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Hanover Park

VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK

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Village Receives GFOA Budget Award

The Government Finance Officers Association presented the Village of Hanover Park with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budget Report.

This award is a significant achievement for the Village of Hanover Park. The Village's Fiscal Year 2010 Annual Budget has been reviewed and meets the nationally recognized guidelines for an effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well the Village's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device. The Village of Hanover Park has received this distinguished budget award, consecutively, since Fiscal Year 1992.

Recognition was given to the Village's Budget Team including: Village Manager, Ron Moser, Finance Director, Lafayette Linear and Former Assistant Finance Director, Tom Dahl.

In addition, special recognition is given to Village President, Rod Craig and Board of Trustees, and our department heads for their efforts in putting together the budget document.



*Trustee Rick Roberts and
Finance Director Lafayette Linear*

Police Earns 3rd National Reaccreditation

On November 20, 2010, the Hanover Park Police Department formally accepted its third reaccreditation award (fourth award overall) in Garden Grove, California from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since being initially accredited on November 17, 2001. The award was accepted by Chief of Police David Webb and Accreditation Manager Len Jaster. Every three years, agencies must reapply for accreditation, which is formal recognition that an agency has an excellent record of service and operation.



The on-site inspection was conducted in August of this year. During this time, the assessment team toured the Police Department, interviewed employees and members of the community, held a public forum, took phone calls from all interested parties, and reviewed documents. The team found the department in compliance with all 464 of the total number of standards, and 100% of the standards applicable to the agency. There are 102 standards that are optional and the department is required to comply with 80% of these optional standards. The department was found in compliance with 95% of the optional standards.

Accreditation is an ongoing process and the Police Department works daily to maintain compliance with the standards. The Hanover Park Police Department is proud to be one of only 45 accredited police agencies in the State of Illinois, and one of 790 in the entire country. This figure represents less than 10% of all police agencies throughout the United States. CALEA accreditation means that a police agency has continually demonstrated excellence in its policies, procedures, and practices. The Hanover Park Police Department remains committed to this on-going process in order to better serve the residents and visitors of the Village.

Minute with the Mayor ...



Mayor Craig checking out transit oriented developments in Denver and surrounding communities.

Welcome to 2011 Hanover Park. Looking back at 2010, residents have noticed significant change within the Village. The revitalization of the Neighborhood Watch program, the implementation of the Area Response Team (ART) program, and engaging a major revitalization of policing is making a difference. Our leadership is committed to all residents to bring the most efficient and effective levels of service during tough economic times. Additionally, our Police Department has recertified itself with the highest standards of the CALEA initiative, which evaluates all police practices and procedures. I'm proud to say we are taking every opportunity to place Hanover Park residents to work during the construction of our new police station.

Jobs are another area of stress within our town, and ongoing discussions with the community colleges, workNet Centers and leading employers are taking place to bring a plan together to address the needs of Hanover Park. I'm optimistic that many months of effort will come to fruition and the outcome will provide exceptional opportunities. Access to opportunities is the key component, and we are working together to make a difference for residents.

Last year I spoke of a plan for a new medical facility and, today, we have The Claremont, a transitional health facility. This will be good for the tax base and the economics in Hanover Park. Additionally, Caputo's has completed their remodeling and the shopping center is looking better than ever. I encourage everyone to shop in Hanover Park and keep our fine businesses viable and contributing to the overall health of our town.

In this issue is an article about the Veteran's Appreciation evening sponsored by the Veteran's Committee. It was one of the finest events which honored those who have served our country. Our Honor Roll plaque has grown to over 75 names of residents who have served in the military. It is a great addition to Village Hall where visitors can honor and acknowledge our neighbors.

Bringing effective transportation to Hanover Park is our goal and a plan is coming together. My work with IDOT, RTA, legislators, county leaders, and others in mayoral forums is bringing RTA grants for transportation studies to provide solutions. We are expecting long-term outcomes that will serve the residents with public transportation in an exceptional way. These efforts will be inclusive of a public transportation corridor along the Barrington Road/County Farm Road right-of-way. Additionally, having public transportation integrated to the design of the O'Hare to Hanover Park roadway is exceptional for future access to jobs and travel.

My recent visit to Denver for the National League of Cities conference gave me the opportunity to visit numerous transit oriented development sites to observe how they are becoming relevant to the communities they serve. We have golden opportunities in Hanover Park. With the dedication of our staff and funding support from Federal and State partners, we will be seeing a major transportation hub develop to bring jobs and marketability to Hanover Park.

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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod".

Rodney S. Craig, Village President

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STAARS

Artwork from **Spring Wood Middle School** was on display at Village Hall during the month of October. Artists included:

- Christopher Stawnyczy – 6th Grade
- Brianna Carreto – 6th Grade
- Gabriela Contreras – 7th Grade
- Darryleemay Carmona – 7th Grade
- Colleen Johnson – 7th Grade
- Alexandria Govea – 8th Grade
- Damonisha Dobbs – 8th Grade
- Nicholas Lew – 6th Grade
- Susan Flores – 7th Grade
- Cameron Wimes – 6th Grade
- Diana Chrostowski – 6th Grade
- Paris Apostolakos – 6th Grade
- Danielle Johnson – 7th Grade
- Alexis Simon – 7th Grade
- Amanda Burton – 7th Grade



Artwork from **Albert Einstein Elementary School** was on display at Village Hall during the month of November. Artists included:

- Yulianna Cortez
- Preston Fearing
- Asja Goston
- Ali Husain
- Darcy Lange
- Julianna Lichwa
- Ethan Morgan
- Anuj Patel
- Arianna Porcelli
- Ashley Serbicki



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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, 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.

Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil

The Village of Hanover Park and WINGS (Women In Need Growing Stronger) hosted their 2nd Annual Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil at 6:00 p.m. on October 26, 2010 at Village Hall. The Candlelight Vigil was an event to honor survivors of domestic violence and raise awareness of domestic violence in the community.

Attendees heard personal statements from survivors and family members of victims on how domestic violence has impacted their lives. The Wings Organization and Elgin Crisis Center also spoke on the issue and discussed resources available to community members. The event served as an opportunity to recognize Leila Gomez-Bock from the local community organization, Centro de Información, as a community hero for her efforts to empower young women through the Destiny Keepers Mentorship program.

Donate Your Used Cell Phones

The Village of Hanover Park is holding a cell phone collection drive. Donate your used cell phone by depositing it in the collection box located in Village Hall. Proceeds from the collection of deactivated phones fund the mission of the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) to end violence in the home.



Winter Safety at Home

Snow fall is usually a sign that Old Man Winter is here. During the winter months, no one wants to spend an extended amount of time outside. Here are a few tips to follow to make sure you and your family and friends are safe while spending time inside.

Take a few minutes to make sure your home is safe for all ages. These tips are for areas inside of the house. Don't forget to keep the outside such as side walks and driveways clear of ice and snow for your family, arriving guests and friends in your neighborhood.

That's Alarming: Install smoke detectors on every floor of your home and carbon monoxide detectors near sleeping areas. If already installed, test them! Tip: Replace the batteries at every daylight-savings time change.

Avoid Overload: Check for overloaded extension cords – usage should not exceed the recommended wattage. Cords should not be placed under rugs or heavy furniture, tacked up or coiled while in use.

Childproof, Childproof: Check your local library or online for complete lists of childproofing suggestions. Areas of particular danger include outlets, appliances, electronics, stairs and windows.

Give Your Air Heater Some Space: All air heaters should be placed at least three feet from beds, curtains or anything flammable. Please don't leave them unattended.

Keep Extinguishers Handy: Place all-purpose fire extinguishers in key locations in your home – the kitchen, bedroom and basement. Be sure to check the expiration dates regularly and know how to use them safely.

Create a Safe Exit: Along with alarms and extinguishers, consider an escape ladder if your home has two floors. Keep emergency numbers and contacts readily available by the phone.

Put Away Medications: Take medications and medical supplies out of your purse, pockets and drawers, and put them in a cabinet with a child safety lock.

Welcome guest: If you have family and/or friends staying at your house, don't just show them where they will be sleeping during their stay or where to hang their coat, but also take a few minutes to show them what to do in case an emergency occurs during their stay. Show them two ways out just in case everyone needs to evacuate the home. Let them know where your "family meeting area" is outside of the home. Show them where the fire extinguishers are located and how to operate them properly.

You can find these tips and many more at the Underwriters Laboratories® web page. Just go to <http://safetyathome.com> and click on the Home Safety or Community links. You can also visit the National Fire Protection Association's website at <http://www.nfpa.org> to get more ideas and make this a safe winter season.



Congratulations Hurricane Cheerleaders

The Hanover Park Hurricanes ended their 40th year with a big bang when the 103# Girls POM Squad won the State Championship. Congratulations to:

Cheerleaders:	Alyssa Anderson	Leah Baker
	Jessica Box	Elizabeth Castro
	Shyenne Ferguson	Ma'Queen Marshall
	Natalie Marston	Felicia McCreary
	Jessica Pineda	Kristina Vyas
Head Coaches:	Rosanna Magallanes	Michelle Vega
Jr. Coaches:	Payton Gill	Kim Keyser
	Margo Vida	



Hanover Park Fire Department Volunteer Fire Corps



The Fire Corps is a volunteer part of the Hanover Park Fire Department that currently performs and assists the department with many tasks, including fire prevention, station tours, open houses and incident rehab.

The leading cause of Firefighter line-of-duty deaths is cardiac or cerebrovascular incidents. A firefighter has a 30% greater chance of suffering a heart attack on the job than the general population. Heat stress adds to the cardiovascular stress because of the need for the body to supply blood to the active muscles and to the vessels close to the surface for cooling the body. The sweating decreases the circulating plasma volume and stress hormones increase the clotting factors in the blood. To help combat these issues incident rehab is needed. The components of rehab consist of rest, recovery, rehydration, nourishment, medical monitoring, and relief from the incident and environmental conditions. Team members meet monthly to train to be able to work side-by-side with firefighters and EMS workers.



The Fire Corps team members have specialized training which includes: Understanding the Stress of Firefighting; Understanding the Fire Service; Understanding Firefighters; Implementing Effective on-scene rehabilitation; Firefighting Protective Equipment; Experiencing Heat Stress from the Firefighter's Perspective; and Understanding Psychological/Emotional/Spiritual Stress of Firefighting.

The Fire Corps is always looking for individuals that are enthusiastic and energetic about being involved and giving back to their community. If this sounds like something that interests you, applications are available at the Hanover Park Fire Department Station No. 1 (located at 6850 Barrington Road). Completed applications should be submitted to this location as well.

Requirements include: Age 21 at time of application; no felony convictions; and have a valid driver's license. There are no residency requirements.

Fire Department Open House

Back in October, the Fire Department held its annual Open House to commemorate Fire Prevention Week and promote fire safety. Benefitting from seasonably warm temperatures, record crowds enjoyed an education-filled day of touring the fire station, watching demonstrations by the firefighters and guests, as well as some hands-on activities for children.

Activities for children included a firefighter obstacle course, smoke trailer safety house, button making, balloon animals, fire house squirting, and tattoos. Demonstrations included vehicle extrications, car roll-over simulator, hazardous materials spills and search & rescue dogs.

Several partnering agencies provided valuable safety information, refreshments, fun & games, and prizes. Joining the Fire Department were Nicor Gas, Sherman Hospital, The Claremont Skill Nursing Center, Salvation Army, Alexian Brothers Hospital, DuComm 911 Center, Union Pacific Railroad, Ill-Wis Search Dogs, Illinois State Police, Fire Corps Rehab Team and the Fire Department Chaplains.



Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sharing in the joy of the season and their pride for Hanover Park, not-for-profit organizations, local groups, businesses, and schools decorated trees on display at Village Hall. On Monday, November 29, 2010, Village President Rod Craig and Village Clerk Eira Corral presented the trees at the Village's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. With a "flip of the switch", the holiday trees, Lake Street holiday lights and municipal complex holiday lights were illuminated. Our special guest, Santa, arrived by fire truck to greet all the boys and girls with his holiday cheer.

Entertainment was provided by the Elsie Johnson Carolers, the Spring Wood Middle School Band, the Allegro Dance Troupe and Dave Herzog's Marionettes who performed "Christmas Capers". The marionette show was graciously sponsored by the Schaumburg Township District Library. A special thanks to the Hanover Park Lions Club for providing refreshments and to the Hanover Highlands Elementary School Husky Club for volunteering to pass out treats. It was a wonderful event for the family to enjoy.



Prescription Discount Card

On January 8, 2011, the Village of Hanover Park will launch a program to help provide residents with some relief from the high cost of prescription drugs. The Village is making free prescription discount cards available to Hanover Park residents through a program sponsored by the National League of Cities (NLC). The discount cards offer residents an average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed medications.

The discount cards may be used by all residents of Hanover Park and has no restrictions based on the resident's age, income level, or existing health coverage. The discount card benefits not only those without insurance, but can also be used by underinsured residents to obtain prescriptions that are excluded from health benefit plans. The NLC card can be used when purchasing prescription drugs at several pharmacies around the Village, as well as at more than 60,000 participating retail pharmacies across the country.

"In the current economic climate, where many people are watching what they spend, Hanover Park is happy to partner with the National League of Cities to make this prescription discount card available for our residents," said Mayor Rod Craig. "Whether or not an individual

has prescription coverage, this program can make it easier for our residents to afford the medications they need to deal with a short-term illness or stay healthy by managing a chronic condition."

Cards can be printed from the Internet at www.caremark.com/nlc and are also available at several

locations throughout the Village, including Village Hall and libraries, among others, at no cost to residents. Hanover Park residents can visit www.caremark.com/nlc to access program tools or call toll-free 1-888-620-1749 for assistance with the program.

"Not only does the NLC prescription discount card help residents save money on their medications, it is easy to use," said Mayor Craig. "Hanover Park residents only have to show their card when purchasing medication at one of the many participating pharmacies. There is no enrollment form required to get a card, no membership fee of any kind and Village residents and their family members can use the card any time

their prescriptions are not covered by insurance."

The discount card program is administered by CVS Caremark. Stop into Village Hall today to get your card, or visit their website at www.caremark.com/nlc.



Lower the Cost of Your Prescriptions. Start Saving Today!

The **Prescription Discount Card** is easy to use and can be used any time your prescription is not covered by insurance.

The program includes:

- Average savings of 20%
- It's FREE, no enrollment or membership fees
- All family members are covered
- Even some pet prescriptions are covered
- No limit on how many times you use the card
- 9 out of 10 pharmacies accept the card



Start Saving Today with the Village of Hanover Park Prescription Discount Card



It's easy to get a card from the Internet, go to www.caremark.com/nlc and select 'Print a Card Now' and follow the easy steps. Cards may also be found at city hall and most libraries.

This is NOT insurance. Discounts are only available at participating pharmacies. Operated by CVS Caremark.

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For more program information visit www.caremark.com/nlc or call toll-free **1-888-620-1749**.



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Hot Off The Grill

by Patrick Grill,
Community Development Director

Happy New Year! But before I go any further, how about that fall weather! As "Indian" summers go, that was fantastic. I think I was able to barbeque later in the year longer this year than any other I can remember. The same could be said for my golf game too. The warm weather and lack of precipitation allowed for extended opportunities to enjoy the outdoors before the frigid chill of winter pushed us back inside for the season.



After a little more than a year of construction, Hanover Park's only skilled nursing facility is finally open. The Claremont began accepting patients in early December after a thorough inspection and approval process. If you haven't already done so, stop by and take a look. The inside is just as beautiful as the exterior. If you didn't know any better, you'd think you were in a five-star hotel. It is definitely a premier facility and adds to the positive development pattern occurring along Lake Street and within Hanover Park.

Also adding to this positive development is the new Police Station rising out of the ground just across the street from the Claremont. Construction should continue through the winter and most, if not all, of 2011. The opening of this facility is expected in the first quarter of 2012.

You may have noticed a new restaurant on the east side of Barrington Road, just south of Irving Park Road. This happens to be the second location for Just Kabobs. Their first location opened a little more than a year ago in St. Charles. If you haven't stopped by yet, you don't know what you're missing. The grilled kabobs, whether it is the chicken, beef, pork or shrimp, are simply heavenly. Dinners include a salad, rice pilaf, oven roasted potatoes or fries and pita bread. Additional entrees include gyros and both Greek and barbeque rotisserie chicken. Just Kabobs offers four different salads including Greek, gyro and chicken breast. They also have baklava for dessert. And the best part? It won't break the bank. So why not stop by and experience the fresh, delicious food being served at Just Kabobs. How do I know it's fresh? They don't have a microwave in the building. In addition, Just Kabobs has a great catering menu.

For those of you who live near Army Trail Road, you will soon be able to experience a new taste. Priscilla's Ultimate Soul Food Cafeteria is slated to open in early 2011. It will occupy the former Boston Market building and be the third location for Priscilla and Mansfield Redmon. Their other locations are in Hillside and Streamwood. Billed as "A taste of the South in the North," Priscilla's Ultimate Soul Food offers a wide variety of southern favorites including fried chicken and catfish, Salisbury steak, beef short ribs, pot roast and liver and onions. They can also cater your next event.

Lastly, there are two opportunities I am keeping a close eye on as they relate to additional job creation in Hanover Park. Both would be beneficial for the Village and provide excellent chances to create new job growth. With any luck, I will be able to announce one or both in my next edition.

I hope your holiday season was filled with happiness and love. As I look back on the events in 2010, I am more hopeful than ever that we are headed in the right direction and will see many more positive signs this year. I send you my Best Wishes for 2011.

Committee

Welcome

New Businesses

Eck Tax Service
7203 Old Salem Circle A

El Amigo Bakery
2192 Lake Street

Good As New Resale
1178 Lake Street

Just Kabobs
7310 Barrington Road



Spotlight on Business

Class Computer Systems



Kevin Swan, owner of Classic Computer Systems, has been involved in the Hanover Park business community since opening here in 2003. A member of the CONECT Committee since 2004, Kevin helped to form the Hanover Park Chamber of Commerce and Industry, serving as Chairman of the Board and offering the group office space in his building.



Located at 1981 Devon Avenue in historic Ontarioville, Classic Computer Systems provides computer software to salons and mobile tool distributors. Their goal is to provide a quality software product that is user friendly and affordable. In these trying times, the company strives to help businesses make their operations more efficient and successful. Operating since 1981, Mr. Swan moved the business to Hanover Park to take advantage of the convenient location and affordable DuPage County property taxes.

Mr. Swan enjoys being active in the Hanover Park business community and encourages businesses from all parts of the Village to become involved. The Chamber and CONECT Committee offer many benefits to businesses, providing information about available business assistance and funding. Networking events provide an opportunity for businesses to share marketing ideas, operational tips, and business leads. Working together, business owners and managers can learn from each other's successes and develop friendships. With a more cohesive business community and identity, businesses and consumers will see the benefits of doing business here.

Kevin looks forward to working with the new Chamber Coordinator, Andrea Fox. She comes to Hanover Park from another chamber in the northwest suburbs and is working to increase the visibility, programming and membership of the HP Chamber.

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.



For more information on becoming a member of the Chamber please contact them at 630-372-2009 or exec@hanoverparkchamber.com. For more information about the CONECT Committee, please contact the Community Development Department at 630-372-4260.

Congratulations to These Outstanding 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:



FY 2010 Customer Service Award - Katherine Perez

Katherine has been the Administrative Assistant for the Police Department since July, 2005. She does an excellent job interacting with both internal and external customers in a calm, highly professional and effective manner. She will often put her own assigned workload aside to ensure that anyone contacting the Police Department is dealt with the attention they deserve. In addition, Katherine is also assigned as the staff liaison to the Sister Cities Committee. Her efforts have contributed to the success of the committee and she has been praised by its members for the professional manner in which she assists with the functioning of the committee.



FY 2010 Rookie of the Year Award - Cris Randall

Cris was hired as Human Resources Generalist on December 22, 2009. She has eagerly taken on extra tasks, even those outside of her normal duties and sometimes outside of her normal work hours. In addition to her day-to-day tasks, she quickly got the NEOGOV system (our new online application system) up and running to make recruitment duties more efficient. Cris has a high drive to see the HR Department and the Village succeed.



FY 2010 Employee of the Year Award - Ken McElhose

Ken was hired as Mechanic in the Public Works Department in September, 1981. He is a very responsive "behind the scene" employee. Ken is in charge of outfitting all of the new Police vehicles and is the mechanic responsible for the maintenance and repairs of the Fire equipment. He is usually available after hours for emergency repairs and goes about his daily work without hesitation. Ken always has a positive attitude towards his job and the Village.



FY 2010 Supervisor of the Year Award - Scott Weber

Scott is the Streets and Forestry Supervisor for the Public Works Department and has been working with the Village since April, 1991. He has taken over the Forestry Department this year and has streamlined operations by bringing formally contracted items back to being completed by Village employees, thereby saving the Village money. Scott is very involved in Public Works emergency response and is an active participant in the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Group. He is able to lead Public Works crews effectively during emergency operations including snow removal and flooding.

Village Welcomes New Planner

Please join us in welcoming new Village Planner Katie Bowman. Ms. Bowman has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Urban Planning & Policy, with concentration in Economic Development & Physical Planning.

She previously worked as a Research Assistant for the Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood & Community Improvement at UIC where she participated in technical and community assistance for many military base communities. Ms. Bowman also worked as an Associate Planner for the Town of Yountville, California, where she performed development review, managed the Zoning and Design Review Board, and assisted in policy development.

She currently resides in Chicago with her husband and enjoys exploring Illinois to find new restaurants, events, and outdoor activities. She is excited to join Hanover Park, and will work to encourage sustainable community development and increased business activity.



I Smell Smoke!

Imagine this...you are sitting in your living room enjoying an episode of your favorite sitcom. All of a sudden your smoke detector starts that high pitch, ear piercing alarm. What is your next thought? If your next thought is "who's in the kitchen cooking?" you would be with the majority of the population. Unfortunately most homes have that smoke detector in the kitchen that lets you know when what ever is cooking is done. After time goes by that smoke detector becomes "the boy who cried wolf."

What is your next action? Do you walk over to the screeching little device, stand on the tip of your toes, and with outstretched arms reach up and pull the alarm from its secured mount, either unplugging it quickly or dispelling the 9-volt battery onto the floor?

Now, lets play the same scenario, but once you get up to disarm "the little boy who cried wolf" you smell smoke, or you see a light haze in the air and you smell something burning. Do you try to find what is burning? How long do you wait until you call 911? If you do find what is burning, do you attempt to put out the fire or do you evacuate the house?

All of these questions have similar answers no matter what household you go to. The next time you are with friends or family members ask them some of these questions.

Tragically these are not made up questions or scenarios. Over the past year, the Hanover Park Fire Department has responded to several house fires where the occupants not only did not take the high pitch scream from the smoke detector seriously, but when the occupants made it to the area where the smoke detector was located they smelled smoke or noticed the dim glow of their possessions burning and they attempted to put out the fire instead of calling 911. Unfortunately, their attempts were unsuccessful resulting in the fire spreading throughout the home. Fires double in size every minute, so always call 911 prior to any attempt to extinguish a fire on your own. This may be the difference between containing the fire to the room of origin or allowing it to spread throughout the house. Even if you extinguish a fire on your own, the Hanover Park Fire Department recommends calling 911. We will respond to ensure that the fire is out and has not extended into hidden spaces. New technology allows us to use thermal imaging to check for hidden fires and areas of extreme heat without causing damage to your home. Always call 911 if you see or smell



smoke, or discover a fire in your home.

Now this is the age of cell phones. Some homes don't have home phones (or land lines) because everyone in the family has a cell phone. Something you must be aware of when using a cell phone to call 911. When you make a regular phone call with your cell phone, the signal goes to the closest cell tower and then it is sent to the person you are trying to contact, right? Well, when you call 911 the cell tower does not know what Emergency Dispatch Center you are trying to contact. The cell tower will typically route your call to the Emergency Dispatch Center located nearest to that cell

tower. This may cause a delay in routing your call to the Hanover Park's Dispatch Center (DuComm), which may delay notification of the Fire Department. When calling 911 from a home phone certain information is provided directly to the dispatcher through the 911 system, like your address and phone number. When calling 911 from a cell phone you must provide all this information to the dispatcher, so remember to remain calm and answer all of the dispatcher's questions. Any information you provide may aid us in extinguishing the fire or locating trapped occupants when the Fire Department arrives.

If you have a smoke detector alarming, smell something burning, or see smoke:

- Get everyone out of the house
- Make sure everyone is out and call 911 (**Do Not** go back into the house for anything)
- Upon arrival of the Fire Department, inform them if everyone is out of the house and any other information you may know. (What smoke detector was alarming, did you see smoke, etc.)

Pass this information on to anyone who lives in your home. Practice these drills (during the day and at night) to make sure everyone is on the same page. One of the most heard comments to the Fire Department is, "We didn't want to bother you." The Fire Department is here to serve the residents of Hanover Park. If you have any concerns it is better to call and find out it was a false alarm, than to delay the call and not have the Fire Department there when you need them.





News You Can Use

**From the Hanover Park
Environmental Committee**

Environmental Committee Year in Review

The Environmental Committee was very active in 2010, beginning the year with a Storm Drain Stenciling program and ending with being awarded a Governors Hometown Award. In 2010, the Committee undertook the following activities:

- Storm Drain Stenciling
- DuPage River Sweep
- 2nd Annual Household Recycling Day
- Clean Air Counts Silver Level Designation
- Daily recycling of Electronics, CFL Bubs and Household Batteries

In 2010, the following amounts of items were recycled:

Electronics	17,228
Household Batteries	450 pounds
CFL Bulbs	430
Auto Batteries	60
Waste Oil	380 Gallons
Document shredding	4,285 pounds
Fire Extinguishers	25
Eye Glasses	55
Bicycles	5

If you would like to participate in any of these events, or if you would like further information, please call the Environmental Committee phone number at 630-550-5005

Holiday Lights Recycling

The Hanover Park Environmental Committee, in cooperation with Elgin Recycling, Inc., is collecting used holiday lights and extension cords for recycling. Bring in your entire strands, including lights that no longer work, to the Hanover Park Public Works Department, 2041 Lake Street, on Mondays to Fridays, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The Village will collect these items until February 28, so you can bring in any lights that have burnt out over the holiday season. For more information, please call the Environmental Committee hotline at 630-550-5005.



Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas trees will be recycled throughout the Village on Friday, January 7, Friday, January 14 and Friday, January 21. 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 date, Allied Waste Services will collect Christmas trees along with your regular garbage and refuse collections. 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 847-429-7370.

Martin Luther King Jr.



On January 17, 2011, we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in commemoration of this Civil Rights movement leader whose accomplishments have benefitted our society in promoting social justice and non-violent conflict resolution. Dr. King was a strong advocate for action against injustice. Between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over six million miles speaking on the issue. His leadership incorporated the values of Christianity and methods influenced by Gandhi. In 1963, he was named Man of the Year by *Time Magazine* and in 1964, at age thirty-five, he became the youngest man to receive the Nobel Peace Prize. Dr. King endured great sacrifices for his beliefs; he was arrested, had his home bombed and was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

More than the recognition of Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday, this is also a day of celebrating diversity. Stating that, "An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity," Dr. King believed that his greatest accomplishment was to serve others. His legacy continues to advance human rights and tolerance as prominent values for our global society.

Holiday Closings



Village Hall will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2011 in observance of President's Day.

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, February 12, 2011** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 214.

Listed below are the 2011 Coffee with the Board dates:

- 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.

Little League Registration

Barrington Road Club House

January 29 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 January 30 - 12 p.m.-4 p.m.
 February 12 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
 February 13 - 12 p.m.-4 p.m.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

January, 2011

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
6	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
6	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
8	Veteran's Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
11	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
11	Sister City Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
13	Development Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
15	Healthcare Provider CPR	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station #1
18	Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.	7:15 p.m.	Room 214
19	Cook County Water Bills Due		
20	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
20	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
25	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
28	DuPage County Water Bills Due		

February, 2011

Date	Meeting/Event	Time	Location
3	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
3	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
5	Veteran's Committee Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
8	CONNECT Committee	12:30 p.m.	Room 214
8	Sister City Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
10	Development Commission Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
12	Coffee with the Board	9:00 a.m.	Room 214
15	Cultural Inclusion & Diversity Comm.	7:15 p.m.	Room 214
17	Village Board Workshop	6:00 p.m.	Room 214
17	Village Board Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Room 214
17	DuPage County Water Bills Due		
19	Heartsaver CPR/AED	8:00 a.m.	Fire Station 1
21	President's Day (Village Hall Closed)		
22	Environmental Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Room 214
28	Cook County Water Bills Due		

Curfew Reminder

As a reminder, curfew violations are taken seriously by the Hanover Park Police Department and enforcement action will be taken. In our efforts to reduce crime and protect juveniles from becoming victims, we find that our curfew ordinance has proven to be an effective tool. Previous incidents have shown that in many cases, juveniles violating curfew are involved in the commission of other more serious crimes. Hanover Park's local ordinance provides that, "It shall be unlawful for a minor to be or remain in any public place or on the premises of any establishment within the Village during curfew hours." Curfew Hours in Hanover Park are defined as 10:00 p.m. on any Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday until 6:00 a.m. of the following day; and 11:00 p.m. on any Friday and Saturday until 6:00 a.m. on the following day. A "Minor", for the purposes of the curfew ordinance, means any unemancipated person under 17 years of age. Help us keep your children safe and out of trouble by having them adhere to our curfew hours.



Overnight Parking

The Village of Hanover Park prohibits overnight parking on any Village street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., every day of the week unless otherwise posted.



If you need temporary on-street parking due to an emergency or out-of-town guests, call (630) 372-4400 for permission to park on the street for a specified limited time.

Code Enforcement - Holiday lights

Outdoor holiday lights brighten the season for everyone, but please be aware that Village ordinance 30-1 (590.3B) specifies holiday decorations must be taken down within 90 days following the holiday.



Officer Presented Award of Merit



Officer Kosartes with Police Chief David Webb

The Hanover Park Police Department is proud to announce that Officer Daniel Kosartes has been presented with the Cook County Sheriff's Award of Merit. This award is presented annually to law enforcement officers in Cook County who demonstrate exemplary service and professionalism. Officer Kosartes was selected for this award as a result of his outstanding work ethic and his efforts on several major cases during the past year.

Hanover Park Unveils New Website Design

On November 1, 2010, the Village of Hanover Park unveiled a new website design. The design and development was provided by Municipal Web services.

Back in August of 2009, the Village launched a new eNews and eAlerts service that sends out information on Village news and events, as well as emergency information such as a water boil order, natural disaster, or other information requiring immediate attention. With the new website design, residents now have the ability to choose which newsletters they receive (i.e., general eNews, eAlerts, or both). Like the old website, there is a category for community information where residents can learn of events happening within the community, as well as a services section where residents can obtain information about departments within the Village and the services they offer.

Residents can also access quick links from our home page that will allow you to pay your water/sewer bill and parking tickets, or purchase commuter parking passes. To view the latest news and events within the Village, look under news and events column on the left side of our home page. We welcome you to view the new website design at www.hpil.org.

If you have any questions or concerns related to the website, please contact Sue Krauser at 630-372-4210.



Lock Your Car Doors

Vehicle burglaries continue to occur throughout the Village. In an effort to curb this type of crime, we ask that you do two very simple things. First, **lock your car doors** wherever you park your car, whether it is in a mall parking lot, the convenience store, or your own driveway. Most of these crimes are committed by offenders looking for an easy opportunity. Secondly we ask that you **remove property** within your car such as cell phones, GPS units, coins, cameras and laptops **from plain view**. This will make your vehicle less inviting to the would-be burglar. If you do these simple things you are less likely to become a victim.



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:

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 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.

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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

Much praise goes out to the Hanover Park Park Foundation's coordination efforts on the Youth Benefit Ball, held on October 28, 2010. It was an outstanding event that raised funds to support youth scholarships in Hanover Park.

We are most fortunate to be raising dollars and assisting those who need it the most. Providing young people alternatives to gangs and other non-productive activities is an exceptional Hanover Park Park Foundation initiative. The HPPF President, Mickey Macholl, continues to provide wonderful leadership as the Chairperson of the Foundation and Board President Mary Morrison energized the team with her smile and encouraging words.

What a great Hanover Park evening we had together.



Village President & Host for the evening, Mayor Craig pictured with Board President Mary Morrison.



Keynote Speaker Ted Flickinger with Foundation President Mickey Macholl.

Veterans Appreciation Event



Mayor Rodney Craig, Jennifer Vosyka, Joseph Annunzio, Eugene Rudolph, Charles Hughes and Village Trustee Rick Roberts.

On November 11, 2010, the Village's Veterans Committee sponsored an evening to remember. The Committee also invited VFW Post 5151 as co-sponsor to share in the evenings events. Speaking from Congressman Roskam's Office was Alberto Velasco who shared his experiences in Iraq alongside Marines who gave their lives protecting our freedom. He was superb and he related his personal experience as a police officer and now working as a handicapped veteran on the Congressman's staff. He has helped many, and many came to meet Alberto out of appreciation for the assistance he has been providing many during his years in the congressional office.

Also speaking was Bob Larson, who is retiring from the Marines to pursue his business interests and to serve the people of the 6th District of DuPage County. Recently elected, we look forward to having a friend on the DuPage County Board with Bob's background.

Jenni Konstanzer spoke of her growing involvement with assisting Operation Airlift with Post 5151 in the service of delivering items to the troops overseas.

Our last speaker, Marie Williams, whose son is current serving actively, came as a surprise. She came with a presentation, which was displayed on Village's cable channel. The story about her son and his service to his country was most moving.

Finally, we introduced new veteran's onto the Honor Roll Plaque in Village Hall. Mayor Rod Craig and Deputy Mayor Rick Roberts presented Certificates of Appreciation to Jennifer Vosyka, Joesph Annunzio, Eugene Rudolph and Charles Hughes, whose names were also added to the plaque.