

Hi Lighter

Hanover Park

May/June 2003



The Hanover Park Village Board: (seated) Village President Irv Bock; (standing l to r) Village Clerk Sherry Craig, Trustees Joseph Nicolosi, Lori Kaiser, Rodney Craig, William Manton, Wesley Eby, and Robert Packham.

Village Officials Sworn in May 1

Three newly elected Village officials were sworn in at the May 1, 2003 Village Board meeting. Joseph J. Nicolosi, Rodney S. Craig and Lori A. Kaiser will each will serve four-year terms. They are pictured above with the entire Village Board.

Joseph Nicolosi is an incumbent Trustee beginning his second term. He and his wife Sheryl reside on Andover Drive. He works for Pacific Life Insurance Company as a Brokerage Manager.

Rodney Craig is also an incumbent Trustee who resides with his wife Sherry on Hawthorne Lane. He works for the Federal Aviation Administration as the Great Lakes Regional National Airspace System Manager.

Lori Kaiser is new to the Village Board. She previously served as a Hanover Park Park District Commissioner and President. She and her husband John reside on Wildwood Lane. She works at Elsie C. Johnson School as a Special Education Aide.

Irving Park Road Resurfacing Underway

The State of Illinois is currently resurfacing Irving Park Road from 150 feet east of Barrington Road to approximately 500 feet east of Wise Road in Schaumburg. A contract in the amount of \$978,000 has been awarded to Arrow Road Construction by the Illinois Department of Transportation for the work, which is a total length of 5,300 feet.

The project will include a three inch asphalt overlay on top of the existing concrete pavement. In addition, the existing raised mountable medians will be removed and converted to painted medians that are the same level as the roadway. Raised reflective pavement markers will be installed once the asphalt work is complete. Work is scheduled for completion by the end of June.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| June 30 | Community Appearance Award deadline (page 6) |
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Minute with the Mayor . . .

World events of recent weeks have brought the realities of the aftermath of disaster to our televisions and newspapers. Lack of water, electricity, and basic medical care and hygiene are serious issues. While we hope never to be faced with such a situation here, the old adage of “hope for the best, plan for the worst” has never seemed like better advice. With that in mind, I am sharing important disaster recovery information with you.

RECOVERING FROM DISASTER: HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

Your first concern after a disaster is your household's health and safety.

- Be aware of new hazards created by the disaster. Watch for washed out roads, contaminated buildings, contaminated water, gas leaks, broken glass, damaged wires and slippery floors.
- Be aware of exhaustion. Don't try to do too much at once. Set priorities and pace yourself.
- Drink plenty of clean water. Eat well and get enough rest.
- Wear sturdy work boots and gloves. Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and clean water when working in debris.
- Inform local authorities about health and safety hazards, including chemical releases, downed power lines, washed out roads, smoldering insulation, or dead animals.

RETURNING TO A DAMAGED HOME

Returning to a damaged home can be both physically and mentally challenging. Above all, use caution.

1. Keep a battery powered radio with you to listen for emergency updates. Wear sturdy work boots and gloves.
2. Before going inside, walk carefully around the outside of your home and check for loose power lines, gas leaks and structural damage. If you smell gas, do not enter the home. Leave the area immediately. Do not enter if flood waters remain around the building. If you have any doubts about safety, have your home inspected by a professional before entering.
3. If your home was damaged by fire, do not enter until authorities say it is safe.
4. Check for cracks in the roof, foundation and chimneys. Enter the home carefully and check for damage. Be aware of loose boards and slippery floors. If it looks like the building may collapse, leave immediately.
5. A battery-powered flashlight is the best source of light for inspecting a damaged home. CAUTION: The flashlight should be turned on outside before entering a damaged home -- the battery may produce a spark that could ignite leaking gas, if present.
6. Do not use oil, gas lanterns, candles or torches for lighting inside a damaged home. Leaking gas or other flammable materials may be present. Do not smoke. Do not turn on the lights until you're sure they are safe to use.
7. If you smell gas or hear a hissing or blowing sound, open a window and leave immediately. Turn off the main gas valve from the outside.
8. Check the electrical system where visible and accessible.
9. Check appliances. If appliances are wet, turn the electricity off at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. Then unplug the appliances and let them dry out. Have them checked by a professional before using them again.
10. Clean up spilled medicine, bleaches and gasoline. Open cabinets carefully and beware of falling objects.
11. Clean and disinfect everything that got wet. Mud left behind by flood waters can contain sewage and chemicals.
12. Throw out fresh food, cosmetics, and medicines that have come into contact with flood waters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irv Bock".

Irv Bock,
Village President

Village Crews Will be Picking Up Brush at the Curb in July

The second of the three Village curbside brush pickups will take place in July. Residents should refer to the 2003 Village Calendar for specific information about the program.

Set-Out Time: 7:00 AM

All brush must be placed at the curb by 7:00 AM on the morning of your pick up. Brush can only be set out two days prior to 7:00 AM on your pick up day. Please do not put brush out after 7:00 AM on the first day of your collection cycle. Hold it for the next scheduled pickup. The Village incurs considerable cost returning to an area to collect brush set out after the first day of the collection cycle. It may take more than one day to pick up all the brush in a designated area. If brush is not picked up on the first day, it will still be picked up.



July 7th

Area 1: Streets north of Lake Street and west of Barrington Road.

July 14th

Area 2: Streets north of Lake Street and east of Barrington Road

July 21st

Area 3: Streets south of Lake Street and north of Lawrence Avenue

July 28th

Area 4: Streets south of Lawrence Avenue

What Will be Picked Up:

- Branches a minimum of 2 feet and up to 10 feet in length and less than eight inches in diameter.

What will NOT be Picked Up:

- Small hedge or pine clippings.
- Yard waste or brush in containers.
- Brush or branches with thorns.
- Tree stumps and roots.

How to Stack the Brush:

- Brush should be stacked in one direction with the butt end toward the street.
- No lumber, wire, rope, or other materials may be included with the brush.
- Brush must NOT block the sidewalk.

Questions regarding the Village Brush Pickup Program should be directed to the Public Works Department at (630) 372-4440.

NOTE: BFI also conducts a Yardwaste Collection Program. Stickers for the BFI program are available at Village Hall.



Mark Your Calendar and Join the Fun At COPS Days Picnics on July 9 & 23

The Hanover Park Police Department will be hosting two COPS Days Picnics this July.

The first picnic will be held **July 9 at Discovery Park**, located at Goddard and Whitney from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The second event will be held on **July 23 at Laurel Hill School**, 1750 Laurel Avenue from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Both picnics will include children's games, additional activities and refreshments. This event is geared for the entire family.

The Police Department hosts these picnics to foster better relationships with members of the community and to encourage residents to get to know their neighbors.

Questions regarding the COPS Days Picnics should be directed to Lieutenant Mark Gatz at (630) 372-4408.



Clerk's CORNER

Property maintenance reminders:

Property maintenance standards are an important part of keeping the Village looking its best. The warm weather months are the perfect time to spruce up your home and yard, as well as address any maintenance issues that may have crept up.

Here are a few quick reminders about Hanover Park's property maintenance requirements:

- ▲ Grass must not exceed 8 inches in height.
- ▲ Shrubbery on private property cannot obstruct the sidewalks or street.
- ▲ Window screens are required for open doors or windows used for ventilation.
- ▲ House numbers must be at least four inches in height, visible from the street and in numerals only (no script).
- ▲ Garbage containers are not permitted in front yards.
- ▲ Garage containers are not permitted in corner side and side yards, unless they are screened from view.

These reminders are only a summary of Village property maintenance regulations. For complete definitions, descriptions or exceptions to the regulations, you may review the actual Code at the Village Hall in the Village Clerk's Office.

'STAARS' Shine at Village Hall

(*STudents Artists and AuthoRs Program)

The work of young artists from Ontarioville Elementary School was featured in the Village Hall from March 20-April 16; the work of artists from Elsie Johnson Elementary School was featured from April 17 to May 14.

Ontarioville Elementary School artists include:

First Grade – Alejandra Mora, Miguel Roque

Second Grade – Tasmiyah Jaffer,
Ryan Vega-Perez

Third Grade – Liliana Salgado,
Ann Marie Vega-Perez

Fourth Grade – Michelle Garnelo,
Michelle Podumis

Fifth Grade – Ricardo Gabera

Sixth Grade – Brittany Abiera,
Angelica Villanueva

Artists from Elsie Johnson Elementary School include:

First Grade – Joey Favia, Melissa Hepler

Second Grade –
JoAnne Kim,
Erik Novak

Third Grade –
Arielle Gonzales,
Parth Shah

Fourth Grade –
Angelica Luna,
Will Petrosky, Juan Sanchez-Escobar

Fifth Grade –
Sharon Kim,
Brandon Pennington,
Carrie Reitz



Installation of New Water Meters Continues This Summer

The Village of Hanover Park's Meter Department is in the process of replacing all water meters and readout boxes. Meters in portions of DuPage County are scheduled for replacement this year. All remaining meters will be scheduled in 2004. All residents who are scheduled to receive a new meter will receive a letter from the Village instructing them to contact the Village to set up an appointment to replace the old meter with a new one.

Only Village personnel will be on the property to make the installations. These employees will have identification and will be driving a Village vehicle. Be sure to ask for

identification -- do not let anyone enter your property without the proper identification. If you are uncertain, call the Public Works Department at (630) 372-4440 to verify that the appropriate person is at your door.

The Village is undertaking this three year project to replace all meters with a radio-sending device. This will allow the Village to reduce the number of people reading meters.

If you have any questions, contact Water Meter Supervisor Joe Romero at (630) 372-4440.

Earn Money for Your Organization & Have a Great Time, Too -- Be a Harvest Fest Volunteer!

Ticket and Beverage booth helpers are needed... Hanover Park not-for-profit organizations can earn a "share" of the profits at Harvest Fest! Sign up now.

Ticket Booth – Your organization must provide two people per shift per booth for the entire day with four people for the evening shift. Options include one or two booths. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older. Please note: no children are permitted in the ticket booth.

Beverage Booth - Here is an excellent fundraising opportunity for youth organizations. All volunteers must be members of the organization. Volunteers who handle cash must be adults. Youth can serve and stock the beverage barrel. Your organization must provide two adults and four or five youths per shift for the entire day.

Harvest Fest ...Labor Day Weekend....August 29th through September 1st.
Call 630/372-4220 for more information.

HARVEST FEST MAIN STAGE LINE UP FOR 2003

**Friday, August 29 --
FOGHAT**

**Saturday, August 30 --
GIN BLOSSOMS**

**Sunday, August 31 --
MOLLY HATCHET**

Recent Survey Enabled Residents To Rate Police, Services

Many residents took the time to complete a brief survey in February that asked important questions about their opinions of the Department, its officers, and the quality and effectiveness of the services it provides.

The survey, which was accessed either through logging onto the Village website or requesting a survey form from the Village Clerk's Office, was designed to gauge the public's perception about the Police Department's overall performance.

Some highlights:

- Survey participants reported being residents of the Village anywhere from 1 to 41 years. The average length of residency was 17.44 years.
- Respondents were then asked what the closest street intersection to their residence is. This information was used by Police Department personnel in order to determine in what general vicinity problems are occurring, and subsequently, what resources are needed to address those concerns.
- The next section asked for brief information about the circumstances of police/resident contact within the last three years, and when contact was made by the individual with the Police Department. Several aspects of police work (covering all sections of the department) were listed for respondents to choose from. Participants listed a total of 115 contacts, which ranged from being a crime victim, to meetings with the Police Department's Code Enforcement personnel.
- The next section of the survey asked the individual to rate the attributes of the police personnel they have had contact with. There were six categories to choose from, which allowed participants to grade police personnel on the following areas: Level of Competence, Helpfulness, Courtesy, Neatness of Appearance, Overall Opinion, and Overall Perception of Safety in their neighborhood. Response choices ranged from: Poor, Fair, Average, Good, to Excellent.

All categorical ratings were assigned certain numerical values. These values were then applied to the responses provided by the participants, with the average scores calculated. The results show that respondents have rated the Hanover Park Police Department as either average or above average in each of these categories.

- The final category concerned the recommendations/comments of the respondents. The comments ranged from overly complimentary of the police, to criticism of police response to community concerns.

The compliments were extremely supportive of the efforts police officers make in keeping our community safe and a nice place to live.

Most of the criticism concerned such issues as:

needing to do more to eradicate the gang and drug problem within the Village, and give more attention to addressing nuisance complaints.

Complaints that dealt with specific issues have been assigned to the appropriate police personnel, who are currently working on solutions for addressing those concerns.

Our thanks to all those who took the time to let the Police Department know how it is doing and how it can best serve you.

Nominate a Beautiful Residence for 2003 Community Appearance Award

The Village of Hanover Park announces that nominations are now being taken for the 2003 Community Appearance Award Program. This program recognizes residents who demonstrate extra effort in maintaining and beautifying their property. Judging is based on creativity and overall property appearance.

All Hanover Park residential properties are eligible for this program. Entries may be made in either of two categories: single-family and multifamily. Applications (or nominators) must indicate the sections of the property to be judged.

Winners will be announced at the Village Board Meeting on August 7, 2003. **The deadline for nominations is June 30.** Nominees will be judged the week of July 7th. Please note that prizes cannot be awarded to any property in consecutive years.

Call the Village at (630) 372-4220 with your name and address or the addresses of the property you would like to nominate.

Remember -- the entry deadline is June 30!



60 Boxes Of Books Collected By Eagle Scout To Be Sent To Ghana

Eagle Scout Candidate Brian Steere recently completed an Eagle Scout service project in conjunction with the Village's Sister Cities Committee. Brian is a member of Troop 98, which serves Hanover Park, Bartlett, Carol Stream, West Chicago and Winfield.

The project included the collection of books which will be shipped to Cape Coast Ghana, the Village's Sister City. The book drive included collection of used books at schools as well as a door to door collection drive. Over 60 boxes of books were collected. The books will provide an important educational benefit to residents of Cape Coast. Brian's Eagle Scout service project is an example of volunteerism that serves a humanitarian purpose.

The books will be shipped in a container along with medical supplies, which have been donated by Alexian Brothers Medical Center. The Sister Cities Committee supports educational and cultural exchange activities on a continuing basis, and welcomes projects such as Brian's, as well as donations from local businesses and organizations.

Village Honored for Excellence In Financial Reporting

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the Village of Hanover Park by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

The award was presented to Joan M. Rock, Hanover Park's Assistant Finance Director.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program including demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association serving approximately 14,000 government and finance professionals with offices in Chicago, Illinois and Washington, D.C.

Village Passes Budget that Reduces Spending While Maintaining Services

The Village of Hanover Park's Fiscal Year 2004 budget includes revenues and expenditures for the period from May 1, 2003 through April 30, 2004. Overall, the budget is 4% less than the prior year's budget. Operating expenditures are 1% greater; the General Corporate Fund is 3% less. The Fiscal Year 2004 expenditure budget totals \$36,417,015, down 4% than prior year expenditures of \$37,916,534.

The Village budget reflects the economic downturn being seen throughout the country. The revenues that have decreased include state income tax, photo processing tax and interest earnings. The photo processing tax was eliminated by state legislators in the prior year. Operating costs were reduced through the elimination of several part-time positions. The number of full-time employees remains the same as last year. Essential costs including required labor contracts and health care and liability insurance costs are being fully funded.

Several major capital improvement projects are included in this year's budget.

- long awaited Lake Street Reconstruction Project is part of the 2003-04 budget. The Village's share is 18% of the total \$14 million projected cost. Once completed, the new roadway will be safer, with greater capacity and an overall improved appearance.
- Street resurfacing: 22 streets will be resurfaced at an estimated cost of \$700,000.
- Water meter replacement program: 2,000 meters are scheduled to be replaced this fiscal year. After replacement, the meters can be read by radio communication, which eliminates the need for meter readers to visit every home.
- Arterial roadway fence construction: this year's fence replacement location is on the east side of Barrington Road north of Yorkshire Drive.
- Improved technological equipment, including the replacement of the Village's main computer, which is now four years old. The new computer will have greater capacity and functionality.

The new fiscal year budget does not include any new revenue sources. Water and sewer rates will remain unchanged. The property tax rate has not been increased.

The new budget maintains all essential municipal services. All budget cuts were made in non-service areas. The end result is a budget that keeps expenditures within the Village's ability to pay.

Hanover Park Selected to Host 2004 Illinois Sister Cities Convention

Members of Hanover Park's Sister Cities Committee attended the Illinois State Convention in Elk Grove Village in April. They took detailed notes and collected ideas presented by the speakers because Hanover Park will be hosting the event in April 2004.

Every year the state convention is hosted by one of the many Sister Cities groups in Illinois. The convention is a two to three day event to discuss ideas and program initiatives in order to foster better relationships with each town's foreign counterpart.

Hosting the Sister Cities Convention will be a wonderful way to showcase our Village and our Sister City, Cape Coast Ghana, West Africa, according to Committee Chairperson Linda Packham. "Although the convention is a year away, much preparation is needed."

If you would be interested in becoming a member of the Sister Cities Committee or just want to volunteer some time to help, call the Village Hall at (630) 372-4220.



Village Hall Holiday Closing

Village Offices will be
closed on
July 4, 2003
in observance of
Independence Day.



PLEASE NOTE:

Village Hall will close at
3:00 p.m. on Wednesday,
June 18th





Spotlight on Business

Caputo's Grocery

Looking for farmer's market-quality produce, a hard-to-find type of pasta, or made-from-scratch bakery items? Look no further than Caputo's, a family owned and operated grocery store that brings a variety of international food items to Hanover Park.

When the Hanover Park store opened at 1250 Lake Street in 1996, it became the third Caputo's location.

Caputo's got its start when founder Angelo Caputo opened a small combination fruit stand and Italian specialty market in Elmwood Park in 1958. Angelo had arrived in America just four years earlier at the age of 21 and had brought with him the knowledge gained through working in his father's grocery store in Italy.

The second Caputo's location opened in Addison in 1990, followed by the Hanover Park location six years later.

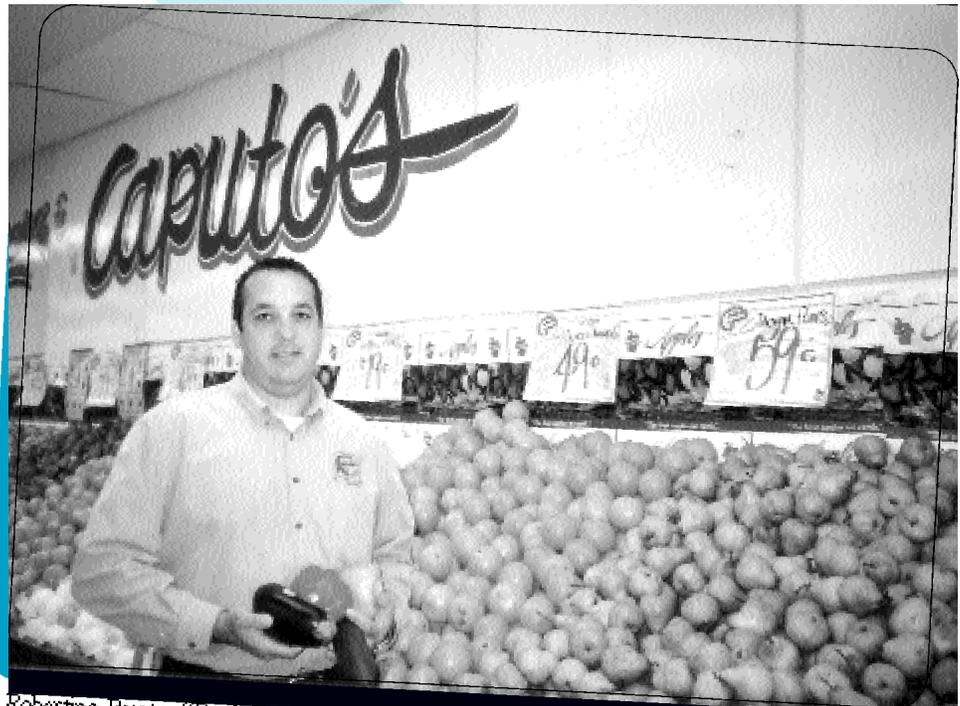
Day-to-day operations of the three Caputo's locations are overseen by Angelo's daughter, Antonella, and her husband, Robertino Presta.

"I was 13 when I began working at Caputo's," Robertino said. "Angelo's daughter Antonella was ten years old then and already working at the store. We were married eight years later." Today, the three oldest of Robertino and Antonella's five children -- Giancarlo, Robertino, Jr., and Daniella, work part-time in the stores.

Caputo's is best known for its produce and international food items. "We have more than 300 cuts of pasta, over a hundred types of olive oil, and two aisles of Polish food items," Robertino said. "Produce, meats and deli are our specialty. In the summer months we go to Michigan to buy produce directly from the farmers. It is picked right

off the tree or vine. Caputo's buys fruits and vegetables year round directly from Florida, California, and Georgia.

The store carries more than 40,000 items and handles 20,000 transactions a week. Ready-to-eat foods to carry out or eat in the store's cafe area, as well as catering services are also available.



Robertino Presta: "Produce meats and deli are our specialty. In the summer months we go to Michigan to buy produce directly from the farmers."

In December 2002, the Hanover Park store converted 5,000 square feet of storage space to usable floor space in the grocery. Caputo's is currently working with the Village on plans to add an additional 6,000 square feet as well as another 9,000 square feet of space for a garden center. A new facade featuring a red clay tile roof and a European-style exterior are also in the planning stages.

"When the addition is finished, customers will be able to walk through our expanded produce section into the new indoor garden area," Robertino said. For this year, customers can plan on enjoying the traditional outdoor tent sale in the parking lot.

Phase II Stormwater Improvements Will Help Reduce Pollution

The Village of Hanover Park has recently joined forces with DuPage County in adopting a program to enhance storm water runoff quality. This program is part of a Federally Mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program. The purpose of the NPDES is to reduce the amount of pollution discharge into the waters of the United States from point sources.

Until recently, only wastewater treatment facility operators, industrial dischargers or municipalities operating a separate storm sewer system serving a population greater than 100,000 have been affected by this program. In December 1999 USEPA published the final rule for the NPDES phase 2 storm water program. This next phase of the NPDES program requires regulated municipalities in urban areas of 50,000 or more to obtain a discharge permit for their municipal separate storm sewer system. This includes the Village of Hanover Park and most other suburban communities in the Chicago area. To obtain a permit in Illinois, a regulated community must develop a storm water management plan and submit it with a notice of intent to the IEPA. The storm water management plan, which must be fully implemented by the year 2008, must address how the Village will reduce the amount of pollutants discharged to the waters of the United States from its storm sewer system. Since DuPage County already has many programs in place related to storm water quality, the Village opted to submit its notice of intent as a co-permittee with DuPage County. The following six minimum control measures are addressed in the Village's storm water management plan:

- Public education and outreach on storm water impacts.
- Public involvement and participation.
- Elicit discharge detection and elimination.
- Construction site storm water runoff control.
- Post construction storm water management for new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations.

In cooperation with DuPage County, the Village's phase 2 storm water program will implement detailed best management practices to address each of the six minimum control measures.

Timely Tips on Protecting Yourself from the West Nile Virus

As much as 10% of the area's mosquito population comes from backyard breeding areas. To prevent your property from being a mosquito-breeding site, residents are asked to follow the suggested plan of action:

1. Get rid of old tires, tin cans, buckets, bottles and all other water holding containers.
2. Drain or fill in any low places (ruts and puddles) in your yard.
3. Keep drains, ditches and culverts clear of trash and weeds so water drains properly.
4. Keep lids on your trash containers to keep out rainwater.
5. Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
6. Empty wading pools each week and store them indoors when not in use.
7. Be sure your swimming pool is working properly and cared for while on vacation.
8. Fill in hollowed out tree stumps with sand or concrete.

9. Change the water in birdbaths, plant pots, and drip trays at least once a week.

10. Cut your grass short and trim your shrubbery to eliminate hiding places for mosquitoes.

11. Store boats covered or upside down and remove any rainwater weekly.

12. Repair window screens.

13. Make sure ornamental ponds are stocked with fish who will eat mosquito larvae.

14. When outdoors, use personal protection measures to prevent mosquito bites such as:

- Minimize time spent outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.
- Wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods of time, or when mosquitoes are most active.
- Clothing should be light colored and



Got a question or concern? Elected officials hope you'll call to talk to them about it

Village of Hanover Park officials want to make it as easy as possible to talk to them about anything of special interest or concern to you. That's why they offer a special resident call-in program on the fourth Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM to answer your questions or hear your concerns.

The phone number to call is (630) 372-4205.

The next call in dates are **June 26** and **July 24**.

We'd love to hear from you!

made of tightly woven materials to keep mosquitoes away from the skin.

- Consider the use of mosquito repellent according to label directions when it is necessary to be outdoors. Generally, repellents with about 25-35% DEET (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) work best for adults; use lower concentrations for children. Do not use products containing DEET on infants.
- Insect light "bug zappers" or sound devices do little to reduce biting mosquitoes in an area.
- The use of an insecticide fog or mist is effective only for a short time.

Residents living in Bloomingdale and Wayne Township portions are asked to report areas of excessive mosquito infestation and areas of standing water to Clarke's "Mosquito Hotline" at 1-800-942-2555 while those living in Hanover and Schaumburg Townships should call the Northwest Mosquito Abatement District at 847-537-2306.

Hanover Highlights

VILLAGE NAMES PATRICK GRILL NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Following a nationwide search, Village officials recently selected Patrick Grill as the new Director of Community Development. Grill had been the Community Development Director in Carpentersville for the past four years. Previous to that, he was the Assistant Community Development Director in Addison for 2 years and a Senior Planner in Naperville for 5 years. He has also worked as a Planner in Tennessee and Florida.

Grill has a Bachelor of Science Degree in City Planning from the University of Southern Mississippi and a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from the University of Memphis. He is a Certified Planner from the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).



Deputy President Bob Packham (left) and Village Manager Marc Hummel (right) welcome Patrick Grill as the Village's new Director of Community Development.

JULY 1 IS DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR SENIOR CITIZEN REDUCED WATER RATE

Hanover Park residents age 65 or older are invited to apply for reduced rate water bills. The deadline for applying for this water bill rate reduction is the close of business on July 1, 2003. The exemption is good for one year and must be renewed each year between May 1 and July 1. Applications are available at the Village Clerk's Office at Village Hall, 2121 West Lake Street.

COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We Need You! All Village Committees and Commissions are looking for new members! Join the Village's winning team of volunteers and: meet some terrific new people find out more about your community have a rich, rewarding experience. Call the Mayor's Office at (630) 372-4210 for more information.



VILLAGE WELCOMES AMY ALONZO AS NEWEST POLICE OFFICER

Amy Alonzo was sworn in as a Hanover Park Police Officer at the April 3, 2003 Board Meeting. Alonzo received her Associates of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Triton College in September of 1993. She worked as a dispatcher for the Village of Forest Park Police Department since January 2003 until accepting a position with the Police Department. She is currently enrolled in the Police Academy. Following graduation in June, she will begin hands-on training under the supervision of a Hanover Park Police officer.

CONTRACT WITH PAID-ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS SIGNED

The first Paid-on-Call Firefighter contract was signed on March 20, 2003. Pictured left to right are: Paid-on-Call firefighters Nick Rosberg, Marc Montalbano, and Dave Sode; Human Resource Director Sandra Richard, Fire Chief Craig Haigh, and Village Manager Marc Hummel.





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Important telephone numbers

Village Hall (630) 372-4200
Police Information (630) 372-4400
Public Works
Department (630) 372-4440
Fire Department (630) 736-6800

Village Information
Hotline (630) 372-4290

Code Enforcement
Hotline (630) 372-4262
TDD (630) 372-4430
Village Hall fax (630) 372-4215
Police
Department fax (630) 372-4420
Public Works
Department fax (630) 372-4462

Police, fire and ambulance 9-1-1

Village Board meetings are held the first and third Thursdays of the month at 7:30 PM at the Municipal Complex on Lake Street. The public is encouraged to attend.

Standing committee meetings:
Call the Village Clerk's office at (630) 372-4220 for dates, times and locations of the following regularly scheduled meetings:
Development Commission
Economic Development Committee
Historical Commission
Human Relations Committee
Sister Cities Committee

Curfew hours for those under 17 years of age are 11:00 PM Sunday-Thursday, and 12 AM on Friday and Saturday.

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



Tie a Yellow Ribbon . . . Everywhere!!!!

Show your support for our troops! The Village has yellow ribbons and bows available in the Village Clerk's office for residents who would like to decorate their homes, yards or offices as a vibrant show of support for our troops. The cost is \$1.00 for two yards of ribbon and a bow.

Pay your water bill online!
www.HanoverParkIllinois.org
Look under "Services/Finance/Direct Pay"
MasterCard, American Express and Discover may be used to pay bills online. Visa may only be used when paying in-person at the Village Hall.



A Word About Telephone Solicitors Claiming Affiliation with the Hanover Park Police or Fire Department

The Village of Hanover Park cautions residents and businesses to be wary of telemarketing solicitations. Of particular concern are callers claiming to solicit on behalf of Hanover Park's Police or Fire Departments. Hanover Park Police and Fire Departments do not solicit for donations. Telemarketers often call on behalf of fraternal or labor organizations that may or may not have members in Hanover Park departments. The Village encourages residents to verify the legitimacy and purpose of the organization before deciding to donate. To reiterate, the Village does not solicit funds for Police or Fire operations or activities. If a resident donates, the dollars do not go to Village public safety purposes. If you decide not to donate, it will not affect your police or fire services.



Hanover Park Receives 18th Tree City USA Award, Celebrates Arbor Day with Tree Planting at Anne Fox Elementary School

The Village celebrated Arbor Day by planting a tree at Anne Fox School April 25, 2003. The tree was planted to commemorate the 50th anniversary of School District #54. Participating in the Arbor Day event were Village Trustee Rodney Craig, State Representative Terry Parke, School District Assistant Superintendent James Muir, and Village Forester Lou Schavie.

The highlight of the Arbor Day celebration was a fourth grade class reading the poem below entitled "Trees of the Fragrant Forest." The teacher of the class is Susan Allman, who is also the Village Forester for the Village of North Barrington.

This year marks the 18th consecutive year that the Village has received the Tree City USA Award, sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. The Village maintains in excess of 11,000 trees, the majority of which are within public parkways along streets.

Trees of the Fragrant Forest

*Trees of the fragrant forest, with leaves of green unfurled,
Through summer's heat, through winter's cold, what do you
do for our world?*

*Our green leaves catch the raindrops that fall with soothing sound,
Then drop them slowly, slowly down; 'tis better for the ground.*

*When, rushing down the hillside, a mighty freshest foams,
Our giant trunks and spreading roots defend your happy homes.*

*From burning heat in summer we offer cool retreat,
Protect the land in winter's storm from cold, and wind, and sleet.*

*Our falling leaves in autumn, by breezes turned and tossed,
Will rake a deep sponge-carpet warm, which saves the ground
from frost.*

*We give you pulp for paper, our fuel gives you heat,
We furnish lumber for your homes and nuts and fruit to eat.*

*With strong and graceful outline, with branches green and bare,
We fill the land through all the year, with beauty everywhere.*

*So listen! From the forest each one a message sends
To children on this Arbor Day: "We trees are your best friends!"*



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