



# HANOVER

# Happenings

2016  
FALL/WINTER



Hanover Township  
**Toy Drive and  
Sponsor-A-Family!** p2



Holiday  
Bazaar and  
Breakfast  
with Santa!

p9



Passport  
Services  
available at  
Town Hall

p7

# Hanover Township's 2016 Annual



## TOY DRIVE & Holiday Programs



**Bring joy to a child in need this holiday season!  
All donations benefit the Hanover Township  
Annual Toy Drive. Please donate a new,  
unwrapped toy at any of the below locations.**

### Toy Box Collection Sites:

- Banbury Fair, 211 Railroad Ave., Bartlett
- Bartlett Public Library, 800 South Bartlett Road, Bartlett
- Village of Bartlett, 228 S. Main Street, Bartlett
- Bartlett Park District, 700 S. Bartlett Road, Bartlett
- Bannerman's, 858 S. Route 59, Bartlett
- Immanuel United Church, 1500 Old Church Rd., Streamwood
- Hanover Township Senior Center, 240 S. Route 59, Bartlett
- Hanover Township Admin. Bldg., 250 S. Route 59, Bartlett
- Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center, 899 Jay Street, Elgin
- Menards, 7435 Barrington Rd., Hanover Park
- MB Financial Bank, 388 Main Street, Bartlett
- Streamwood Village Hall, 301 E. Irving Park Rd., Streamwood
- Park Place, 550 S. Park Blvd., Streamwood
- Poplar Creek Library, 1405 South Park Ave., Streamwood
- Associated Bank, 200 West Bartlett Ave., Bartlett
- Village of Hanover Park, 2121 W. Lake Street, Hanover Park
- Hanover Park Park District, 1919 Walnut Ave., Hanover Park
- Walgreens, 13 E. Irving Park Rd., Streamwood
- Walgreens, 5500 County Farm Rd., Hanover Park
- Walgreens, 2040 Army Trail Rd., Hanover Park
- Walgreens, 7350 Barrington Rd., Hanover Park
- Prairieview Elementary, 285 Mayflower Ln., Bartlett
- The Goddard School, 92 Stratford Dr., Bloomingdale
- Victory Centre, 1101 W. Bartlett Rd., Bartlett

### Sponsor-A-Family Program



Contributors will select a family size and provide gifts for all children, adults are optional. Please contact (630) 540-9085 for more information.

Monetary donations are needed for all holiday programs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Did you know that a \$16 donation helps  
buy a meal box to feed a family of 4?  
Help feed a family in need this  
holiday season!**



**Brian P. McGuire  
Supervisor**

Hanover Township  
Astor Avenue Community Center  
7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park  
(630) 540-9085 [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)



# Hanover Happenings

For comments, questions or submissions to Hanover Happenings, please contact:

[info@hanover-township.org](mailto:info@hanover-township.org)



## TOWN HALL

### WILLIAM TIKNIS CAMPUS

250 South IL Route 59 • Bartlett, IL 60103  
(630) 837-0301

## SENIOR CENTER

### WILLIAM TIKNIS CAMPUS

240 South IL Route 59 • Bartlett, IL 60103  
(630) 483-5600

## ASTOR AVENUE COMMUNITY CENTER

7431 Astor Avenue • Hanover Park, IL 60133  
(630) 540-9085

## MENTAL HEALTH

### COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

1535 Burgundy Parkway • Streamwood, IL 60107  
(630) 837-6445

## IZAAK WALTON CENTER & RESERVE

899 Jay Street • Elgin, IL 60120  
(847) 888-8329

## EMERGENCY SERVICES STATION #1

218 Main Street • Bartlett, IL 60103

## *Our mission*

is to continuously improve the quality of life of Hanover Township residents by providing a unique array of quality, cost effective, community-based services acting as a dynamic organization that delivers services in a responsible and respectful manner.

# contents



**p15**  
**Emergency Services receives recognition**

**p2** Toy Drive & Sponsor-A-Family

**p4** A Message from our Supervisor

**p5** Township Clerk's Note & Calendar

**p6** Township Assessor's Note  
Highway Commissioner's Note

**p7** Township Trustees' Corner  
Passport Services

**p8** Youth & Family Services

**p9** Holiday Bazaar & Breakfast with Santa

**p10-14** Department News

**p15** Emergency Services

**VISIT US ONLINE:** [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)



# A message from our Supervisor



Dear Neighbor,

On behalf of the officials and staff, I would like to thank everyone for their support and participation at the Township's fall events and programs. I had the chance to talk with many residents about their visits to our 9th Annual "Just for the Health of It" expo, the Township's Fall Food Truck Festival, our first Township Day in September, and at our mobile food pantries in the community. I encourage you to visit our event calendar online at [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) to keep track of all our special events and programs for residents of all ages.

The change in the weather and the leaves falling from the trees signals the start of preparations for the Township's annual holiday programs – none of which would be possible without the support from our residents, local businesses, and community organizations.

Many of us are very fortunate to have great memories and traditions we look forward to with the holiday season. Unfortunately, that's not the case for some of our neighbors.



Supervisor McGuire at a mobile food pantry event.

The Township's Holiday Meal Box Distributions will be held on November 22 and December 20 at the William Tiknis Campus at 250 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett. Prequalifying families are able to attend these events to receive all the ingredients and supplies for a holiday meal that they are not able to provide themselves. A donation of \$16 covers the entire cost of the meal box. Last year, over 1,181 families participated in the Holiday Meal Box Distribution.

During the holidays we also receive many requests from residents and organizations looking to make a difference for a child or an entire family. The Township conducts a sponsor-a-family program and a toy drive annually for qualifying families. For those that are able to provide gifts for an entire family, I would ask that you contact the Astor Avenue Community Center to learn more about the process and to be matched with a family. Those wishing to make a donation to the Toy Drive can drop off their new, unwrapped gift at any Township

office or at any of the locations listed on page 2.

Last year, over 2,103 Township youth received gifts and 293 families were sponsored through the Township holiday programs.

Hanover Township is a unique unit of local government. We pride ourselves on our work in the community and the wide array of unduplicated programs and services that we offer to youth, seniors, low income, and our disabled residents. From tax appeal assistance, to senior transportation and our after school programs, I encourage you to visit the Township offices, our website, or send an email to the staff or officials to learn more about our mission, and to see if there is a service we can provide to you or a family member.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions about the Township.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian P. McGuire".

Brian P. McGuire  
Supervisor



Supervisor McGuire with volunteers from Immanuel United Church of Christ - Streamwood at a Mobile Food Pantry event.



# CLERK'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR 2016

## NOVEMBER

- 1 — Township Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Township Senior Center
- 3 — Annual Girls Night Out Fashion Show, 5:00PM-9:00PM, Bartlett Hills Golf Club (Please bring a donation for the Township food pantry)
- 5 — Veterans Free Legal Advice, 9AM-10:30AM, Township Senior Center
- 5 — Village of Streamwood Cultures of our Community Event, 1:00PM-4:00PM, Poplar Creek Library
- 16 — Hanover Township/LifeSource Blood Drive, 10:00AM-2:00PM, Izaak Walton Center
- 18 & 19 — Holiday Bazaar in Bartlett, 9:00AM-4:00PM, Township Senior Center (see page 9)
- 19 — Hoffman Estates Friendship Tree Lighting Ceremony, 5:00PM, Village Hall
- 19 — Bartlett Volunteer Fire Association Annual Turkey Raffle, 7:00PM, Bartlett Fire Barn
- 22 — Holiday Meal Box Distribution, 8:00AM-10:00AM, William Tiknis Campus

## DECEMBER

- 2 — Hanover Park Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6:00PM, Hanover Park Village Hall
- 2 — Streamwood Tree Lighting Ceremony, 6:30PM, Streamwood Village Hall
- 3 — Breakfast with the Board, 8:30AM, Township Senior Center
- 3 — Veterans Free Legal Advice, 9:00AM-10:30AM, Township Senior Center
- 10 — Breakfast with Santa (Bartlett Park District), 9:30AM-11:00AM, Villa Olivia
- 15 — Holiday Party with Santa, 3:30PM-5:00PM, Astor Avenue Community Center
- 20 — Township Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, Township Senior Center
- 20 — Holiday Meal Box Distribution, 8:00AM-10:00AM, William Tiknis Campus

## JANUARY

- 3 — Township Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Township Senior Center
- 7 — Heartsaver AED CPR Class, 9:00AM, Hoffman Estates Fire Station 24
- 17 — Township Board Meeting, 7:00PM, Township Senior Center

Visit us online at  
[www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)  
 for more event information.



*A note from your*  
**Township Clerk**

**Katy Dolan Baumer,**  
 Hanover Township Clerk

This past September, a group of deputy registrars welcomed 25 new voters from Streamwood High School to the 2016 Electoral Process! Congratulations. Thanks go out to Deputy Registrars Deneice Sanders, Melba Mielke, and Rose Olmstead from the Streamwood Woman's Club for registering these new voters. Don't forget – you can call my office if you need to be registered, need an address change, or need to find out how to check on who is running for election in your precinct. Also, if you are comfortable working online, visit [elections.il.gov](http://elections.il.gov) and you can register to vote there, or update your voter information.



### And, just when you thought it was over...

The April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election will ramp up this fall with petitions out for signature for offices such as your local library board, park board, village board, and township board. Petitions must be filed during the week of December 12-19, 2016.

### Transparency is the Key

If you cannot see through the window pane, it must need cleaning in order to be transparent. Our offices at Hanover Township are like that pane that has been polished clean and our records are available for you to view at any time, either on our website at [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org), or by giving us a call if you do not see what you are looking for there. Some of our records date back to incorporation, 1850, and are quite interesting to leaf through.



### CONTACT INFO

Phone: (630) 837-0301 Fax: (630) 837-9064  
 Email: [kdolanbaumer@hanover-township.org](mailto:kdolanbaumer@hanover-township.org)

A note from your

# Township Assessor

**Thomas S. Smogolski,**  
Hanover Township Assessor



Tax year 2016 was a reassessment year for Hanover Township. All changes in the assessed value will be reflected on the 2nd installment tax bill due next year. Appeals with the Cook County Assessor's Office ended on October 13. If you are unhappy with the Assessor's decision, your next step would be to file a Board of Review appeal. After the Assessor's office certifies the results, the Board of Review can open for appeals. If you are on our e-mail list, you will be notified when we are open for Board of Review appeals. If you would like to be added to the list, please e-mail us at [assessor@hanover-township.org](mailto:assessor@hanover-township.org) and ask to be added to the list. If you don't have an e-mail, you can call our office at (630) 837-0301 and ask to be added to the phone call list. To file a Board of Review appeal, you may file online at [www.cookcountyboardofreview.com](http://www.cookcountyboardofreview.com), come into our office, or visit the Rolling Meadows Board of Review office in the Cook County Courthouse at 2121 Euclid Avenue in Rolling Meadows.



Assessor Thomas S. Smogolski with staff, on left, Peggy Deyne, Cindy Christopher and Patty Glascott

Cook County tax bills will be due March 1st and August 1st. A reminder that ALL senior, senior freeze, disabled, and disabled veteran exemptions must be renewed annually. Senior renewal forms are usually mailed out during January. Seniors who turned 65 anytime in 2016 should come into the Hanover Township Assessor's office after they receive their 2016 1st installment tax bill to file for the senior exemption. In addition, seniors who plan on filing for the senior freeze exemption need to bring in the 2015 federal income tax returns for all residents living in the home. The total gross household income cannot exceed \$55,000.

The State of Illinois has revised the Disabled Veteran exemption. A Disabled Veteran with service related disabilities can qualify for the exemption starting at 30% disability. If you have any questions about the Disabled Veteran exemption or other exemptions, please feel free to contact our office at (630) 837-0301.

**CONTACT INFO** Phone: (630) 837-0301 Fax: (630) 837-1059 **HOURS** Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesdays 8:30 to 6 PM

A note from your

# Highway Commissioner

**P. Craig Ochoa,**

Hanover Township Highway Commissioner



I try to use this column in our Hanover Happenings publication to inform and educate the community on important vehicle issues, road topics that I think might be of interest, or at least keep residents up to date on some of our street activities within the Township Highway Department.

However, I feel compelled to use this article to make an apology to any of you who attended our most recent electronics only recycling event this past August and had to wait in line for as long as you did.

This was our 6th annual recycling event and due to the increase in demand for electronics recycling from our previous events, we decided to make the 2016 event for electronics recycling only. Even with the elimination of all of the items we accepted previously, i.e. prescription drugs, tires, fire extinguishers, etc. and with the advanced planning and new traffic pattern, the electronics company we hired

and our Township were unable to accommodate the huge, unexpected turnout we experienced. We profusely apologize to all of those inconvenienced during the event. Our main goal was to move everyone through as quickly and as safely as possible.

We will continue to review the feedback we received from event attendees and will make the appropriate corrections if the Township decides to hold any future recycling events.

In the meantime, please visit [www.scarce.org](http://www.scarce.org) to find a list of other recycling events in our area to attend.

I encourage everyone to drive carefully during this upcoming winter season and from everyone at the Hanover Township Highway Department, I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!



**6** [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) **CONTACT INFO** Phone: (630) 837-0960 Fax: (630) 891-1413 **HOURS** Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

# Township Trustees' Corner

Mary Alice Benoit  
Trustee

Steve Caramelli  
Trustee

Craig Essick  
Trustee

The Holiday season is upon us and here at Hanover Township we are constantly thinking about what we can do to make the holidays a little brighter for some of our most vulnerable residents.



Since 2011, the Township has partnered with Blue Heron Café of Barrington to deliver hot, fresh meals to isolated homebound seniors on Thanksgiving Day. This program is intended for those who do not have a place to go or someone to prepare a meal for them on the special holiday.

High school and college students gather at Blue Heron to prepare the meals before they are delivered to the Township seniors.

If you would like to receive a

meal, or know someone that would, please call (630) 483-5660.

On behalf of everyone at Hanover Township, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season.

## Township Recognized for Budgeting Excellence

Recently, Hanover Township was presented with the Government Finance Officer's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Township's FY 2017 budget. This is the fifth consecutive year the Township has received the award.

Guidelines from the GFOA are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide, and a communications device. Budget documents must be rated "proficient" in all four categories, and then fourteen mandatory criteria within those categories, to receive the award.

Approximately 2% of local governments throughout the country receive this award. Residents can visit the Township Transparency Center on our website at anytime to view budgets, audits, treasurer's reports, and other financial documents, going back at least five years.

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP *Passport Services*

**Includes adult and minor first time applicants,  
and adult and minor renewals**

**\$5 passport photos taken onsite**

**Expedited services available**

**Credit cards accepted for some fees\***

*\*Processing fee of 2.13% will be charged when using a credit or debit card*

*\*State Department requires check or money order for passport application fees*

For a complete list of fees and required documents, please call  
(630) 837-0301, visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) or stop in!

**NO APPOINTMENT  
NECESSARY**

Hanover Township Town Hall, 250 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett IL 60103

Hours, M, W, TH, F 8:30AM – 4:30PM, T 8:30AM – 6PM

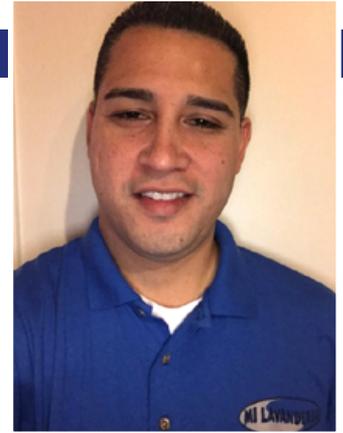


# Youth and Family Services

**John Parquette**, Director

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW - Adrian Najera- Entrepreneur

How would you respond if your boss approached you and asked you for suggestions to donate to a local charity? Recently, Adrian Najera walked into the Department of Youth and Family Services with a check in his hand. Adrian announced “I am here to make a donation to the Open Gym Program.” Adrian found out about our program from Daniela Limon, Open Gym Program Assistant Coordinator. Adrian is a successful entrepreneur, who owns two businesses: “Mi Lavanderia” (My Laundromat), located at 830 Summit Street in Elgin and “My 1 Home,” where he purchases properties and either flips them, rents them, or Rents to Own. Adrian also works fulltime at Custom Electric Systems, Inc. for the past 16 years.



Adrian Najera

Adrian was very generous and made a donation of \$500 to the Hanover Township Foundation earmarked for the Open Gym Program. When asked about his donation to the Open Gym Program, Adrian stated “It felt good!” The Open Gym Program started as a summer program in 1995 and is currently offered in nine elementary schools during the school year, as well as during school breaks. The program was launched after several concerned parents approached, then Trustee, now Supervisor Brian P. McGuire about too many youth having no supervision after school and being subjected to gang activity. The program became a reality with Supervisor McGuire’s leadership and has grown to offer recreational, social activities, homework help, arts and crafts, and skill building stations. The Open Gym Program offers Township youth a safe, free, professionally-managed after school program that is fun, adventurous, and promotes positive youth development.

When discussing further the reason for his donation, Adrian shared that when he was younger he was kicked out of high school two months before graduation. Adrian was sent to an alternative high school and then sent back to his high school and graduated. At 18, Adrian realized he had to do something with his life, unsure of what he wanted to do after high school he enrolled at Coyne American Institute, a trade

school where he specialized in electrical maintenance. In 2005, Adrian graduated from DeVry University with a bachelor’s degree in engineering. Upon reflecting on his success, Adrian says, “Just because you made mistakes at a young age, doesn’t mean you can’t prosper.” He continued, “We all make mistakes, with the right people in your life, they can give you some direction. Hanover Township exists for a reason.”

When asked how Adrian would like his donation spent, he said, “I’ll trust your better judgment as to spending the money, but I would like to be a special guest to talk with the kids you serve.” We look forward to making this happen – ones story of success can impact many. If you feel moved to make a donation to impact our Township youth, please feel free to contact Michael Cohen, Outreach and Prevention Services Manager at (630) 483-5799. The Hanover Township Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP TUTORING SERVICE PROGRAM

Hanover Township’s Tutoring Services Program was established in 1999 when several concerned parents approached our Board of Trustees. These parents expressed a concern and need for affordable, professional tutoring for their children. In response to these concerns, our Tutoring Services Program was established. The Program helps meet our mission by preventing school failure. Children who attend regularly improve in academic performance and become more self-confident in their work. Our tutors will give your child the individualized focused attention needed to excel.

“Last year 274 students participated in the Township’s tutoring program,” said John Parquette, Director of Youth and Family Services. “I would encourage parents that have any concerns about their child’s academic performance to contact the Township and try our program.”

The Spring semester Tutoring Services Program will be starting in January 2017 – early registration is encouraged! There is a charge of \$45.00 per semester, per child. For further information or to register your child, please contact Sara Concepcion at (630) 483-5799 or [sconcepcion@hanover-township.org](mailto:sconcepcion@hanover-township.org) – don’t delay, space is limited.



**CONTACT INFO**  
**HOURS**

Phone: (630) 483-5799

Fax: (630) 483-5789

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM to 9 PM, Friday 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

# Holiday Bazaar in Bartlett

## November 18 & 19

9:00AM to 3:00PM

Southwest corner of  
IL Route 59 & W. Bartlett Road

### *Craft Show & Bake Sale*

Three buildings packed with unique gift ideas for all:  
Scarves, candles, blankets, baked goods, and more!

#### **Hanover Township Senior Center**

240 S. IL Route 59  
Bartlett, IL 60103  
(630) 483-5600  
[www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)



#### **Victory Centre of Bartlett**

1101 & 1105 W. Bartlett Road  
Bartlett, IL 60103  
(630) 213-0100  
[www.pathwaysl.com](http://www.pathwaysl.com)

#### Breakfast with Santa at the Hanover Township Senior Center

Saturday, November 19 at 9:30 AM & 10:30 AM

\$5 for Children under 10, \$10 for adults

Enjoy a breakfast with Santa at the Stars-N-Stripes Café. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk, and coffee. ***Reservations required!***

Proceeds will be donated to the Hanover Township Foundation.

To reserve your seats please call (630) 483-5673.



[www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)



# Senior Services

Tracy Colagrossi, Director



## Senior Center Special Events!

### Adopt-A-Senior Program Applications Available

Senior Services is proud to host our annual gift-giving program for seniors in need this holiday season. The program provides care packages of essential items to low-income Township residents, 55 years and older. There will be a Giving Tree in the Senior Center lobby beginning in early November with ornaments expressing the seniors' gift wishes. Please consider supporting this wonderful program by choosing an ornament and buying an item for a senior in need. We can also use monetary donations or gift cards to purchase additional items. Last year we served over 75 residents. Please help us continue to provide this wonderful program. Feel free to contact Social Services at (630) 483-5660 for more information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities.



about available options for beneficiaries. The Open Enrollment Period is the only time Medicare beneficiaries can add, drop, or switch coverage unless qualifying for a Special Enrollment Period. If you would like an appointment to review your prescription drug coverage or have general questions, call Social Services at (630) 483-5660.

### Medicare Part C/D Open Enrollment:

Medicare beneficiaries have the opportunity to evaluate their prescription drug coverage under Medicare during the Open Enrollment Period of October 15 – December 7. Social Services staff are trained Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) Counselors and can meet with Medicare beneficiaries to discuss options for 2017. Counselors provide free, unbiased information

### Dial-A-Bus

November is Stuff-A-Bus month! In lieu of monetary donations, you may donate non-perishable food items. These items will go to seniors in need in the Township. The bus drivers will have bags on the bus and will be able to collect your donations.



### TRIP Program

Are you familiar with T.R.I.P. (Township Riders Initiative Program)? This program is offered to residents aged 60 and over, or to individuals 18 and over with a disability. This program is for medical purposes only. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 5:00AM-9:00PM, and on Saturday from 7:00AM-4:00PM. This program offers rides to hospitals such as Good Shepherd, Hines, Loyola, Northwestern, Rush Presbyterian, Stroger, and University of Illinois Medical Center. They go to the mentioned hospitals on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. The cost is \$5.00 per township line crossed, with a maximum of \$10.00 one way. A separate registration form is required. To register or to schedule a ride, please call (630) 483-5656.

### Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, November 19 with two seatings, one at 9:30AM and another at 10:30AM. The event will be \$5 for children under 10 and \$10 for adults. This includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, orange juice, milk and coffee, and an early visit with the one and only Santa Claus. To reserve your seats, please call the Hanover Township Senior Center at (630) 483-5600.

### Winter Yoga Mini Retreat at IWCR

Friday, December 9  
12:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Destress and focus on self-care during this winter retreat. Featuring yoga, lunch, a craft project, and an activity or presentation focused on rejuvenation. Please bring a pillow, blanket, and yoga mat if you have one. Dress in layers for optimum comfort. Lunch will be served. Donation: \$10. Instructor: Teresa Donoho-Speranza. Registration is required.

### Cookie Exchange and Movie

Saturday, November 5  
9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Bring a batch of your favorite holiday cookie and recipe to share and go home with several new favorites! Afterwards we will be watching the 1946 holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Light refreshments will be served. Donation: \$3. Registration is required.

### Grandma Goes to the South Pacific

Tuesday, December 20  
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

The Grandma who worked in Antarctica reminisces about her time spent in French Polynesia on a remote, private island. Population: 4! Travel to the scarcely populated, tropical archipelagoes located in the remote South Pacific Ocean. Go island-hopping with Jeanne Roppolo on another one of her true-life extreme adventures. Experience the island lifestyles of French Polynesia, visit a pearl farm, swim with sharks, and lie on your exclusive beach at sunset. Light refreshments served. Donation: \$6. Registration is required.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 AM to 8 PM, Saturday 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM  
Phone: (630) 483-5600 • Fax: (630) 483-5690

# Keeping an eye out for these Upcoming Events!

- **MEMORY SCREENINGS** In honor of National Alzheimer's Month and National Memory Screening Week, the Office of Community Health will offer free, confidential memory screenings and education about Alzheimer's disease and dementia. A memory screening consists of a series of questions and/or tasks designed to test memory, language skills, thinking ability, and other skills. It can indicate whether more extensive testing by a qualified healthcare professional is needed. Participants will receive the results of the screening to bring to their healthcare provider. Registration required. Tuesdays at the Izaak Walton Center and Fridays at the Astor Avenue Community Center.

- **AUTUMN NATURE WALK AT IWCR** Join us as we go on a 0.5 mile leisurely stroll through the Izaak Walton Reserve. Enjoy nature and the changing fall colors of the leaves. Good walking shoes are recommended as the terrain is uneven and rough. If inclement weather, it will be canceled. Registration required. Tuesday November 1 at 2:00PM IWCR

- **HEALTH DOCUMENTARY TUESDAYS** The Office of Community Health will be hosting Health Documentary Tuesdays at the Izaak Walton Center in December. Registration required.

Please call the Office of Community Health at (630) 483-5665 to register for any of the programs above.

# Community Health

**Kristen Smith**, Director

## Don't Let the Flu Get You

Fall is officially here and with the changing color of leaves and cooler weather coming in, so comes the dreaded flu season. While the flu virus can infect people year-round, the seasonal flu is most commonly a concern between the months of October through May, with peaks between December and March. While there are many options for the type of flu shot you can get (trivalent, quadrivalent, high-dose, and adjuvant) the main priority is just to get vaccinated. Once vaccinated, it takes about two weeks for the body to build up an immune response, therefore, the ideal time to get your flu shot is in October or early November, before peak flu season hits. In addition to getting the flu vaccine, you can also protect yourself by washing your hands frequently, avoiding people who are sick, and encouraging co-workers to stay home from work if they are sick. Also, new modifications have been made for the 2016-2017 flu season in regard to people with egg allergies. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is now recommended and considered safe for people with egg allergies to receive the flu vaccine, regardless of their reaction to eggs. However, the flu vaccine is not recommended for people who have had previous severe allergic reactions to the flu vaccine. If you have further questions regarding the flu vaccine or where you can get the vaccination, please call the Office of Community Health at (630) 483-5665.



## In the Spirit of Giving

The holiday season brings joyous occasions of pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, jingle belling, and family gathering. It is a time of great celebration and often a time to get into the spirit of giving. Hanover Township invites you to join us this giving season by giving blood and giving life. Wednesday, November 16, the Office of Community Health is partnering with LifeSource to host a blood drive at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center located at 899 Jay Street in Elgin. Every two seconds, someone in the United States will need a blood transfusion. Blood transfusions are given for a number of reasons, including trauma, major accidents, sickle cell disease, cancers, genetic blood disorders, etc. The average shelf life for red blood cells is only 42 days; therefore, it is essential to collect blood donations throughout the year. A single donation takes as few as 10 to 12 minutes and can save up to three lives. Call today to schedule an appointment.



Tuesdays at the Izaak Walton Center in Elgin

Wednesdays at the Astor Avenue Community Center in Hanover Park

Phone: (630) 483-5665 • Fax: (630) 483-5662

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

# Welfare Services *Mary Jo Imperato, Director*

The holiday season means something different for everyone. For some it is getting together for a holiday meal with friends and family, or decorating homes with lights and garland and witnessing the excitement of children opening gifts. Many would say "It is the most wonderful time of the year". For families in financial crisis, this is not the case. For many families the holiday season adds additional stress, worrying about how they will afford gifts for their children or money to purchase food to have a special meal celebration.

This holiday season can you help a family in need from your community? Hanover Township offers three support options. Sponsor-A-Family, where contributors select a family size and provide gifts for all children, adults optional; Toy Drive Program, which allows contributors to purchase toys for any gender and age group up to 15 years of age; and Monetary Donations, to be used to purchase food and gifts for families and children not sponsored. A monetary donation of \$16.00 purchases a meal box that feeds a family of four from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. If you are able to provide support, please contact us at (630)540-9085.



Holiday meal boxes are distributed to qualifying Hanover Township families in need. Boxes will be distributed on November 22 and December 20. Both distributions will be at the Hanover

Township William Tiknis Campus, 250 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett and begin at 8:00AM. To prove residency the following will be accepted: valid ID, food pantry card, medical card, or current utility bill. Only one meal box per household and distributed while supplies last.

Applications for Holiday Programs are being accepted at the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center, 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park. Applications are accepted Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00AM-11:00AM through November 18. Toy drive only applications will be accepted through December 16. Families not sponsored will be invited to attend the Toy Drive on Saturday, December 19 beginning at 9:00AM on a first come first serve basis at the Hanover Township Senior Center, 240 S. IL Route 59 in

Bartlett. For more information call (630)540-9085.

None of these programs would be possible without the support from the following community organizations: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Mary's Millennium Council 12801, Immanuel United Church of Christ, St. Peter Damien, St. Ansgar, Bartlett Lion's Club, Kiwanis Clubs of Streamwood, Streamwood Woman's Club, VFW Post 5151 from Streamwood, Bartlett Rotary Club and VFW Post 11018 from Bartlett, along with many others.

## Holiday Party!

The Hanover Township Community Center will hold its annual Holiday Party with Santa on Thursday, December 15 from 3:30PM – 5:00PM at the Astor Avenue Community Center located at 7431 Astor Avenue in Hanover Park. Please join us for a snack and to make a holiday craft. Attendance is free and all are welcome.



## Looking for a Few Good Volunteers!

Welfare Services is seeking volunteers to join our Auxiliary Staff, at the Hanover Township Community Center in Hanover Park. Volunteers will assist with administrative duties, food pantry check-in, among other duties. If you are interested please contact Lori at (630) 540-9085.

Volunteer food pantry drivers are needed to assist with food rescue and pantry stocking. Drivers must possess a clean driving record, feel comfortable driving a conversion van, pass a physical, and able to lift at least 50lbs. Bi-lingual volunteers to work in the food pantry are needed as well. If you are interested please contact Lori at (630) 540-9085.

**Astor Avenue Community Center - 7431 Astor Avenue, Hanover Park, IL 60133**

Phone: (630) 540-9085 • Fax: (630) 289-1057

Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

### Food Pantry Hours:

Monday 1 PM to 3 PM, Tuesday, 1 PM to 6 PM,

Wednesday - Friday 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM, Saturday 9 AM to 11:30 AM



# Mental Health Board

**Kristin Vana**, Manager

**Kathy Biesiadecki, Chairwoman**  
**Maureen Lue, Secretary**

**Meghan Nelson, Vice-Chair**  
**Mary Alice Benoit, Trustee Liaison**

**Members: Mary Jean Garvey,**  
**Linda Best, Deb Sirchia**

## Did you know Hanover Township has a Mental Health Board?

The Mental Health Board was established in 1977, when the voters of Hanover Township approved a referendum that created a community mental health board to levy an annual tax for the purpose of funding mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs to serve our residents. The Hanover Township Mental Health Board members are volunteers that consist of six community members and one Hanover Township Trustee Liaison. Board members come from varying professional backgrounds in mental health, human resources, and non-profit management to assess the needs of Township residents and to ensure services are provided in a cost effective manner.

This volunteer board advocates for increasing the availability and quality of mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse services by allocating funds to nonprofit agencies that provide services to Township residents. Last year, the board approved over one million dollars in funds to local agencies. In addition, the board has been instrumental in providing financial support to their annually funded



agencies that have been hit hard by the State of Illinois budget impasse. Since the state's budget impasse began in July of 2015, the Mental Health Board has distributed over \$250,000 in emergency funding to support agencies providing services to our residents.

To learn more about the Mental Health Board or to learn more about their funded agencies, please call (630) 837-0301 or visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org).

## November is National Epilepsy Awareness Month

Epilepsy is characterized by unpredictable seizures and can cause other health problems. It is a neurological disorder, a short change in normal brain activity that can cause changes to behavior, body movement, and awareness. It is important to recognize seizure symptoms and know how to help.

Quick Facts:

- 3 million people in the United States have epilepsy
- 1 in 26 people in the United States will develop epilepsy at some point in their lifetime.
- 6 out of 10 people have an unknown cause for the epilepsy diagnosis
- Although there are ways to treat epilepsy, there is no known cure for the disease.

Unfortunately, treatment does not work for everyone. Approximately 1 million people in the United States have uncontrolled epilepsy.

The Epilepsy Foundation offers a 24/7 Helpline providing support to individual and their families impacted by epilepsy. To learn more about epilepsy please contact the Helpline at (800) 332-1000 or visit their website at [www.epilepsy.com](http://www.epilepsy.com)



## Hanover Township Community Resource Center



The Mental Health Board manages the Hanover Township Community Resource Center located at 1535 Burgundy Parkway in Streamwood.

The Community Resource Center serves as a satellite office for Children's Advocacy Center of Northwest Cook County's Safe From the Start program, Community Crisis Center, Ecker Center for Mental Health, Family Service Association of Greater Elgin Area, Legacy Corps, and Renz Addiction Counseling Center. These agencies provide programs ranging from children's advocacy to substance abuse and mental health services. The Community Resource Center is open Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM – 8:00PM, Friday from 8:30AM – 5:00PM, and Saturdays from 9:00AM -12:00PM. For agency information, please call the CRC at (630) 837-6445.

Phone: (630) 837-0301 • Fax: (630) 837-0068  
 Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

# Community and Veterans Affairs

**Tom Kuttenberg,**  
Director

## Township Veterans Specialist

Are you a veteran, or do you know a veteran who needs assistance in obtaining the benefits they are entitled to? Stephanie Miller, the Hanover Township Veterans Specialist, is available to meet with veterans and their family members to help them navigate through the programs for assistance.

Stephanie can help with issues as they relate to medical care, hospitalization, medication, obtaining a DD214, ID Cards, state and local discounts, outpatient care information, pensions (veterans or widows), disability compensation, burial information and flags. In areas that the Veterans Specialist cannot help, a referral can be made to the proper agency. Stephanie is available Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:30AM – 4:30PM at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center, 899 Jay Street in Elgin, (847) 888-8329 and Wednesdays from 8:30AM – 4:00PM at the Township Senior Center, 240 S. IL Route 59 in Bartlett, (630) 483-5600.

## Veterans Lunch & Movie

Hanover Township veterans are invited for a Veterans' lunch and movie event at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton

Center located at 899 Jay Street in Elgin. Join us on Monday, November 7 starting at 12:00PM for a viewing of 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi. 13 Hours follows the gripping account of the chaotic and tragic events of September 11, 2012, six members of an elite security team battle to save the lives of trapped U.S. consulate personnel under attack by armed terrorists in Benghazi, Libya. A free lunch will be provided by the Senior Center's Stars-N-Stripes Café. Please contact Stephanie Miller, (847) 888-8329 or at [smiller@hanover-township.org](mailto:smiller@hanover-township.org), to RSVP. Seating is limited.



## IZAAK WALTON CENTER & RESERVE



**899 Jay Street • Elgin, Illinois 60120 • (847) 888-8329**  
(6 blocks East of Liberty Street/Illinois 25)

[www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org)    [iwcr@hanover-township.org](mailto:iwcr@hanover-township.org)

**HOURS: Monday through Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM**

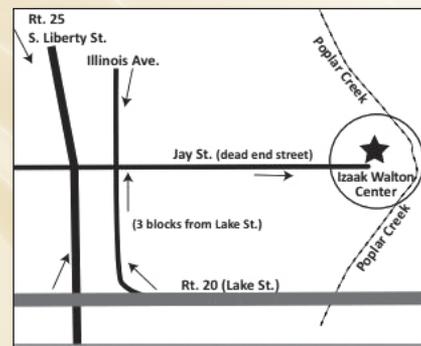
### SCHEDULED SERVICES:

- Monday:** Welfare Services (General Assistance, LIHEAP)
- Tuesday:** Community Health Nurse (Wellness screenings, referrals), Veterans Services
- Wednesday:** Senior Social Service Case Worker (Medicare/Medicaid counseling, Rx assistance, Public Aid),
- Thursday:** Senior Programs and Events
- Friday:** Veterans Services

**FEATURED SERVICES:** • Unincorporated Vehicle Stickers • Notary

**Activities, clubs and other programs are scheduled daily.**

***Please visit [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org) for a complete calendar of events.***



# Emergency Services

**William T. Burke**, Director

## Storm Ready Recognition

The Hanover Township Department of Emergency Services was presented with certification as a StormReady Community by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) at a Township Board meeting this past September.

According to the NOAA, the Township has demonstrated redundant methods of monitoring weather, receiving watches and warnings from the National Weather Service (NWS), and for disseminating severe weather warnings throughout the community.

Township storm spotters also deploy to several locations in the community in advance of severe weather and report information to the NWS.

“StormReady recognizes the advanced planning, education, and awareness efforts taken by communities”, says NWS Warning Coordination Meteorologist Mike Bardou. “No community is storm proof, but these preparedness efforts can help communities save lives.”

Hanover Township becomes the 73rd StormReady Community in Illinois.



Hanover Township Supervisor Brian P. McGuire with Director of Emergency Services Bill Burke and Mike Bardou of the National Weather Service.

## Winter Weather Extreme Cold

As the fall weather quickly fades to make way for winter weather, it is a good idea to think about preparedness for the winter's extremes that we can expect. Winter storms can range from a normal snow fall over a few hours, to a blizzard with blinding snow and dangerously low temperatures.

One of the main concerns is that winter weather can impact electrical power and communications. Weather extremes can also affect an entire region for extended periods. Extreme weather can affect roadways and impact transportation.

The key is to properly prepare before the winter weather extremes; build an emergency kit, make a family communication plan, help others with sand/salt on sidewalks, dress for the weather and have extra blankets, and remember to consider the weather effects on animals.

During severe weather, stay inside if possible to protect against possible falls. If you must go outside, dress appropriately to protect against heat loss by wearing a hat, gloves or mittens, cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs from cold air, and get into dry clothes as soon as you return inside. Watch for the physical signs of severe weather impact such as loss of feeling in ears, fingers, toes and nose, memory loss, and feeling abnormally tired or having difficulty speaking. Once the severe weather begins to moderate remember that wind-chill temperatures can still be dangerous, icy conditions can still exist, and the winter weather can change again quickly.

It is also a good idea to prepare your transportation vehicle with snacks, water, and extra blankets in case you find yourself stranded. If you do find that the weather has impacted your ability to make it along roadways and are in a non-populated area, stay with your vehicle. Run the vehicle to generate heat for only short periods of time with windows slightly open. Attempt to show some sign to passerby's that you are in need of assistance.

For further information on winter weather preparedness, go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

*Information provided by FEMA*

---

## Become an Emergency Services Volunteer Today!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN TO: Emergency Services • 250 S. IL Route 59 • Bartlett, IL 60103  
or email [hates@hanover-township.org](mailto:hates@hanover-township.org)

CAR RT SORT  
POSTAL CUSTOMER  
LOCAL



Download the Hanover Township iPhone App and stay informed on Township events, news and services!



## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS



**SUPERVISOR**  
Brian P. McGuire



**CLERK**  
Katy Dolan Baumer



**ASSESSOR**  
Thomas S. Smogolski



**HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER**  
P. Craig Ochoa

## TRUSTEES



Mary Alice Benoit



Steve Caramelli



Craig Essick

