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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK HISTORIC COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

2121 W Lake Street, Room 212, Hanover Park, IL

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Acceptance of Agenda
3. Presentations/Reports – none
4. Approval of Minutes
 - 4-a. Approval of the minutes from January 27, 2026, as presented.
 - 4-b. Approval of the minutes from March 24, 2026, as presented.
5. Townhall

Persons wishing to address the public body must register prior to the Call to Order. Please note that public comment is limited to 5 minutes per speaker.
6. Old Business
 - 6-a. Coloring Book – Ongoing. Update to the cover attached – discussion.
 - 6-b. Historic Preservation of Photographs. Ongoing
 - 6-c. Historic Preservation/Organizing Documents/Items of Historical Significance – ongoing
 - 6-d. Historic Timeline of the Village. See attached. Ongoing
 - 6-e. Identify structures of historical significance, including Sears & Montgomery Ward Catalog homes built in Hanover Park. See attached. Ongoing

6-f. Cemetery on Greenbrook Blvd

6-g. 2025 Heritage Plaque Program. Plaques were received. Discussion needed for presentation. Follow-up needed with Ontarioville School.

6-h. 2026 Heritage Plaque Program. Discussion on properties to be considered for selection.

7. **Action Items:**

7-a. None.

8. **New Business**

8-a. Board Liaison Update

8-b. Staff Liaison Update

- Upcoming 2026 meetings:

May 26th, June 23rd, July 28th, August 25th, September 22nd, and October 27th

*** No meetings in November and December.

8-c. Committee Members Update

9. **Adjournment**

Hanover Park Timeline

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|--|
| September 27, 1958 | Hanover Park had 125 registered voters and all but one person cast their ballots. The election made Gordon Jensen Hanover's Park's first Village President, along with members of his "People's Party," who were elected to the remaining positions in the Village. |
| October 16, 1958 | The first meeting of the Hanover Park Board of Trustees was held at Roy Schneider's Grill, a restaurant that opened in 1951. |
| November 14, 1958 | Clyde West was appointed as first police chief. |
| October 1, 1959 | The first census was taken showing a population of 330 residents. |
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| October 28, 1961 | Hanover Park held a dedication ceremony for the new village hall. |
| February 24, 1962 | The Hanover Park Lions Club was presented its club charter. |
| April 15, 1962 | Hanover Park officials approved Ontarioville's annexation into Hanover Park. |
| October 25, 1962 | Laurel Hill School held their dedication ceremony. |
| November 14, 1962 | Gromer Supermarket held its grand opening. Along with Pic-N-Pay Walgreen Agency Drug Store, Gromer's was one of the first two shops in the new Park-N-Shop Shopping Center. This shopping center is now referred to as Hanover Square. |
| June 23, 1963 | Ahlstrand Fieldhouse was dedicated. The fieldhouse, and the park on which it is located, was named after Carl Ahlstrand, who was a trustee and Hanover Park's second police chief. He was killed on duty in 1959 by a semi-truck whose driver had lost control, an event also resulting in the deaths of two young children. The park later added "Rinne" to its name. This honored Emil Rinne, who was one of the founding fathers of Hanover Park. |
| January 1, 1964 | Hanover Park Junior Women's Club began hosting meetings. Events and activities done by the Women's Club over the years included Christmas parties, blood draws, senior lunches, donating toys and food baskets, Halloween parties, environmental projects, a child fingerprinting and videotaping program run with the police department, a baby picture contest, and their annual fashion show. |
| April 20, 1965 | Eugene Domingue was elected Village President, replacing Gordon Jensen. |
| September 5, 1967 | Anne Fox Elementary School opened. |
| October 29, 1967 | Ontarioville School held an open house for its new expansion, gaining eight new rooms and a gymnasium. The school originally opened in 1928. |
| April 16, 1969 | Richard Baker is elected Village President, replacing Eugene Domingue. |
| October 31, 1977 | Horizon Elementary School opened. |
| October 13, 1981 | According to the 1980 national census, Hanover Park's population was 28,850. Spring Wood Middle School opened. |
| October 15, 1981 | Hanover Park artist Buck Warren unveiled his 25-foot-tall wooden "Pasadena Rose" sculpture. The sculpture would later stand in front of the Rose Bowl in Pasadena. |
| January 1, 1982 | Elsie C. Johnson Elementary School opened. |
| April 2, 1985 | Sonya Crawshaw is elected Village President, replacing Lou Barone. |
| January 1, 1990 | According to the 1990 census, Hanover Park's population was 32,895. |
| January 1, 1990 | Turnberry Lakes Business Park opened. |
| September 22, 1991 | Poplar Creek Public Library District's Hanover Park branch opened to the public. It was later renamed after late Village President Sonya Crawshaw. |
| July 19, 1992 | Hanover Park became a sister city with Cape Coast, Ghana. |

Hanover Park Timeline

| Date | Event |
|------------------------|--|
| July 22, 1992 | The entirety of the village was linked together when Barrington and County Farm Roads were connected via an underpass under the Metra tracks. |
| January 1, 1993 | Schaumburg Library District's Hanover Park branch opened to the public. A new building would later open in 2006. |
| June 10, 1993 | Canon groundbreaking |
| November 2, 1993 | Elgin O'Hare Expressway opened. |
| January 1, 1994 | Camcraft groundbreaking |
| March 10, 1994 | First Eagle National Bank opening |
| June 1, 1995 | Filming for the movie <i>Normal Life</i> , starring Ashley Judd and Luke Perry, took place in Hanover Park in June. The film tells the story of husband-and-wife bank robbers who at one point lived in Hanover Park. The film premiered October 25, 1996. |
| June 15, 1995 | Opening of Elgin-O'Hare Expressway |
| September 14, 1995 | Comark groundbreaking |
| November 16, 1995 | The ribbon cutting for the new Metra commuter station was held. |
| December 19, 1995 | Post Office Groundbreaking |
| | Dedication of Gazebo in Ontarioville Park |
| October 16, 1996 | DuComm groundbreaking |
| | New Sewage Treatment Plant #1 completed |
| April 1, 1997 | Irwin Bock is elected Village President, replacing Sonya Crawshaw. According to the 2000 national census, Hanover Park's population was 38,278. |
| March 9, 2006 | Village President Irwin Bock passed away. Robert Packham had been serving as interim mayor since Village President Bock became ill. |
| July 22, 2006 | The village held the grand opening of its new multi-million dollar fire station at 6850 Barrington Road The station is dedicated in honor of Irwin Bock. |
| May 17, 2007 | Rodney S. Craig was sworn in as Village President, replacing Robert Packham. According to the 2010 national census, Hanover Park's population was 37,973. |
| November 11, 2011 | •November 11, 2011: Veterans Memorial Plaza in front of Village Hall was dedicated. It is dedicated to the veterans of the United States. |
| | •2020: According to the 2020 national census, Hanover Park's population was 37,470. |
| March 13, 2020 | Governor J.B. Pritzker ordered the closure of all public and private schools K-12 through at least March 30th to combat the spread of COVID-19. Schools moved to remote learning. |
| June 23, 2021 | A grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new Ontarioville Plaza on Ontarioville Road. |
| December 30, 2023 | Hanover Barber Shop on Barrington Road closes its doors sixty years after Antonio Perri opened it. |
| August 14, 1958 | To avoid getting swallowed up by neighboring communities, the residents voted to incorporate the Village of Hanover Park. It became official on August 14, and Ontarioville was not included. |
| 1995-1996 | Widing of County Farm Road between Ontarioville Road and Schick Road |
| Fall 1992 | Church Road extension - Barrington-County Farm |
| February 6, 1970 | President Richard Nixon visited the Metropolitan Sanitary District's new sewage treatment plant in Hanover Park, which was the first major tertiary wastewater treatment center in the nation. |
| | Opening of Ontarioville Elementary School |

Hanover Park Timeline

| Date | Event |
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| | <p>According to the 1960 national census, Hanover Park's population was 451. Construction began on Hanover Builders' second subdivision, Hanover Park Estates. This was located on the former Finke farm.</p> |
| | <p>People began moving into the Hanover Highlands subdivision near the end of 1962. Hanover Highlands Elementary School opened.</p> |
| | <p>Building for the Longmeadows subdivision began along Longmeadow Lane. The Hanover Park Park District formed. Emil Rinne was named first Park Commissioner.</p> |
| | <p>Hanover Park held its first annual "I Am an American Parade."</p> |
| | <p>Tradewinds Shopping Center is completed. It was located at the northeast corner of Barrington Road and Irving Park Road.</p> |
| | <p>According to the 1970 national census, Hanover Park's population was 11,916. Parkwood Elementary School opened.</p> |
| | <p>The Hanover Park-Ontarioville Historical Society is founded and Beth Carpenter is appointed to serve as its first chairwoman. Greenbrook Elementary School opened.</p> |
| | <p>Lou Barone is elected Village President, replacing Richard Baker. Hanover Park's first female trustee, Janice Smith, is also elected. Albert Einstein Elementary School opened.</p> |
| | <p>The Hanover Park Park District Community Center at Walnut Avenue and Church Street opened. At the time of its completion, it was the largest park district facility in the state of Illinois (at 105,000 square feet).</p> |

| Village Presidents | Terms |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Gordon Jensen | 1958-1965 |
| Eugene Domingue | 1965-1969 |
| Richard Baker | 1969-1973 |
| Louis Barone | 1973-1985 |
| Sonya Crawshaw | 1985-1997 |
| Irv Bock | 1997-2006 |
| Robert Packham | 2006-2007 |
| Rodney Craig | 2007-Present |

Properties of Historical Significance in Hanover Park

| | Property Address | Street | Property Known As | Sears Catalogue Home (Yes / No) | Montgomery Ward Cataloge Home (Yes /No) | Notes | Date Built | Date Demolished |
|----|------------------|-------------------|--|---------------------------------|---|---|------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 7N728 | Church Road | Immanuel Envangelical Lutheran Church, Smyrna Church, Community of Hope Church | No | No | Built elsewhere, then moved here. Gothic Revival architecture qualities. Graveyard south of Church bldg. | c 1870 | |
| 2 | 7N728 | Church Road | Parsonage | No | No | | c 1870 | |
| 3 | 7N581 | County Farm Road | Residence | Yes | No | | 1931 | |
| 4 | 7N595 | County Farm Road | Residence | Yes | No | | 1927 | |
| 5 | 2030 | Devon | | | | | 1951 | |
| | 2050 | Devon | | | | | | |
| | 2070 | Devon | | | | | | |
| | 2080 | Devon | | | | | | |
| 6 | 2090 | Devon | | | | | 1954 | |
| 7 | 2100 | Elm Avenue | Ontarioville Elementary School | No | No | | 1928 | |
| 8 | 2060 | Maple Avenue | | | | | 1924 | |
| 9 | 27W009 | Oak Street | | | | | 1937 | |
| 10 | 27W010 | Oak Street | | | | | 1937 | |
| 11 | 27W023 | Oak Street | | | | | 1945 | |
| 12 | 27W029 | Oak Street | | | | | 1943 | |
| 13 | 27W035 | Oak Street | | | | | 1955 | |
| 14 | 1951 | Ontarioville Road | Prairie Station Pub | No | No | | c 1880 | |
| 15 | 27Q024 | Ontarioville Road | Executive House / Dairy Manager Building | No | No | Original character still intact, the only brick house in the district. Formerly a dairy cooperative executive residence | c 1900 | |
| 16 | 27W014 | Ontarioville Road | A & A Music | | | Previously a Newspaper Office | 1900-1920 | |
| 17 | 27W024 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1923 | |
| 18 | 27W040 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1933 | |
| 19 | 27W040 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1956 | |
| 20 | 27W054 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1926 | |
| 21 | 27W072 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1940 | |
| 22 | 27W250 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1933 | |
| 23 | 27W281 | Ontarioville Road | | | | | 1923 | |