |                |
| 26   | Village Hall Closed (Thanksgiving holiday) |            |                |
| 27   | Allied Waste - Final Brush Collection      |            |                |
| 29   | Tree Lighting Event                        | 6:00 p.m.  | Village Hall   |
| 30   | DuPage County Water Bills Due              |            |                |

### December, 2010

| Date | Meeting/Event                           | Time       | Location       |
|------|---|------------|----------------|
| 2    | Village Board Workshop                  | 6:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 2    | Village Board Meeting                   | 7:30 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 4    | Veteran's Committee Meeting             | 9:00 a.m.  | Room 214       |
| 9    | Development Commission Meeting          | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 14   | CONNECT Committee                       | 12:30 p.m. | Room 214       |
| 14   | Sister City Meeting                     | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 16   | Village Board Workshop                  | 6:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 16   | Village Board Meeting                   | 7:30 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 18   | Healthcare Provider CPR                 | 8:00 a.m.  | Fire Station 1 |
| 20   | Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.    | 7:15 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 20   | DuPage County Water Bills Due           |            |                |
| 23   | Village Hall Closed (Christmas holiday) |            |                |
| 24   | Village Hall Closed (Christmas holiday) |            |                |
| 28   | Environmental Committee Meeting         | 7:00 p.m.  | Room 214       |
| 30   | Cook County Water Bills Due             |            |                |



## News You Can Use

*From the Hanover Park  
Environmental Committee*

### 2010 Environmental Award Nominees Sought

The Environmental Committee is seeking nominations for its 2010 Environmental Award. Businesses, non-profit entities, education institutions and private residents are all eligible to be nominated. The following criteria are used to evaluate the nominees.

- Environmental Impact
- Workplace Impact
- Participation in Regional Activities
- Environmental Projects

Nomination criteria and submittal information can be obtained at the Public Works Department or by calling the Environmental Hotline at 630-550-5005 and are due by Friday, December 20, 2010.



### Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Friday, January 7th, and Friday, January 14th. 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 above dates. 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 homeowners associations that are not regularly serviced by Allied Waste Services.

Questions? Call the Village at 630-372-4440 or Allied Waste Services at 630-469-1036 or 847-429-7370.

### Environmental Committee's 2nd Annual Household Recycling Event

The Village's Second Annual Household Recycling Event was held on Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. until noon. Even as the clouds opened up bringing heavy rain and lightning, people continued to bring items to recycle. Over 280 cars drove the site, an 87 percent increase over 2009. The following items were recycled:

- Electronics - 7,228 pounds
- Marine/auto batteries - 60 total
- Waste oil - 380 Gallons
- Paper shredding - 4,285 pounds
- Fire extinguishers - 25 total
- Bags of clothes - 20 Total
- Eye glasses - 55 pair
- Hearing aids - 4
- Household Batteries - 500 pounds
- Bicycles - 5



The recycling event is an annual event held by the Environmental Committee. For further information regarding the next event, watch the Village's website.

## Police Station Webcam

The Village of Hanover Park recently added a live webcam focused on the construction site of our new Police Headquarters, just east of Village Hall. Join in the action by going to our homepage ([www.hpil.org](http://www.hpil.org)) and clicking on the link under News & Events for the live webcam.

The new Police Headquarters will be 52,836 square feet and include space for all Police functions including administration, patrol, investigations, code enforcement, evidence storage, and detention facilities.

It is expected to be occupied in the winter of 2011. The \$15,000,000 building is being funded partially by Village reserve funds and low interest Build America Bonds.



## New Salt Storage Facility

The Village of Hanover Park recently completed construction of a new salt storage facility located behind Village Hall. The new dome, which can hold 3,500 tons of salt, is equipped with a conveyor loading system.



The former dome was demolished to make room for the new Police Station. The dome is now located adjacent to the liquid storage tanks which hold the Village's anti-icing material, and the salt brine manufacturing unit.

In a typical year, the Village uses approximately 2,000 tons of salt and 35,000 gallons of anti-icing liquids. The Village already has over 3,000 tons of salt in the dome ready for the upcoming winter.

## Groundbreaking Ceremony Held For New Police Facility

On Thursday, September 16 at 6:30 p.m., Deputy Village President Rick Roberts and the Village Board broke ground for the new Police Headquarters to be located at 2011 Lake Street. This is the site of the former Mid-America Water buildings and a Village owned salt storage facility.

The new Police Headquarters will be 52,836 square feet and includes space for all Police Department functions. Chief David Webb stated during the ceremony, "We at the Police Department are committed to the people of this village and this facility will enhance our ability to keep Hanover Park safe".

The new headquarters is expected to be occupied in the winter of 2011. The building has been designed by the architectural firm PSA – Dewberry and is being constructed by Leopardo Construction.

The \$15,000,000 building is being funded by a combination of Village Reserve funds and low interest Build America Bonds.



## Holidays Bring Changes to Garbage Pickup Schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays, refuse will be picked up according to the following schedule:

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Pick up will take place on Saturday, November 27, 2010.

### Christmas Holiday

No change in service.

### New Year's Holiday

No change in service.

Please also note the final curbside yardwaste pick up will be on Saturday, November 27, 2010.

## Congratulations to our 2010 Community Appearance Winners

The Village of Hanover Park recently chose the 2010 Community Appearance Award winners and we are proud to announce the winners.

The winner in the Single Family category is the Martinez Residence located at 1705 Sycamore Avenue.

In the Multifamily category, the award is bestowed to the Pitsenbarger Residence located at 1316-1 Kingsbury Drive.

Winners in both the single and multifamily categories were presented with a \$100 gift card and a plaque.



*Single Family  
The Martinez Residence  
1705 Sycamore*



*Multifamily  
The Pitsenbarger Residence  
1316-1 Kingsbury Drive*

## Village's Wins Governor's Home Town Award For Environmental Committee's Recycling Event



*Mayor Craig, Trustee Cannon, Mike Wang,  
DCEO Director Warren Ribley, Howard  
Killian and Bob Wachsmuth.*

On Tuesday, October 12, Village representatives including Village President Rodney Craig, Village Trustee Bill Cannon, Environmental Committee Chairman Bob Wachsmuth, Environmental Committee member

Mike Wang and Public Works Director Howard Killian accepted the Governor's Home Town Award from DCEO Director Warren Ribley at the Governor's Mansion. The award was given to the 2009 Household Recycling Event in the category of General Volunteering for communities with a population of 25,001 to 70,000. The Recycling Event has become an annual event and in 2010 saw an increase of 130 cars. For information about future recycling events, please watch the Village's website.

## Tree Lighting Ceremony

On Monday, November 29, 2010, the Village of Hanover Park will welcome the holiday season with a tree lighting ceremony. The ceremony will take place at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall located at 2121 West Lake Street.



See the trees decorated by local community groups and watch as a special guest "flips the switch" to light the trees and decorations in the Village. Entertainment will include a marionette show, as well as other presentations which will be announced at a later date. Refreshments will also be served. Please join us for this exciting, fun-filled event. You may contact us at 630-372-4220 for further information, visit our website.

## Holiday Lights Ordinance

Just a reminder that pursuant to Village Code 30-1 (590.3B) any holiday lights must be taken down within 90 days of the holiday. Christmas lights must be down by April 1, 2011.



## Deck the Homes - Call for Nominations

It's almost 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 card and a plaque and will also be invited to the annual Village Awards night scheduled for January, 2011.



All homes will be judged by the Village's Elected Officials. Remember to call 630-372-4220 to nominate your favorite home! Nominations are due December 14, 2010.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Hi Lighter

The Hi-Lighter is published bi-monthly by the Village of Hanover Park, 2121 W. Lake Street.

### Important Telephone Numbers

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Village Hall       | (630) 372-4200 |
| Police Information | (630) 372-4400 |
| Public Works Dept. | (630) 372-4440 |
| Fire Dept.         | (630) 736-6800 |
| Finance Dept.      | (630) 372-4230 |
| Water Billing      | (630) 372-4233 |

### Code Enforcement Hotline

**(630) 372-4262**

|                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| TDD                    | (630) 372-4430 |
| Village Hall fax       | (630) 372-4215 |
| Police Dept fax        | (630) 372-4420 |
| Public Works Dept. fax | (630) 372-4462 |

### Police, Fire and Ambulance - 9-1-1

### Village Board Workshops & Meetings

are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. respectively at the Village Hall, 2121 W. Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

### Standing committee meetings:

Call the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:

- Development Commission
- Hanover Park CONECT Committee
- Sister Cities Committee
- Environmental Committee
- Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.
- Veteran's Committee

**Curfew hours** for those under 17 years of age are 10:00 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, and 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

**Neighborhood Watch** - Interested in becoming a Neighborhood Watch block captain? Contact 630-550-5050 for more information.

Metropolitan Water Reclamation District Concerns? Call (630) 736-4200.

**For questions or concerns regarding Village services, call (630) 372-4200.**

**Village of Hanover Park**

2121 W. Lake St.  
 Hanover Park, IL 60133  
 (630) 372-4200

Visit our website at <http://www.hpil.org>

**VILLAGE HALL HOURS:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Rodney S. Craig, Village President  
 Eira L. Corral, Village Clerk

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| William Cannon, Trustee | Joseph J. Nicolosi, Trustee   |
| Toni L. Carter, Trustee | Rick Roberts, Trustee         |
| Lori A. Kaiser, Trustee | Edward J. Zimel, Jr., Trustee |

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**9/11 Memorial Event**

September 11, 2010 was a day of remembrance at Hanover Park's Fire Department Station 1. The Hanover Park Police and Fire Departments, along with residents, families, friends and special guests, took a moment to remember the Officers and Firefighters that had made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their community. This was not only a time to remember that tragic day in our country's history 9 years ago, but for every public servant that has gone before us.

In 2009, our country lost 90 Firefighters and 120 Law Enforcement Officers in the line of duty. Over history, these unbelievable numbers have not shown any sign of decreasing. We can only hope that one day these statistics will be just a memory.

A special thanks to Senator John Millner, Hanover Park resident Ann Delort, Bag Piper Tim Hess, The Gospelites Choir, The Hanover Park Veterans Committee, Amanda Delort, Brian Allison, and Mark Allison for sharing this time with us and making this possible.

