

# Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

WINTER 2010

## Health Care Facility Groundbreaking



The Village of Hanover Park, in conjunction with Church Street Station Properties, is pleased to announce construction of a state-of-the-art rehabilitation and skilled nursing facility in Hanover Park, Illinois. Located at 2000 Lake Street, the facility will offer 150 private and semi-private beds for area residents in need of acute rehabilitation and skilled nursing care services.

“The Claremont of Hanover Park” will feature programs designed to meet the physical and medical needs of residents requiring short-term physical, occupational and speech rehabilitation therapy, specialized memory care services for individuals challenged with Alzheimer’s or cognitive disease, an inpatient dialysis unit, private rooms and hydro therapy spas.

Opening is scheduled for Spring 2011 and will be the culmination of several years of planning and 12 months of construction. Agencies, such as the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Board, played significant roles in assisting in the development and approvals for the new facility. Village President, Rodney Craig said, “The project provides a needed service to the community and the Village is pleased to have it as an adjunct to its economic redevelopment of the Lake Street District.”

The General Contractor is Skender Construction of Chicago. The Architect for the project is SAS Architects and Planners of Northbrook. Financing for the project is provided by the Federal Housing Authority, Private Bank of Chicago and Greystone Servicing Corp. of Warrenton, VA.



The developers for the project have a successful 30-year track record of providing high quality healthcare services for individuals in need of rehabilitation services and long-term care in the greater Chicago area. Four skilled nursing facilities operated by the developer received the 2009 Innovations in Long Term Care Quality Grant Awards from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Claremont of Hanover Park will offer approximately 150 new jobs to local area residents.

For employment information or to be placed on a mailing list, please call 630-556-2000.

## Welcome New Police Officers

The Hanover Park Police Department welcomed four new police officers to the department in November.

Sabina Lomeli was hired on November 3, 2009. Prior to being hired as a Police Officer, Sabina served as a Desk Officer for the Hanover Park Police Department for two years. Sabina served in the United States Air Force for four years and was deployed to Iraq in 2005. Sabina is currently serving in



*Sabina Lomeli*

the United States Naval Reserves.

Sabina attended McHenry Community College where she took courses in Criminal Justice.



*Jeff Palace*

Jeff Palace and Tim McNulty were hired on November 17, 2009. Prior to Palace being hired he was employed by the Bartlett Police Department as a Community Service Officer.

Palace received an Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from the College of DuPage. Tim McNulty attended Eastern Illinois University where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology. McNulty is currently serving in the Selective Marine Corp Reserve as a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.



*Tim McNulty*

Zachary Hayes was hired on November 24, 2009. Hayes attended Illinois State University where he received a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. Hayes previously served an internship with the Elgin Police Department.



*Zachary Hayes*

The new officers were sworn in at the Hanover Park Village Board meeting on December 3, 2009 and will begin attending the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy on January 4, 2010.

## Rodney Craig



*Village President Rodney Craig and Village Manager Ron Moser at Congressman Roskam's Office visiting House Bill 3962.*

## Minute with the Mayor ...

Wasn't it just yesterday we were celebrating the new Millennium? Welcome to 2010 Hanover Park. Looking back at 2009 it marked a significant change in leadership within the Village Hall. Costs were cut at every opportunity and we began preparing for the needs of a Village in change. I have been focusing on our economic opportunities during this period of economic down turn in our businesses, jobs, and in our Village. It is important to promote Hanover Park for jobs and quality businesses, while keeping the costs of government low.

While traveling through our fine town, you will notice the new 150 room skilled nursing facility under construction on Lake Street across from the Village Hall. This much needed facility is scheduled to open in early 2011 and will offer great job opportunities for our residents. Additionally, expect to see construction activity on Barrington Road as we are looking forward to major rehab at the Hanover Square Center and the relocation and expansion of Dino's in that Center.

Now that the Village Board has approved the new police facility, staff will be working on a cost effective and efficient building. The existing facility was planned to support 35 sworn officers and a staff of 11. Today we have 57 sworn officers (with a goal of 61), 24 full-time and 21 part-time non-sworn staff. Given the availability of workers and a slow economy, we are looking at numerous cost effective opportunities and support that are not normally available in the bid for work process.

Today, we are investing in our crime prevention initiatives and the residents, thank you all, are responding. Neighborhood Watch programs and Block Captains organizing efforts are happening. Residents meeting residents is on the rise with large increases in the neighborhood block parties this past summer. It is our town and we are working together to improve the value and quality of life throughout. The pride in Hanover Park is growing with families investing in their homes with new driveways, paint, and lawn maintenance. Again, many thanks to the residents who are finding ways to meet their neighbors and support what we are, and that is a Village of wonderful neighborhoods, all special in their own way.

While Hanover Park has experienced a tough 2009 with highly visible crime, our crime rate remains lowest in our history. We do have evidence that a low crime rate does not mean we have nothing happening. We do know that there are issues and we must engage our residents, our schools and the Clergy to focus on those issues. Everyone has pitched in numerous ways to support our Village. The outcome is excellent as we have a focus on the streets from the police department with greater visibility, meeting with residents, and responsiveness. The schools are also supportive with numerous programs and initiatives that focus on family and being good citizens.

Congratulations to School District 54 Superintendent Ed Rafferty, who has been recognized as Illinois Superintendent of the Year. Well done Ed! We knew he was pretty special when beginning his teaching career in Hanover Park at Hanover Highlands School. We are proud that Hanover Park has played a role in his career.

My commitment has been to reach out to our youth programs to provide affordable activities for our young people. The Hanover Park Park Foundation is working hard to ensure that a good scholarship base is established. The recent Youth Benefit Ball was a great success and many thanks go out to those who worked hard to make this happen. The HPPF Chairwoman, Mickey Micholl, provided wonderful leadership, thanks to Mickey. Additionally, I participated in three Eagle Scout Ceremonies for Michael F. Desider and Jordan Meyer of Troop 392 and Kevin Anzuini of Troop 495; we are most proud of those young men who achieved this fine accomplishment.

Our recent "Coffee with the Board" was again an excellent exchange between residents, Department Heads, and Elected Village Officials. Our next listening session will be on February 13, 2010. Also, you may want to sign up for the electronic updates at: [www.hpil.org/referencedesk/maillinglist.htm](http://www.hpil.org/referencedesk/maillinglist.htm). The Village is transitioning into electronic communication to better serve our residents with current Village information and news. Finally, it continues to be my pleasure to represent the people of Hanover Park, our hometown. We cannot do it without you! Take the time to

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## STAARS Shine at Village Hall

Artwork from **Ontarioville Elementary School** was on display at Village Hall from October 14-November 10, 2009. Artists included:

**Second Grade:**

Estefani Castro  
Kalyn Vences

**Third Grade:**

Jovanna Ayala  
Stephanie Montoya

**Third/Fourth Grade:**

Neredia Tzintzun  
Kristine Zamora

**Fourth/Fifth Grade:**

Lizette Zavala

**Fifth Grade:**

Jose Garcia

**Sixth Grade:**

Iris Aguilar  
Teresita Cintora

Artwork from **Spring Wood Middle School** was on display at Village Hall from November 11-December 8, 2009. Artists included:

**Sixth Grade:**

Janisa Bondoc  
Sandra Jamroz  
Irania Murillo  
Taranpreet Singh

**Seventh Grade:**

Theresa Caravello  
Ali Farhat  
Tayler Gennett  
Tatiana Munoz  
Amanda Wasersztrum

**Eighth Grade:**

Kelly Adams  
Sara Bobek  
Natalia Gardocki  
Akela Henry  
Bibiana Reyes



## Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) Program

C.E.R.T. 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 cover:

- disaster preparedness
- fire suppression
- basic disaster medical operations
- light search and rescue
- disaster psychology
- team organization
- terrorism

**Where:**

**Hanover Park Village Hall  
2121 W. Lake St.**

**When:**

**March 3 – April 7  
(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.

## Minute with the Mayor Continued...

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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. Together we are finding ways to believe in our youth and together we can make a difference in Hanover Park.

Sincerely,

Rod Craig, Village President  
RCraig@hpil.org



State Representative Fred Crespo and AT&T Director, External Affairs, David Strahl, present Village President Rod Craig with a donation for the Youth Benefit Ball.

## CPR and First Aid 2010 Training Schedule

As in previous years, the Fire Department will be providing Heartsaver CPR, Heartsaver CPR/AED, Healthcare Provider CPR, and First Aid classes in 2010. The following are the scheduled dates and times:



Saturday, January 16, 2010	HCP CPR	Saturday, July 17, 2010	HCP CPR
Saturday, February 20, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED	Saturday, August 21, 2010	HCP CPR
Saturday, March 20, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED	Saturday, September 18, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED
Saturday, April 17, 2010	First Aid	Saturday, October 16, 2010	First Aid
Saturday, May 15, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED	Saturday, November 20, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED
Saturday, June 19, 2010	Heartsaver CPR/AED	Saturday, December 18, 2010	HCP CPR

All classes will begin at 8:00 a.m. at Fire Station No. 1— 6850 Barrington Road.

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

## Fireplace Safety

As 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. Approximately 14,000 house fires are started by fireplaces in the United States each year.



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 Web site 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 too close to the fireplace could easily catch fire, such as furniture or seasonal decorations.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Place detectors throughout the house and change batteries in the spring and fall. When you change your clocks to Daylight Savings Time, remember to change 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).

## Mallard Lake Landfill Update

On Wednesday, January 27, 2010, the Village will host a townhall meeting to provide an update on the Mallard Lake Landfill methane gas issue.

Please watch our website, or call the Village at 630-372-4200 for further information, including the scheduled time(s).

To get the latest news visit <http://www.epaosc.org/mallardlake>.



*Pictured above is one of the large diameter gas wells that the EPA used to extract methane gas.*

## News & Updates

### Police to Utilize PropertyRoom.com for Property Disposal

The Hanover Park Police Department has signed a contract with PropertyRoom.com to assist with the disposal of all unclaimed, seized and surplus village property. PropertyRoom.com is a web based auction site which specializes in the disposal of property for law enforcement agencies.

Anyone interested in viewing or purchasing any of the property is encouraged to visit the website at [www.PropertyRoom.com](http://www.PropertyRoom.com). If there are any questions regarding the program, please contact Lt. Mike Menough at (630) 372-4407.



### Sign Up for Our New eNews and eAlerts Service

The Village of Hanover Park is pleased to offer a service called eNews. This service 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, more than 370 residents have subscribed to this service.

This service will also send 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 will then begin receiving periodic e-mails from the Village with timely information.

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

### Keep The Wreath Red



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.

## Village's Tree Lighting Event Fun For All

The Village of Hanover Park held its annual holiday tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 4, 2009, at the Village Municipal Complex located at 2121 W. Lake Street Hanover Park.

Not-for-profit organizations and local groups decorated the trees on display at Village Hall, sharing in the joy of the season and their pride for Hanover Park. A total of 24 of these organizations participated. Among them included: local schools; homeowner associations; community organizations such as Centro de Información; the Lions Club of Hanover Park; the American Cancer Society; Relay for Life; youth sports organizations: Hurricane Football & Cheerleading; Little League; and the 2010 Census.

With a "flip of the switch" by Village President Rod Craig, all holiday trees, Lake Street holiday lights and Municipal Complex holiday lights were illuminated at once. Our special guest, Santa, arrived by Fire Truck. Entertainment was provided by the Spring Wood Middle School Band and Choir, the Greenbrook Elementary School Choir, St. Ansgar Church Choir and Dave Herzog's Marionettes performed "Christmas Capers." The marionette show was sponsored by the Schaumburg Township District Library.

U.S. 2010 Census Representatives were present to promote awareness on the 2010 Census and, in conjunction with the St. Ansgar Choir, presented "Un Canto de Posada," a cultural performance on the Holiday History of the Census. Refreshments were provided by the Hanover Park Lions Club.



**Pickup Your Picture With Santa**

If you attended this event and had your child's picture taken with Santa, they are available for you to pick-up in the Village Hall Clerk's Office located at 2121 West Lake Street.



## From the Finance Counter



### New Auto Pay Service Offered

The Village of Hanover Park is now offering 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.

### 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](http://www.hpil.org). 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 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. selling monthly, quarterly and yearly parking permits. Only cash or checks will be accepted.

### Senior Citizen Discounts

#### Good News for Seniors!

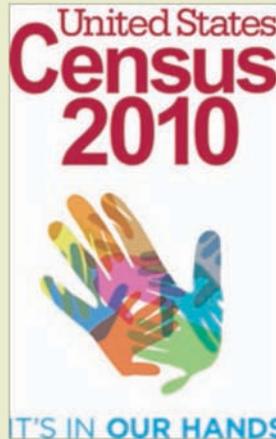
Seniors are no longer required to reapply every year for the senior water bill program. If you are 65 or older and have not yet applied, please come to Village Hall to sign up. With this program, seniors are exempt from the requirement to pay the minimum bill amount and are only required to pay for the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

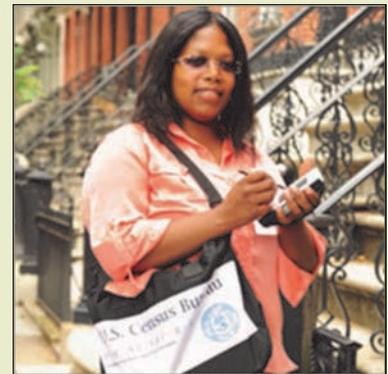
## 2010 Census - It's In Our Hands: Dollars and Jobs for Hanover Park



The 2010 Census brings two great opportunities for economic development in our town by ensuring the allocation of federal funds to the Village and job placement for residents. The Census of 2010 will determine our demographic profile through a complete count of all residents living in our town. Providing an accurate count by responding to the ten question 2010 Census questionnaire will ensure that the allocation of over \$400 Billion in federal money to communities is maximized for Hanover Park. The 2010 questionnaire will be delivered to all households in February

through March of 2010. It takes approximately ten minutes to complete the form and it is due on April 1, 2009. The questionnaire is confidential and, by law, the Census Bureau cannot share individual's information with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

The 2010 Census is also creating regional employment opportunities. The U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting temporary, part-time, census takers for the 2010 Census. These short-term jobs offer good pay, flexible hours, paid training, and reimbursement for authorized work-related expenses, such as mileage incurred while conducting census work. Best of all, census takers work right in their own communities. Census taker jobs are excellent for people who want to work part-time, those who are between jobs, or just about anyone who wants to earn extra money while performing an important service for their community.



For more information or questions on the 2010 Census, please contact the office of Village Clerk Eira L. Corral at 630-372-4220.

You may also visit the 2010 U.S. Census website at [www.census.gov/2010](http://www.census.gov/2010) and the 2010 Census Jobs website at [www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov).

## CONNECT Committee Members

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### 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

## Hot Off The Grill



by Patrick Grill,

Community Development Director



Greetings everyone! Hopefully you are all enjoying the season. My first order of business in this edition is to mention the upcoming decennial census. There is nothing more important to the future of this community as this. The outcome of the census will ultimately determine how more than \$400 billion annually is allocated for projects like schools, emergency services and public works. In addition, the U.S. Census Bureau is hiring census takers as part of the process. Workers can expect to earn as much as \$18.25 per hour. For more information, please contact the Regional Census Center at (312) 454-2700 or (866) 861-2010.

Greenbrook Shopping Center looks fabulous these days after their façade renovation project. My thanks to Franklin Property Management for undertaking this endeavor. Their investment in this community is admirable. And you can show your appreciation by supporting the businesses located here.

Construction is continuing at a rapid pace on the 150-bed skilled nursing facility on Lake Street. Currently named the Claremont, this facility is weeks ahead of schedule. Barring any unforeseen weather delays or material shortages, they should be open by January 2011.

Residents on the northeast side of town will soon have another retailer to shop at. Dollar General is currently readying a new 8,400 square foot location on Wise Road, just east of Irving Park Road. In addition, plans have been submitted for a façade renovation at Hanover Square Shopping Center.

Businesses will be happy to know the village has recently amended it's sign code to allow automatic changeable copy in the same instances as manual changeable copy. Therefore, rather than having to go out in the rain or snow to change the message, you can do it from inside your building.

Cook County has announced a new federal economic development program that involves tax-exempt private activity bonds. Manufacturing, distribution, service and retail enterprises have until January 18, 2010 to apply for these bonds. For further information, please contact Cook County's Department of Planning and Development by calling (312) 603-1070 or by visiting the Cook County website at [www.cookcountygov.com](http://www.cookcountygov.com).

Before I close my article, I just wanted to make one more plea for everyone to fill out their census forms this April. The results of this effort will resonate for a decade to come. Not only is the village's share of federal funding affected by the results, but also how representation in Congress is determined. All of us have a stake in answering the census as completely and forthright as possible.

I hope your holidays were filled with love and joy. And may 2010 be a fruitful year for all.

## Committee

# Welcome

## New Businesses

Clarke Packaging and Crating  
4150 Chandler Dr.

F. Espinoza Taxes Inc.  
2151 Irving Park Rd.

Hacienda Ramirez  
1816 Irving Park Rd.

Joaquin General Const., Inc.  
7237 Olde Salem Cir.

May Jean Supermarket  
1801 Irving Park Rd.

Nubia's Hair Salon  
1813 Irving Park Rd.

Nutricion & Energia  
7213 Orchard Ln.

Patel Brothers  
Hanover Park, LLC  
2410 Army Trail Rd.

PLS Financial Services  
7302 Barrington Rd

State Farm Insurance  
664 Wise Rd.

Wireless Now  
d/b/a T-Mobile Limited  
1625 Irving Park Rd.



## Spotlight on Business

# Starbucks



Whether you chose to visit their drive-thru or step inside Starbucks Coffee Company, visitors are always greeted by employees with a cheerful welcome.

This neighborhood-oriented coffee house is designed to encourage residents and guests to hang out, relax and enjoy the atmosphere and full range of products. With a steady increase in sales and customers, Starbucks has been serving residents and guests in Hanover Park since August of 2006.

Customer service is the core of what they do. Whether it is remembering your name and drink order, or rewarding you with a complimentary birthday beverage, that partner-customer connection has everything to do with their success.

Starbucks reaches out to its customers and tries to improve their day by creating a “third” place to enjoy between home, the “first” place, and work, the “second” place. It’s a place people can go to feel at ease, relax, visit with others, or enjoy some private time.



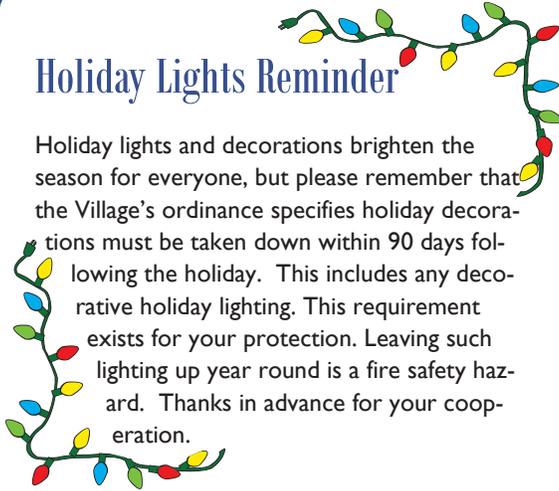
They strive to contribute to the environment with their “green grown” coffee, environmental friendly cups and other products. The company philosophy also encourages the hiring of local workers with full benefit packages for all. This location employs 15 loyal workers.

Starbucks was a finalist for the 2008 Mayor’s Choice Award in recognition of its commitment to the community and their customers. Over the years, they have donated and participated in the Relay for Life, Ontarioville Art Fine Art Fair, Annual Immigrant Registration at Hanover Park Park District, Bartlett Gobble Hobble, and also contributed to the School Mentor Program and local food pantry.

Stop in to see what’s new, and support your local Starbucks located at 1778 West Lake Street, Hanover Park, IL (across the street from the train station). Business hours are 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

## Holiday Lights Reminder

Holiday lights and decorations brighten the season for everyone, but please remember that the Village's ordinance specifies holiday decorations must be taken down within 90 days following the holiday. This includes any decorative holiday lighting. This requirement exists for your protection. Leaving such lighting up year round is a fire safety hazard. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on **Saturday, January 2, Friday, January 8, and Friday, January 15.** Place your Christmas tree in the parkway and follow these simple guidelines:



- Do not put trees in plastic bags—they will not be recycled.
- Remove all decorations, including lights, garland, tinsel, and metal (such as nails). Be sure to remove the stand.
- Dispose of artificial or natural wreaths in the regular household garbage.
- Do not place artificial trees at the curb for recycling.

We ask for your cooperation in setting your tree out only on the dates of Saturday, January 2 (delayed due to New Year's holiday), Friday, January 8, and Friday, January 15. 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 (630) 429-7370.

## Winter Parking Regulations

In order to allow for a more efficient clearing of the roadways, on-street parking is not permitted for 24 hours after a snowfall of two inches or more. Please help the snow-plow crews clear the streets as soon as possible by keeping parked cars off the street while snow removal operations are in progress. In the interest of public safety and making the roads passable as quickly as possible, illegally parked cars will be ticketed and towed.

## Remember to Shovel the Sidewalk



Many neighborhood children walk to school and need to be able to use the sidewalks, so Village ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours following a snowfall of two inches or more. Please keep in mind that Village ordinance permits parking over a sidewalk between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on each Sunday through Thursday until 7:00 a.m. of the following day and between the hours of 9:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday until 9:00 a.m. of the following day. Please help in keeping our children safe by not forcing them to walk in the street where they could find themselves in danger of vehicle traffic.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and all those who use the sidewalks. Your help is very much appreciated.

## Winter Safety Tips

### Don't Leave Your Car Running

Illinois law prohibits any vehicle to be left running while unattended. This applies to both public parking areas as well as private driveways. Every winter the Hanover Park Police receive numerous reports of stolen motor vehicles that were left running in the driveway. This law is designed to protect you and others against both theft and tragedy.

### Use Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Make sure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors have fresh batteries, are working properly, and are frequently tested. It's not only a good idea, it's state law! Carbon monoxide is an odorless, invisible, deadly gas. During cold winter months when houses are closed up, the potential of smoke inhalation and carbon monoxide poisoning increases. Place both kinds of detectors high on the wall or on the ceiling of each floor of your house and especially within a few feet of each sleeping area. Make sure everyone in your home knows what to do if these alarms go off.

### Avoid Frozen Pipes

If you can, check that water pipes are well insulated. This is especially important on pipes located on outside walls. On very cold nights, open cabinets and let the faucets drip slightly, since running water freezes more slowly. Make sure that you don't set your thermostat below 55 degrees. Don't ever use a heat gun to thaw frozen pipes, as this can start a fire!

## Village Hall Closed for President's Day

The Village Hall will be closed on **President's Day** – Monday, February 15.

Police and Fire Departments will remain open.

## 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.



Coffee with the Board will take place on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Village Council Chambers. Additional event dates are:

- Saturday, May 8, 2010
- Saturday, August 14, 2010

These dates are subject to change, so please watch our website for updates.

## Board Workshops

Board workshops are held at 6:00 p.m, the 1st and 3rd Thursdays 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

### January, 2010

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
7	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
7	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
12	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
12	Sister City Meeting	7:00 p.m.	
13	STAARS Program	6:00 p.m.	
14	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
16	Healthcare Provider CPR Class	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station #1
18	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee	7:15 p.m.	
19	Cook County Water Bills Due		
21	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
21	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
26	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	

### February, 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
9	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
9	Sister City Meeting	7:00 p.m.	
10	STAARS Program	6:00 p.m.	
11	Development Commission Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
13	Coffee with the Board	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
15	Village Hall Closed - Holiday		
15	Cultural Inclusion and Diversity Committee	7:15 p.m.	
18	DuPage County Water Bills Due		
18	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
18	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
20	Heartsaver CPR/AED Class	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station #1
23	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	

## News You Can Use

### From the Hanover Park Environmental Committee



The Environmental Committee is looking forward to another exciting year. This past year, the Committee hosted a Household Recycling event at the Village Hall. It was such a success that the Committee is planning on hosting another event this spring and fall, so watch future editions of the Hi-Lighter for more information. We are also planning on participating in the DuPage River Sweep on May 22. The Committee is looking for individuals or groups to help keep the DuPage River clean. More information will be available in the next issue of the Hi-Lighter. The Committee is also in the process of preparing a new waste hauling contract, with new programs being instituted in July of 2010. The committee will be looking at several programs in the coming year including anti-idling ordinances and rain barrel distribution. If you would like more information, the Committee meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

## Electronic Recycling No Longer Collected At Municipal Center

Over the past year, the Village of Hanover Park has served as a collection location for electronic recycling through a program administered through DuPage County. During this time, the Village has collected over 26,000 tons of various electronics. However, the Village has been informed that due to new state laws, this program will no longer be in operation.

Therefore, as of January 1, 2010, the Village will no longer serve as a collection point and cannot accept electronics for recycling. Staff is working to see if this program can be reinstated. It is recommended that if you have electronics to be recycled, contact the business where the item was purchased for information.



## Sister City Welcomes Valparaiso, Zacatecas Mayor Ruiz Gonzalez

The Sister Cities Committee held a welcoming reception for Mayor Laura Isela Ruiz Gonzalez of Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico on December 7, 2009. Mayor Rod Craig, Clerk Eira L. Corral, and Trustees Rick Roberts, Bill Cannon, Toni Carter, Ed Zimel, and Lori Kaiser warmly received officials from the municipal government of Valparaiso and discussed the prospects of developing a Sister Cities relationship with the Mexican city. The town of Valparaiso is located in the state of Zacatecas in the north-central region of Mexico. The municipality holds a population of 29,000 and, much like Hanover Park's humble beginnings, the town has a strong agricultural economy. Committee Chair Linda Packham shared the mission and goals of the Sister Cities organization to create global connections through individual citizens. Mayor Ruiz Gonzalez graciously accepted the opportunity to strengthen a strong bond that already exists between both towns through residents who originate from Valparaiso, Zacatecas and have now established Hanover Park as their hometown.



Presentation from Mayor Ruiz Gonzalez to Mayor Craig and the people of Hanover Park

The reception was also attended by several of Hanover Park's residents, President Bernabe Cabral of the Federation of Zacatecan Clubs, Mayor Dr. Brian Sager of Woodstock, and other community leaders. Much support was demonstrated for the initiation of this Sister City relationship as an opportunity to develop a transnational exchange of culture, tradition, and best practices in municipal government and community building. We invite residents to continue to support the development of this Sister Cities relationship with Valparaiso, Zacatecas, Mexico and to attend the monthly Sister Cities Committee meeting every second Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 2121 W. Lake St. in Room 214. For more information, contact the Village Clerk and Sister Cities Board Liaison: Eira L. Corral at 630-372-4221.



Front Row: Clerk Eira L. Corral, Mayor Rod Craig, Mayor Laura I. Ruiz Gonzalez, Municipal Officials: Gustavo Ramirez Arellano, Juan Manuel Bañuelos. Back Row: Trustee Rick Roberts, Trustee Lori Kaiser, Trustee Edward J. Zimel, Jr.

## Congratulations to Our Outstanding Village Employees

Each year, the Village has an annual Employee Recognition event in which we recognize employees who have gone above and beyond in providing exceptional service to our residents, as well as contributing in a significant way in helping the Village deliver its services quickly, efficiently, and courteously. We are proud to recognize the following employees:



Employee of the Year – Sue Krauser



Supervisor of the Year – Joe Ciancio



Customer Service Award – Wendy Bednarek



Rookie of the Year Award – Ryan Jasper (left) and Mike Nowak (right)

## Human Resources Director Retires

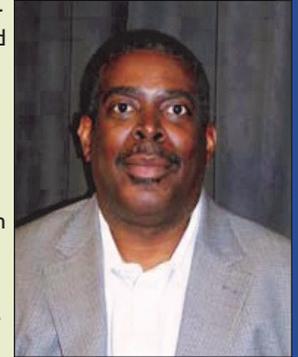
Best wishes to Human Resources Director Sandra Vincent Richard, who retired after 26 years of service to the Village.



## Staff Changes at the Village

Over the past several months, the Village had some staffing changes taken place.

We welcomed new Finance Director, Lafayette Linear. Mr. Linear is a Certified Public Accountant and served at many accounting and auditing firms, as well as a tenure as Finance Director and Village Manager for the Village of Matteson, Illinois. Mr. Linear has been working for local government for seven years, and was previously a consultant for local and state government for approximately ten years.



Lafayette Linear  
Director of Finance

Deputy Chief David Webb was promoted to the Chief of Police position. Chief Webb joined the department on April 20,



David Webb  
Chief of Police

1990 as a Police Officer. Chief Webb received his Bachelor's degree in Law Enforcement Administration from Western Illinois University and is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. Most recently, Chief Webb attained his Master's degree in Law Enforcement Psychology from the Adler School of Psychology in Chicago.

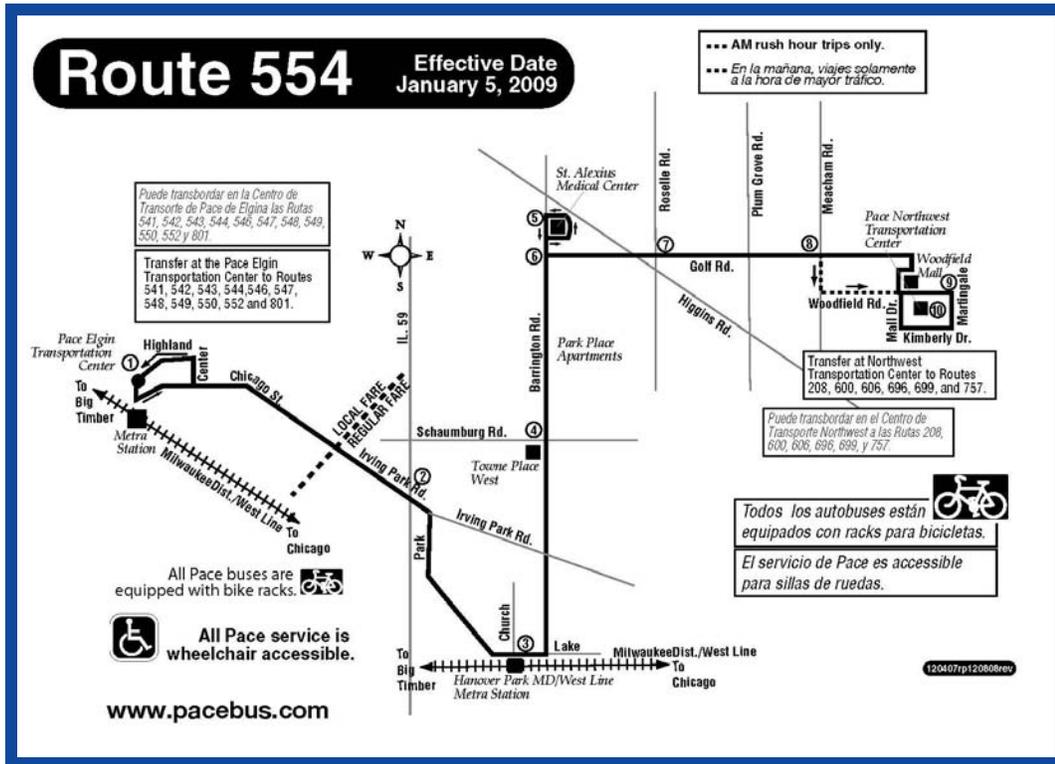
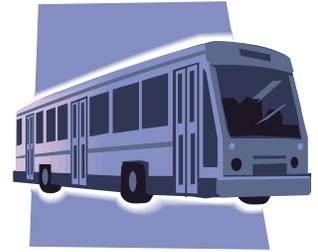
Wendy Bednarek was named Human Resources Director. Wendy started with the Village in February, 2008 as Human Resources Generalist. Her education background includes a Bachelors in Business Management with emphasis in Human Resources from Anderson University and SPHR (Senior Professional Human Resources) certification from the Society for Human Resource Management.



Wendy Bednarek  
HR Director

# PACE Serves Hanover Park

Looking for public transportation? PACE operates a bus route through the Village along Lake Street and Barrington Road. Route 554 is a "flag stop" route, where riders can stop the bus anywhere along the route to board on and off. The bus stops at the Elgin Transportation Center, Hanover Park Metra Station, St. Alexis Medical Center, and the Northwest Transportation Center in Schaumburg.



## ROUTE 554 • ELGIN - WOODFIELD

### WEEKDAY EASTBOUND • ENTRE SEMANA HACIA EL ESTE

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PACE ELGIN TRANS CENTER	IL 59 / IRVING PARK	CHURCH/ LAKE	SCHAUMBURG/ BARRINGTON	BARRINGTON/ ST ALEXIUS	GOLF/ BARRINGTON	GOLF/ ROSELLE	GOLF/ MEACHAM	WOODFIELD	PACE NORTHWEST TRANS. CENTER
5:53am	6:06am	6:15am	6:23am	6:27am	6:29am	6:37am	6:41am	-	6:45am
7:00	7:13	7:22	7:30	7:35	7:37	7:46	7:50	-	7:56
7:30	7:43	7:52	8:00	8:05	8:07	8:16	8:20	-	8:26
10:15	10:27	10:37	10:45	10:49	10:52	11:01	11:06	11:08am	11:14

### WEEKDAY WESTBOUND • ENTRE SEMANA HACIA EL OESTE

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PACE NORTHWEST TRANS. CENTER	WOODFIELD	GOLF/ MEACHAM	GOLF/ ROSELLE	GOLF/ BARRINGTON	BARRINGTON/ ST ALEXIUS	SCHAUMBURG/ BARRINGTON	CHURCH/ LAKE	IL 59/ IRVING PARK	PACE ELGIN TRANS CENTER
11:23am	11:28am	11:31am	11:34am	11:41am	11:43am	11:48am	11:54am	12:03pm	12:16pm
3:07pm	3:12pm	3:15pm	3:18pm	3:26pm	3:28pm	3:34pm	3:43pm	3:52	4:05
3:50	3:55	3:58	4:01	4:09	4:11	4:17	4:26	4:35	4:48
4:10	4:15	4:18	4:21	4:29	4:31	4:37	4:46	4:55	5:08
5:20	5:25	5:28	5:31	5:41	5:43	5:50	5:59	6:08	6:21
5:45	5:50	5:53	5:56	6:05	6:07	6:13	6:22	6:31	6:44

No Saturday Sunday or holiday service.  
No hayo servicio Sabados, Domingos dias festivos.

## 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:

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### Pay your water bill online!

[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.**

## Hi Lighter

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### 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 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 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.

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

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#### 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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### Youth Benefit Ball a Grand Success

On October 30, 2009, Village President Rodney Craig hosted the Hanover Park Park Foundation's (HPPF) 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Youth Benefit Ball. Dr. Nicholas Myers, Assistant Superintendent of School District 54, was the keynote speaker.

Funds raised went towards providing scholarships for Park District programs.

It was a great event and everyone looks forward to next year's event.

