

HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Annual Report *2021-2022*

- 1 Edinburg Dr
 - 2 Balmora Ln
 - 3 Castle Ct
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- 1 Veronica Cir
 - 2 Primrose Ct
 - 3 Sandrop Ct
 - 4 Sunflower Ln
 - 5 Fountain Grass Cir
 - 6 Fountain Grass Ct

- 1 Dogwood Ln
- 2 Lilac Blvd
- 3 Persimmon St

Hanover Township

2021-22 Township Board



Trustee
Craig Essick



Trustee
Eugene "Gino" Martinez



Supervisor
Brian P. McGuire



Trustee
Alicia "Lee" Beattie



Trustee
Denise Camacho



Assessor
Khaja Moinuddin



Clerk
Katy Dolan Baumer

Department Leaders

James Barr, Administrator
Suzy Callahan, Human Resources Manager
Megan Conway, Agings Services Director
Mike Crews, Emergency Services Director
Patty Glascott, Chief Deputy Assessor
Caleb Hanson, Facilities & Road Maintenance Director

Mary Jo Imperato, Human Services Director
Thomas Kuttenger, Community Affairs & Government
Relations Director
Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
Kirsten Smith, Community Health Director
Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager

Annual Report of Hanover Township

2021-2022

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*Hanover Township’s mission is to continuously improve the quality of life
of Hanover Township residents.*

*The Hanover Township vision is a better life through leadership,
innovation and diversity.*



Meeting Schedule 2022

Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2.0 and 2.03, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees generally meet on the first and third Tuesday, except as noted, of each month at 7:00 p.m. The Board meetings will generally be held in the Township Aging Services Center, 240 S. Route 59, Bartlett, Illinois 60103 and are open to the public.

Tuesday, April 12 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 12 - Annual Town Meeting (60 ILCS 1/30-5) 7:00 p.m

Tuesday, April 19

Tuesday, May 3

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesday, June 7

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 5

Tuesday, July 19

Tuesday, August 2

Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, September 6

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, October 4

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 1

Tuesday, November 15

Tuesday, December 6

Tuesday, December 20

Check the website for location or time updates and date changes.

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Hanover Township

In your neighborhood...



William Tiknis Campus
Administration, Assessor, Clerk
Downey Hall
Emergency Services
Mental Health Board
250 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(630) 837-0301



Township Garage
Battery/Dry Cell Drop-Off
behind the Township building
250 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(630) 837-0960

Izaak Walton Youth Center
Youth Services
Community Activity Room
866 Jay Street
Elgin 60133
(847) 888-8329

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Community Center
Township Food Pantry
Veteran Services
Human Services
7431 Astor Avenue
Hanover Park 60133
(630) 540-9085
Senator Castro: Tuesdays 1-6 p.m.

Community Health Office
Trish L. Simon Center for Health & Wellness
Senior Center, Lower Level
240 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600

Youth & Family Services
250 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(and at the Izaak Walton Center)
(630) 483-5799

Community Resource Center
1535 Burgundy Parkway
Streamwood 60107
(630) 837-6445



Senior Center
Library, Activity Rooms, Craft Room
Billiards, Computer Room
Stars n' Stripes Café
Lending Closet
Ye Olde Gift Shoppe
240 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600

Izaak Walton Reserve
866 Jay Street, Elgin

Runzel Reserve
Located between Tiknis Campus Admin offices and the Senior Services Center

Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve
735 Stowell Avenue, Streamwood

The Bridlewood Reserves of Hoffman Estates
Central Bridlewood Drive
East Shoe Factory Road
Northeast Morningview Drive

Shoe Factory Basin Reserve
Shoe Factory & McDonough Roads,
Hoffman Estates



Emergency Services Station #1
Bartlett Fire Barn
218 Main Street
Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600

Several Township departments offer satellite services at the Community Relations Office and at the Community Center; please call for days, times and services.

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*Letter from the
Township Supervisor
Brian P. McGuire*

It is my honor and privilege to submit this report for the 172nd Annual Town Meeting of Hanover Township. The swearing in of the Township officials in May welcomed new Trustee Denise Camacho and provided a temporary break to former Trustee Moinuddin. A resident of Streamwood, Trustee Camacho comes to the Board with roots to the local community as a graduate of Streamwood High School and parent of two children who attend Oak Hill Elementary School. Prior to joining the board, she also served on the Township's Committee on Youth. Former Trustee Moinuddin was elected Hanover Township Assessor in April 2021 but did not take office until January 1, 2022 according to state statute. Assessor Moinuddin succeeds former Township Assessor Tom Smogolski who opted not run for re-election following twenty years of dedicated and faithful service to the residents.

The Township refused to let COVID-19 take center stage as the officials, staff and volunteers pushed ahead in FY22 to improve and expand services for the community.

Following the Township's purchase of the 17.5-acre property directly south of the Tiknis Campus in Bartlett in March, FY22 served as the unofficial groundbreaking for work on the property. The Township's Facilities and Road Maintenance staff began remodeling an existing structure for the new Emergency Services station, nearly completely gutting the inside of the building to allow for the creation of a communications room, a training area, separate bunk rooms for men and women, as well as bathrooms and kitchen for the station. Hanover Township Emergency Services moved into the space last summer, with construction of a garage with six bays to begin next year. The Township also began the annexation process with the Village of Bartlett that is expected to be completed in FY23 to allow for the use of municipal water and sewer. Future developments of this property include a loop walking trail, utilization of existing structure for the Facilities and Road Maintenance Department, and space for a Township cemetery.

The office of Community Health played an important role for Township residents again this year. The department continued to see residents via video conferencing and in person for wellness screenings, and application assistance for the Affordable Care Act while hosting public education sessions and conducting outreach in schools. The department continues to serve as the liaison to the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Cook County Public Health Department. In coordination with the department of Community Affairs, Community Health secured 2,000 KN95 masks from Cook County and the City of Elgin to distribute at the Senior Center and food pantry. For the first time in two years, the department hosted its annual "Just for the Health of It" Community Health & Wellness Expo, albeit outside, last September. Dozens of vendors and community partners were onsite providing health education, while offering a number of free screenings and exams.

The department of Human Services has not skipped a beat over the last year between navigating COVID-19 mitigation efforts and meeting the demand for its programs. The department continued its modified annual toy drive program that distributed gifts to 2,089 Township youth - a 39% increase over FY21. The Township food pantry has continued its model of online ordering, as well as curbside pick-up and home delivery for qualifying residents. Donations to the pantry remain strong, even as the number of applications climbs.

Human Services staff obtained accreditation as Veterans Service Officers to assist local veterans and their families in applying for benefits and accessing other assistance programs.



Supervisor McGuire and Administrator Barr welcomed State Representative Seth Lewis to Hanover Township last June.

This service continues to be a valued and needed service in the community, allowing for local support for veterans, rather than relying on County staff in the city of Chicago.



Supervisor McGuire represented Hanover Township officials at a March homeowners association meeting.

Again, not missing a beat in providing services, Hanover Township honored its veterans with “drive-by pick-up” lunches in lieu of the Veterans Dinner celebrations usually held.



The department of Youth and Family Services was excited to resume in-person family therapy in FY21, while

offering virtual support as needed. The popular afterschool Open Gym program went on hiatus in FY22 due to the school district strict COVID-19 protocols, but staff is making arrangements for the program to relaunch in FY23. The department’s Tutoring program remains a popular resource for the community and is offered in the summer, spring and fall.

Last June, the Board voted to designate the Izaak Walton Center as the Izaak Walton Youth Center, allowing for the department’s Outreach staff to have a new home to host Teen Nights and other programs for youth. This is an exciting development not only for the department, but for the Township and community as a whole, to have a dedicated Youth Center. FY23 holds many plans and programs for the center and Township families.

FY22 was a year of new faces and the launch of a significant program for the department of Aging Services. The Township said goodbye to long-time Program Specialist Sarah Adelpia, Program Manager Jamie Zbrzezny, and Transportation Manager Linda Steininger while welcoming Tammy Cambra, Lisa Perrone, and Dino Kazeos in their new positions, respectively. Each are very experienced and bring a new level of energy to the department.



A big “thank you” goes out to the Streamwood High School students who participated in the Hanover Township Christmas gift distribution.

Perhaps no segment of residents was more excited about the return of in-person programming and trips than our Township seniors. The Board made the decision over the winter to resume offsite senior trips for older adults upon their signature of waiver. The Board felt older adults were capable of assessing risk and making the determination to participate in offsite group activities. Seniors, as a vulnerable class of residents, also bore the brunt of COVID-19 isolation and its mental health effects. We hope to welcome back more and new seniors to the Township in FY23.

The Aging Services department in FY22 launched its new In-Home Care Program to assist older adults who need additional services and support to remain in their homes and prevent unnecessary nursing facility placement. This program grew out of a media report outlining the benefits for individuals, communities and governments, of seniors aging in their homes rather than assisted living facilities. This program received financial support from the Hanover Township Foundation and Township Mental Health Board to allow for the hiring of a Home Care Coordinator and two part-time staff. Due to the popularity and early identification of qualifying seniors, there is currently a wait list for this program in FY23.

The department of Facilities and Road Maintenance (F&RM) remained one of the more active departments in the Township overseeing capital programs, conducting in-house cleaning, and maintaining the Township Reserves and unincorporated roadways. F&RM staff worked closely with Township engineers and Board in the design and remodel of the new Emergency Services station on the Tiknis Campus, as well as addressing landscaping and removal of invasive plants and neglected shrubs on the property.

F&RM also oversaw the improvements to the Izaak Walton Reserve that created a loop walking trail, outdoor amphitheater, baggo courts, and challenge course. The work is expected to conclude late this spring with a public ribbon cutting this coming June. This project was funded through a matching grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The office of Community Affairs moved to the Town Hall in August 2021 following the Board's designation of the Izaak Walton Youth Center. The department was instrumental in launching the Aging Services In-Home Care Program and Human Services Veterans Services in January 2022. The department continues to serve as the point for maintaining relationships with all local government partners, and state and federal officials. Director Tom Kuttentberg continues to lead the statewide association of Township Communication Professionals.

The Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) Unit experienced a very busy year as we slowly continued to come out of the pandemic. In February, HTES was a crucial community asset and partner for the large warehouse fire that burned for days in the Village of Bartlett's Brewster Creek Business Park. Between 10:15 a.m. on February 3 through February 8, 21 HTES volunteers provided assistance to this incident, totaling 455 hours in direct support of fire operations. HTES' response included numerous hours of drone flights, overnight scene lighting, hose rolling operations, de-icing hoses and hydrants, and traffic control of the area.

The Unit's decontamination service remains popular on fire scenes, as well as its drone and search-and-rescue team. HTES is an associate member of MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Division 2 and is currently working on becoming a member of MABAS Division 12. The unit continues to provide assistance to all local law enforcement agencies in Hanover Township. This past year, the Unit assisted at many traffic accidents and provided crime scene lighting for multiple first responder agencies. The Unit continues to send out storm spotters during severe weather, and conduct public safety patrols on the weekends and during the week, as warranted.

The Township's department of Administrative Services once again was recognized with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The department also began selling renewal license plate vehicle stickers to the community. While money for the Township is generated from these sales, the convenience of purchasing stickers from the department's efficient Resident Services office compliments the availability of passport services, temporary handicap placards, and hunting and fishing license services.

The Mental Health Board allocated nearly \$1 million in funding in FY22 to support local non-profit organizations and agencies serving residents in the areas of substance abuse, developmental disabilities, and mental health. Following long discussions on its role and mission in the community, the Board decided to list its Community Resource Center in Streamwood for sale. Owned and operated for decades by the Board, the Resource Center serves as a satellite office to five of the Mental Health Board funded agencies. One of the agencies made an offer on the building which was approved by the Board this past fall.

Finally, FY22 was an exciting year for Hanover Landing, the Township's Permanent Supportive Housing Development, launched with partner UP Holdings. This initiative began in 2015 with the creation of the Township's Mental Health Housing Task Force that studied the need for housing in the Township for residents diagnosed with mental health disorders. The Task Force's report concluded that housing was needed and with no facilities in or near the Township's borders, the Board entered into an agreement with UP to begin the process of seeing this recommendation become a reality. In the year following the Task Force's report, the Township and UP identified several different paths forward for funding for a development in the community.

In April, the Hanover Township Board welcomed Mr. Amit Kumar, the Consul General of India - Chicago, to Hanover Township.



Following several rejections, the project was finally awarded tax credits and gap funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority as well as money from the Kane-Elgin HOME Consortium, with more funds projected to be received from Cook County. The Township anticipates holding a ground-breaking ceremony this summer, with UP to begin construction on a 40-unit, amenity-rich Permanent Supportive Housing Development that will serve residents living with disabilities - all of whom will live independently.

Residents should know that a group of dedicated elected officials, Township staff, and volunteers serve them daily with their best interests in mind. Their combined efforts make Hanover Township the best in the State of Illinois. Please take the time to read this annual report to learn more about the programs, services and accomplishments in FY22.

As I do every year, I would like to thank my family and the families of the officials and staff. They sacrifice so much in order that we may serve. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Hanover Township as your elected Township Supervisor. Please feel free to call or email me whenever you have a question regarding the Township, a suggestion for service improvement or if you or a resident are in need of Township services.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. McGuire
Supervisor

Office of the Assessor

The Assessor's office continually strives to give the taxpayers the best personalized service we can, and to help address all their needs and concerns.

The Assessor's office had some big changes this year as Assessor Thomas Smogolski stepped down, after serving twenty years; his last day at Hanover Township was December 31, 2021. Assessor Khaja Moinuddin, after getting elected in April 2021, started his services beginning January 1, 2022. Assessor Moinuddin, as a Township liaison to the Cook County Assessor's office, is looking forward to serving the community with professionalism and integrity.



Tax year 2021 was Hanover Township's third year of a triennial. Assessor appeals ended August 16, 2021. They were certified December 23 and published December 30, 2021. Board of Review appeals were open January 3 through February 2, 2022. The Cook County Assessor is working with the Cook County Bureau of Technology and the Cook County Board of Review implementing a new, integrated property tax system. Both offices must make changes to their internal systems. Due to these changes, there has been delays in certifying townships for tax year 2021. For the second year in a row, the Cook County Assessor's Office automatically renewed all exemptions received on the 2020 tax bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Khaja Moinuddin, CIAO
Assessor

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR							
FYTD:	2016*	2017	2018	2019*	2020	2021	
Number of Taxable Real Estate Parcels	34,234	34,299	34,414	34,416	34,279	34,280	
Equalized Assessed Valuation	\$2,241,075,386	\$2,344,751,111	\$2,294,093,237	\$2,620,101,440	\$2,619,442,466	N/A	
Township Governmental Unit Tax Rates (Total Rates)							
Highest	14.238	14.248	14.851	13.202	13.371	N/A	
Low	7.388	7.426	7.745	7.331	7.571	N/A	
Average	11.376	11.49	11.85	10.75	10.93	N/A	
Building Permits Processed	5,695	5,509	5,486	7,001	5,804	5,234	
Incoming Calls	2,961	2,639	2,807	3,305	3,535	3,046	
Office Visits to the Assessor's Office	6,500	4,939	5,453	6,228	3,448	2,026	
Appeals Filed in Assessor's Office	2,312	871	1,388	1,245	819	298	

**Triennial Reassessment Year. N/A: Not Available at this Time.*

Office of the Clerk

With Board meeting minutes and recordings, County filings of budgets and levies, committee minutes to prepare, bid openings to manage, and agendas to post, service to my community kept me busy in FY21!

The Annual Town meeting was held on April 13, 2021, and moderated by Mrs. Anne Essick of Elgin.

The Township is working on the Annual Records Disposition in compliance with the State of Illinois. This year, staff will be revising their records forms to match records that are now being collected; a re-assessment of the records they keep today. It is a Township-wide task that requires archiving records that must be maintained forever, for a period of years, or disposing of some that are so approved. This process always ties in with updating the elected officials booklet, *Our Town*, because it is an opportunity to peruse older records. The 2022 copy is ready today and thanks to some history-savvy residents, contains new data and historical information.

This year, I again served the Township Officials of Cook County as Vice President, assisting on the Education Committee. While the pandemic exists, there still needs to be the ongoing instruction to those who will serve after us and that entails planning and education. I also served as Secretary of the Clerks Association of the Township Officials of Cook County. I am responsible for maintaining ongoing correspondence from the President, Bob Vinnedge, Clerk of Schaumburg Township, to the membership to keep us all in the loop with regard to Clerks' Best Practices. This past fall and winter, I presented two sessions to Cook County Clerks on various clerk duties, and had the opportunity to meeting with Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough to discuss the upcoming elections.

As a member of the Township Officials of Illinois Board, I was asked to prepare and present two sessions to the membership on basic Clerk duties, aimed at newly elected township clerks; and the Annual Town Meeting. These presentations were done via Zoom and we were able to reach over 250 people in Illinois with this information.

The Township Officials of Illinois offer scholarships to graduating high school students and I hope that Hanover Township students take this opportunity to access additional funding! Applications will be available in the spring for the students graduating in 2023.

I continue to serve as Vice President and Treasurer for the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division and work with President Lisa Hodge of Blackberry Township to share information state-wide on changes in laws that affect the clerk and the townships. This past year, we updated the Clerks Handbook and it is "flying off the shelves" to clerks, new and re-elected.

In FY22, the state of Illinois completed a new district mapping. This has resulted many neighborhoods now having different Representatives, Senators and County Commissioners, as well as other elected positions. This also means that your long-time polling place may be different or your precinct may have changed. When you receive your new voter identification from the state, the new information will be there for you. Please log on to cookcountyclerk.com to check where you will vote in June 2022.

It has truly been a pleasure to serve with the Township Board of Trustee and the entire Township staff in FY22 and I look forward with enthusiasm and a continued desire to provide the best to my community, my neighbors, in FY23.

Respectfully submitted,

Katy Dolan Baumer
Clerk



170th Annual Town Meeting

Clerk Dolan Baumer called the 170th Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked those assembled to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced elected officials present, including Hanover Township Trustees Lee Beattie, Khaja Moinuddin, Craig Essick, and Gino Martinez, Supervisor Brian McGuire and Assessor Tom Smogolski, and Village of Streamwood Trustee Mike Baumer.

Mrs. Anne Essick was elected to serve as Moderator by Mr. Baumer of Streamwood and seconded by Mrs. Lorkowski of Elgin and carried by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Dolan Baumer administered the oath of office and turned the meeting over to her.

During the meeting, the minutes from the 170th Annual Town Meeting were approved. In addition, Clerk Dolan Baumer presented the Supervisor's Financial Statements for the Township and they, too, were approved by the residents with a motion by Mr. Beattie of Bartlett and second by Mr. Brandes also of Bartlett, then followed by a voice vote. The Board Trustees certified all accounts and presented the certificate to the Clerk for the file.

A booklet with the FY21 Annual Reports was made available to all present.

A list of surplus Township property for consideration for disposition was submitted before the Town; a motion to accept the list as presented and allow disposition of the property was made by Mrs. Heidi McGuire of Bartlett and seconded by Mr. Michael Dexter of Bartlett; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution to Delegate Authority to the Township Board to Purchase, Sell and Lease Property: Motion by Mr. Beattie to approve resolution #ATM041321 to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell and lease property; second by Mrs. Pam Brandes of Bartlett. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion to Set the Hour of Special Town Meetings to be 7:00 p.m.: A motion by Mr. Brandes to set the hour of special town meetings to be 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Mr. Martinez. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion to set the hour of the 171st annual Town Meeting for 7:00 p.m. was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Beattie; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Brandes and seconded by Mrs. McGuire to set the Moderator's pay at \$100 for her fine service, and that she be paid; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Finally, Moderator Essick thanked the residents and asked that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was made by Mr. Dexter, seconded by Mr. Beattie, and carried at 7:21 p.m.

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Administrative Services

Administrative Services' mission is to ensure effective implementation of Township Board policies through efficient professional management of the Township government. The Township Administrator serves as the organization's Chief Administrative Officer and, in this capacity, is responsible for administration, coordination, and management of all Township services and employees. In addition, Administrative Services is responsible for support services including financial management, human resources, information technology, risk management, strategic planning, and resident services.

This year Hanover Township continued its efforts to operate amidst the on-going COVID-19 pandemic. As the year started, the Township hosted a vaccination clinic partnering with Cook County to provide over 700 individuals with the COVID-19 vaccine. A second vaccination clinic was held in December to provide COVID-19 booster shots. Hanover Township has continued to offer programs and services throughout the pandemic consistently providing essential services to residents.

Administrative Services added a new service to Resident Services in September, as it became a satellite location for license plate sticker renewals where residents complete their annual renewal and receive their sticker immediately. This is an exciting service the department is pleased to offer. Resident Services is also responsible for operating as a passport acceptance facility, which continues to be the most utilized service, accepting over 3,000 passport applications, which brings the office back to the level of passport applications completed annually prior to the start of the pandemic.

Department staff accomplished all of its FY22 goals, including implementing the vehicle sticker program in the Resident Services office, renewing the Township's contract with ProxIT for information technology services, and installing and training staff on translation software to be used by frontline staff. This year the department was honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award for the tenth consecutive year. Hanover Township is the second Township in Illinois, and among approximately 2% of local governments in the United States, that received this distinction. In 2021, Hanover Township was the only Township in Illinois to receive this award.

In March, the Township purchased 17.8 acres of land directly adjacent to the Township's main campus. This property will be the site for the Emergency Services Station and the Facilities and Road Maintenance office. With a \$2,000,000 grant, Hanover Township has spent this past year completing the remodel of one of the existing homes on the property to be part of the Emergency Services Station. The Township contracted with FGM Architects to create the design for the Emergency Services Station, and Thomas Engineering to work on the annexation and zoning with the Village of Bartlett. In the future, the Township plans to remodel the second home on the property to house Facilities and Road Maintenance offices, build a Township cemetery on the property, and enhance the natural ponds and wetlands with a public walking path.

The Township's Diversity and Engagement Task Force completed their second and final report in September, assessing the relationships between local police departments and the diverse communities they serve, as well as the police departments' efforts to improve outreach to these communities. Recommendations were given to the Township's Board of Trustees and the final report was shared with all the municipalities who presented to the Task Force.

Administrative Services continues to work with UPHoldings to bring the Hanover Landing disabled permanent supporting housing facility to fruition. Hanover Landing is a 40-unit permanent supportive housing facility that will provide low income housing to individuals who have a qualifying disability. Ecker Center for Behavioral Health will be an on-site service provider and Hanover Township will act as the service coordinator. Earlier this year, Hanover Landing was awarded \$14,000,000 in low-income housing tax credits through the Illinois Housing Development Authority and, most recently, was awarded \$1,000,000 in Kane-Elgin HOME funds to assist with project costs. The Township is excited to continue to move this project forward.

Hanover Township, our officials, staff, and many volunteers, continue to strive to meet the changing needs of the community and to improve the quality of life for residents. The department of Administrative Services is excited to provide leadership in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Barr, MPA, *Administrator*

Kristin Vana, *Assistant Administrator*

Aging Services

Enriching Lives, Fostering Friendships, Promoting Independence



Aging Services was happy to welcome back many of our programs and services in the past year. Our first day trip since before the pandemic went to Evita at the Drury Lane Theater on March 4. Twenty people attended the trip and were thrilled to be out with friends, enjoying the cultural activities. Enrichment Programming welcomed new staff members after Program Manager Jamie Zbrzezny and Programming Specialist Sarah Adepchia went on to pursue other opportunities. Lisa Perrone started as Program Manager in August. The department welcomed Tammy Cambra as Programming Specialist in October. Angela Perez, a bilingual evening and weekend receptionist was hired to support the evening and weekend programs. Angela was formerly an intern with the Social Services division.

The Programming division brought back many

programs and clubs including Tai Chi and Line Dancing, as well as introducing new favorites such as Ageless Grace, a body and brain fitness program. The Summer Art Camp for Adults was a huge hit with fun projects. The ceramics and other art classes were extremely popular, both in-person and virtually.

Nutrition Services saw staff turnover with Kitchen Assistant Wendee Anagnostopoulos joining the division in November. Nutrition Services team reopened, temporarily suspended, and reopened café services during the past year. The team consistently adapted to changes as a result of COVID-19. The Stars-N-Stripes Café is now reopened for in-person dining, welcoming over 60 diners in early March. The Home Delivered Meals program continues to serve over 100 people daily. To accommodate all requests for Home Delivered Meal service, the department works with Mom's Meals to ensure clients are connected with food service for special dietary needs.

Social Services continues to develop community partnerships to serve our clients. Through their work with

AgeOptions, the division was awarded over \$15,000 in grant funding to provide the monthly Memory Café program to people with dementia and their caregivers, as well as the Senior Health Insurance Program. The division also transitioned part-time C-HOPE therapist Trish Abbey, LCSW to four-day, full-time employment in August. In this capacity, Trish provides small groups, community mental health screenings, and individual and couples counseling. The annual Adopt-A-Senior program served a record 125 clients who received care packages. Social Services staff now holds office hours at El Centro de Informacion in Hanover Park on a monthly basis; this unique service started in November.

Longtime Transportation Dispatcher Char Kampfranz retired in November and Bus Driver Juanita Espinosa was promoted to fill the vacancy. Linda Steininger also left the Township,



Friends enjoying the sunshine and cake at the Runzel Reserve.

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Summer Art Camp 2022 Ice Tie Dyers

and new Manager Dino Kazeos was welcomed in August. As Juanita moved to Dispatcher, the division filled the bus driver position with Shannon Johnson. Transportation service to the Association of Individual Development (AID) for daily service to and from the day program was resumed.

The most significant development in Aging Services was the launching of an In-Home Care Program last November. The department pursued state licensure through the Illinois Department of Public Health as a Home Services Agency. The licensure was a months-long process and ensures the program is compliant with state regulations. A full-time Home Care Coordinator was hired in October. Renee Lloyd will oversee the daily operations and provide direct care work in the field. Two part-time Home Care Assistants will also be hired to serve the community through this innovative program. Initial funding for the program included a \$25,000 challenge grant award from the Township Mental Health Board and \$17,000 in funding from the Hanover Township Foundation. The program will rely on grants, client contributions, and other sources for sustainable funding. The program also onboarded one volunteer to provide in-home companionship, which will increase with the program's growth.

Aging Services worked with AgeOptions to host a vaccine clinic for vulnerable groups and partnered with several local agencies. The department received a stipend of over \$12,000 to host the clinic.

Director Conway was reelected as President of the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees (ITASCSC). ITASCSC recognized Hanover Township as Township of the Year during their Annual Awards, recognized for its overall commitment to older adults.



Hanover Township offers a variety of activities for every level from exercise to just plain fun!



Accepting the ITASCSC Township of the Year Award on behalf of the Township Board, Supervisor McGuire thanked Director Conway.

Social Services staff member, Frances Domingo, was awarded the Trish Simon Core Values Award for her all-around service to the community and dedication to her clients. She recently celebrated five years with the Township.



The department demonstrated consistent adaptability as many guidelines and program requirements changed due to the pandemic. The staff are proud of their achievements in the past year and look forward to new opportunities more in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Conway
Director

Community Affairs

Dedicated to providing Township residents with accurate and timely information in regards to all services and events offered by Hanover Township. The office is engaged in community events and actively promotes the mission and vision developed by the Board.

Fiscal year 2022 is hopefully seen as the beginning of the resurgence for Hanover Township and the country at large. For many of the departments, residents and our community partners, it continued to be a challenging but rewarding year as we saw a return of some events and programs, but a pause for others. The biggest change for the department and perhaps one of the most significant developments in FY22 for the organization, was the Township Board's repurposing and designation of the Izaak Walton Center to the Izaak Walton Youth Center. The department headquartered and managed the Township's Elgin satellite offices since 2011: first at the Community Relations Office at One American and then moving to the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve at 899 Jay Street in 2013. The concept of an Elgin satellite office first emerged as a Board strategic goal in FY10. Many of the Township's Elgin residents believed they were too far from the main campus in Bartlett to utilize services or the residents simply were not aware Township services were available to them. Over the last eleven years, the department coordinated staffing of nurses, case workers and instructors for residents seeking wellness screenings, benefit assistance, youth and senior programming and dozens of other programs and services. Residents responded to the Elgin satellite services in waves, with the facility receiving its highest usage in the summer for outdoor youth activities. Upon staff's recommendation, the Board approved the repurposing of the facility in June of 2021 with the Youth & Family Services Outreach staff moving on August 15. The Office of Community Affairs relocated to the Town Hall and continued operations. A grand opening and ribbon cutting for the Izaak Walton Youth Center is planned for June.

The master plan for the development of the Izaak Walton Reserve is nearing completion. In January 2020, the Township was awarded a \$400,000 Open Space Land Acquisition Development Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to create a loop trail system in the eight acres of undeveloped wooded property on the east side of Poplar Creek, a challenge course, and an amphitheater. A ribbon cutting will take place with the unveiling of the Izaak Walton Youth Center.

The department regularly provides information to engage with members of the community through the use of social media, press releases and other medium, utilizing Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, the Office of Community Affairs effectively communicates and interacts with the Township community on a daily basis. Facebook: the department oversees four pages for the organization, with the primary page obtaining 4,941 followers, representing a 15% increase compared to FY21. Twitter: the Township's account reached, on average, 13,000 impressions per month. Instagram: the followers of the account grew by 18% in FY22 with the department using Instagram stories and Instagram TV to share information on programs, services and special events. Mailchimp: the department distributes a monthly e-newsletter to residents, as well as weekly bulletins from some departments to subscribing residents. In FY22, Township achieved an open rate of 35.6% well above the average Government & Politics open rate of 19%.



Trustee Essick addressed the crowd at the Annual Food Truck Festival.

Community Affairs staff distributed 41 media releases for FY22, a 64% increase over FY21. The department coordinated the Township's annual Fall Food Truck Festival in September. An estimated 750 residents attended our first special event in over two years with staff, officials and residents all celebrating a short-lived return to normalcy before the Omicron variant arrived late last fall.



The department continued to work closely with the Township Board, the Township Officials of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Township Association to advocate for American Rescue Plan Act funds for townships while tracking legislation in Springfield and working with Cook County officials.

FY22 was a challenging, but rewarding, year of hard work that produced a number of positive results for the benefit of the residents of Hanover Township. We look forward to working with staff, elected officials and our community partners in FY23 to further improve upon our work and begin new initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kuttnerberg
Director



Director Kuttnerberg with a group of Metropolitan Township Association members at the organization's Springfield Lobby Day in March.

Community Health

The mission of the office of Community Health is to provide education and health promotion, prevent the spread of disease and illness, and to assist in accessing quality health services.

Community Health had another eventful year managing the ongoing challenges that the COVID pandemic presented. Staff worked to provide education for Township employees, volunteers, clients, and the community on prevention, mitigation and management strategies to stay diligent and well throughout several surges during the year. Township nurses provided onsite rapid antigen testing for employees and volunteers in an effort to quickly identify positive cases, implement isolation and quarantine guidance, and perform contact tracing efforts for the safety of the organization and the residents served, providing over 200 tests. Additional efforts to provide support for the community during the pandemic included coordinating onsite vaccination clinics, in partnership with Jewel-Osco, the Cook County Department of Public Health, and Prism Health. Nearly 900 residents received their initial vaccines at the Township and over 100 residents received their booster shots at various clinics held at the Township. In February, the Township received a generous supply of KN-95 masks from Cook County and the City of Elgin, as well as home test kits from the Greater Family Health Clinic, to distribute to residents in the community.

Community Health Nurse, Ariel Jacobsen, resigned after serving for almost three years. Pam McVoy, who previously served as Wheeling Township's Community Health Nurse, was hired as a temporary part-time Community Health Nurse to fill-in while the department searched for a full-time replacement. On September 1, the department welcomed James Kramer as the new full-time Community Health Nurse. James brings experience in cardiac telemetry and medical ICU from Good Shepherd Hospital and St. Francis Hospital, respectively.



Where great service happens!

The department had a successful year maintaining internal and external partnerships to collaborate and provide services to residents throughout the year, including hosting four blood drives with the American Red Cross, resulting in nearly 175 lifesaving units of blood collected during the nation's critical blood shortage.



Nurse James Kramer

Hearing Life and Amita Health provided free onsite hearing screenings and varicose vein screenings, as well as free prostate cancer screenings by Amita Health Cancer Institute. The Township nurses provided onsite “hands-only” CPR training Township employees, and puberty education for students at U-46 school district’s 4th, 5th, and 6th classrooms at Oak Hill, Ridge Circle, Heritage, and Ontarioville Schools. In November, the department was thrilled to collaborate with Aging Services to launch the Senior In-Home Care program after Aging Services successfully received its license through the Illinois Department of Public Health. Township nurses will assist with training and onboarding the employees for the Home Care program, as well as assisting with client intake and identifying appropriate clients for the program.

Community Health is excited for the year ahead and continuing to serve Township residents through health promotion and education. It looks forward to supporting Aging Services in growing and expanding the Senior In-Home Care program, increasing exercise and nutrition classes for the community, and improving access to preventative health screenings. The staff will continue to diligently monitor the CDC and IDPH guidance in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic and provide education, recommendations and support to employees and residents to maintain healthy lifestyles.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Smith RN, BSN,
Director



Emergency Services

Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) is a self-sustaining organization with the responsibility to coordinate and provide responses for emergencies in an all-hazards environment. HTES has a strategic mission of life safety, incident stabilization, and the preservation of the environment and property. The valued members of HTES continue to expand our services within the Township.

In the event of a disaster within the Township, it is imperative our members hold the ability to fulfill multiple response tasks as community emergency resources quickly become stretched thin.

The capabilities of HTES include:

- Lighting for fire and other emergency scenes;
- Traffic management for vehicle accidents, fires and police investigations;
- Basement flooding pump outs;
- Debris management and damage assessment after a passing storm;
- Severe weather spotting;
- Severe weather presentations for public education;
- Safety patrols for township unincorporated areas;
- Drone aerial operations;
- Firefighter air cylinder and gross decontamination;
- Search and Rescue.

Director Crews and the Hanover Township Emergency Services unit continually undergo training to keep their skills sharp. Here, the Director leads a group of seasoned volunteers in the newly renovated Emergency Services Training Center.



In FY22, HTES expanded recruitment efforts to include attending the College of DuPage Career Day and addressing the students in the Elgin Community College Emergency Services programs. HTES continues to have a robust presence on their Facebook page which highlights many of the response and training activities through the year. Once an application is received to join HTES, the applicant will appear before the three-member interview panel, followed by a background check, drug screen, and driver's license check. If an applicant passes all four adjuncts, the applicant meets with the operations Captain to determine which officer will be assigned to lead their training



No matter the weather, where there is a need, the Hanover Township Emergency Services unit responds.

requirements. From there, the recruit, begins a 90 probationary period to learn the program and complete their training under their officer's guidance. Eventually, the recruit will be released to begin working shifts which include overnights. After reaching probationary completion, training will continue each week with a varied schedule of topics and hands-on exercises and tasks aimed at keeping all the members within HTES skills sharp.

In February, 16 members of the HTES began the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) training. EMRs are individuals who have been trained to handle medical emergencies ranging from a highway accident to a natural disaster. HTES first responders may need to perform basic life support in the form of CPR or other first aid to help stabilize a victim. As such, HTES EMRs require

supplemental medical training beyond standard first aid. An EMR does not replace emergency medical technicians (EMT) or paramedics. Rather, the HTES first responders may stabilize a person and keep them alive or calm to wait for the arrival of the paramedics.



The HTES Drone program really "took off" this year with numerous deployments for search and rescues. The HTES drone pilots and equipment played an integral role in the large warehouse fire in Bartlett in February. HTES also provided extensive lighting and traffic management resources to this response.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the great residents of Hanover Township and will always work to improve our services.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Crews
Director



Facilities and Road Maintenance

With the unprecedented events over the last two years, FY22 proved to be the same, but in a very different way. The department of Facilities and Road Maintenance, having become accustomed to the tasks and responsibilities of the pandemic while maintaining our current disinfection procedures, has moved on to many different tasks as the pandemic has begun to stabilize. In March 2021, Hanover Township purchased a 17.65-acre unincorporated property directly south of the main campus and in April, started the lengthy process of annexation, rezoning, consolidation, engineering, and site development to greatly improve the property and to expand resources within the Township. Facilities and Road Maintenance staff completed a full renovation of an existing residential cottage on the property into the main overnight, offices, and training center for what is to become the new Emergency Services headquarters. New electrical, updated plumbing, structural, drywall, paint, and flooring throughout were completed, as well as window, door replacements, bathroom conversions, and insulation removal and reinstallation.

This portion is merely phase one of this project. Construction will start on an 8,000 sq. ft. building that will house equipment and vehicles for Emergency Services this spring. A 2,400 sq. ft. “main house” will be renovated by the department in 2022 into what will become the Facilities and Road Maintenance administration office. Additional plans for the property over the next 15 to 20 years are an exciting prospect which will certainly keep the department busy.



Newly remodeled Hanover Township Emergency Services Station

While the expansion property played a significant role in the department’s activities, Facilities and Road Maintenance also directly assisted in the completion of the long-awaited Izaak Walton Reserve OSLAD grant project. An addition of a quarter mile paved and boardwalk walking trail, challenge course, and orienteering course on the east side of Poplar Creek, an amphitheater, seating, and baggo courts were added on the west side of the property adjacent to the lodge. The major construction was completed in December with only landscaping, native plantings, and restoration to finish the project this spring. This project will enhance Izaak Walton Youth Center’s activities and offer area youth and the community as a whole, an opportunity to better use and access the beautiful, natural areas that make up the Izaak Walton Reserve.



Izaak Walton Reserve Ampitheather - almost ready for FY23!

These two projects highlighted a year which also saw the return of in-person programming, dining and meetings, Township events, and a move toward pre-pandemic levels of participation by both residents and staff.

Yours in Service,
Caleb Hanson
Director

Human Services

Committed to improving the welfare of Hanover Township residents experiencing hardship. Providing resources and support empowering residents in achieving self sustainability; to serve promptly with dignity and respect. We are dedicated to serving the residents and will continue to strive to meet the needs of our community.

The pandemic continued through FY 2022, bringing a new variant of the COVID-19 virus, continuing the uncertainty of future employment and sustainability concerns for residents. During these times, Human Services revitalized Veteran Services, now offered at the Astor Avenue Community Center in Hanover Park. Veterans residing in the Township are able to apply for available benefits at the Community Center with an accredited Veteran Service Officer.

New poverty became real to families who had never faced food insecurity or financial hardship. Human Services continued to work with residents assisting with rental, mortgage and utilities payments through available financial aid programs including General Assistance and Emergency Assistance. The Township partners, CEDA (Community and Economic Development Association, Inc.) and Salvation Army, allow additional financial support helping families alleviate emergencies.

The food pantry had over 9,000 visits by families facing food insecurity. To better assist residents, processes were put in place to screen every family. These screenings help to identify the cause of financial hardship, and referrals and additional assistance are given when appropriate. In addition, the three food delivery models (curbside delivery, online ordering, and home delivery), put into place at the onset of the pandemic, continue. The food pantry operates six days per week with the help of auxiliary volunteer staff. Saturdays are covered with the help of organizations including St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, and the Streamwood Woman's Club. It is because of our relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Direct Connect Program that we are able meet the demand of our community.

The summer lunch looked different this year. Human Services provided 795 free grab and go summer lunches provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank to ensure children and families were not hungry. As school approached, with much uncertainty, Human Services distributed 1,400 backpacks filled with school supplies to families facing financial hardship. Filled backpacks were provided by Communities that Care and Essendant.



The 10th Annual Job Fair was held virtually with more than 57 employers listing positions and 798 job seekers visiting the site.

The 2021 holiday programs were strongly utilized. 788 families registered; gifts to 2,089 children and 1,263 meal boxes were distributed.

We could not meet the need of our community without the support of our community partners. It is only through their support, including Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Knights of Columbus, Mary's Millennium Council 12801, Streamwood Woman's Club, Bartlett Rotary Club, Streamwood Kiwanis, and residents, schools, businesses, local municipalities, and organizations, that we are able to meet the needs of residents during these difficult times.

Auxiliary volunteer staff put in countless hours at Astor Avenue Community Center. The department is especially appreciative of



Making sure those backpacks were full, Supervisor McGuire pitched in.

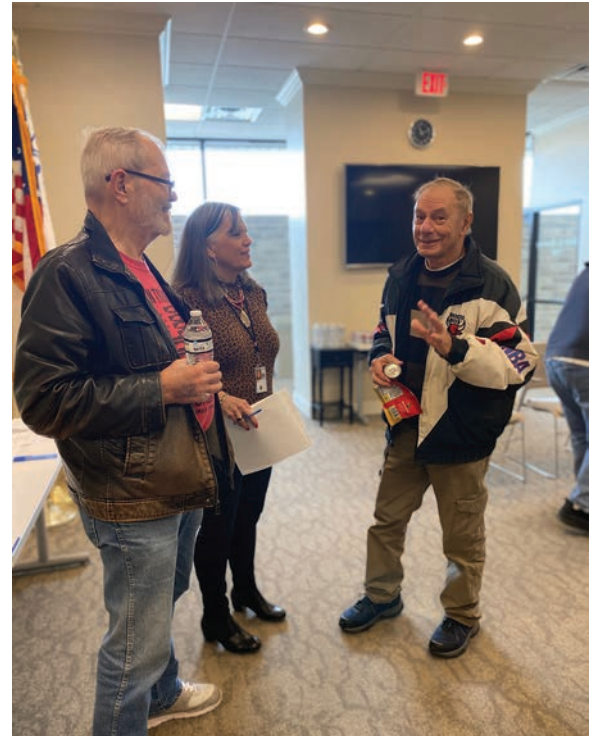
Auxiliary Staff Coordinator, Jay Olriksen for his dedication and hard work. Thank you also to Terrie Kuenker, Nancy Madsen and Mary Wojtczak for countless hours processing LIHEAP, food pantry, and holiday program applications. Thanks to Karen Flaxman SHRM-CP for providing employment services for residents, and the many additional auxiliary staff volunteers who donate their time serving our residents.

The food pantry operates solely with organizations from our community and auxiliary volunteer staff. Thank you to Jay Olriksen, Bryan Noonan, and Wayne Ruttenberg for driving the food pantry van to pick up donations and making home deliveries to residents in need, and to food pantry auxiliary volunteer staff for keeping the pantry running smoothly.

Human Services Director Mary Jo Imperato, Coordinator Lori Orozco and Case Manager Nicole Leitner are committed to serving the residents of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Imperato
Director



Director Imperato taking a moment to thank volunteers

Youth and Family Services

Charged with the mission of the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the promotion of positive development in young people. We work to meet our mission by providing an array of services which help to strengthen families, to provide outreach to children and teens at risk of school failure and delinquency, and that contributes to the building up of a healthier community for all Township youth.

This year the department of Youth and Family Services has had many positive changes. The Township Board approved the repurposing the Izaak Walton Center, as a designated Youth Center. The department utilized this space in the past for youth programming brought that in a high level of participation. The Prevention Services division of the department began being housed there in early fall of 2021 and the name changed to the Izaak Walton Youth Center. The vision includes combining existing Prevention Services while creating and implementing new teen-specific programs and activities. Currently, free drop-in teen hours provide a safe place for teen activities and to give youth opportunities to meet and interact with each other. The vision includes providing an Open Gym-style program, summer camp, movie nights, outdoor education, and various friendly teen competitions. The project at the Izaak Walton Reserve includes improvement on the archery range, addition of a challenge course, bag courts, and an amphitheater to be used in youth programming.

The department was excited to begin offering programs in-person in the schools this past school year. Both Prevention Services and Clinical Services resumed offering groups in the schools. Between both divisions, Hanover Township Youth and Family Services have been providing an average of 72 weekly groups to the most at-risk students in our community.



Movie Night 2021-Style!



Some exciting news is that this past year the department began a partnership with Streamwood Park District. Last summer, the department and the Park District began offering free weekly teen nights with various themes from paint and punch, yoga night, pajama movie night to an end of summer bon fire. The free teen nights are occurring monthly throughout the school year. With this partnership, tournament style sports leagues are also offered to teens free of charge. Soccer was conducted in the summer, basketball in the fall and volley ball in the spring.

The Township continues to offer the Tutoring in-person. The department would not be able to offer this program without the assistance of Youth and Family Services volunteers, who were tasked with conducting health screenings and temperature checks for all participants. Additionally, they were responsible for the cleaning and disinfecting of materials, tables, chairs, etc. in between sessions. The department would not have been able to provide in-person programming without the assistance of the dedicated and valuable volunteers. The department continues to utilize volunteers to assist in programming in a variety of ways and for many of our programs.

Youth and Family Services received two awards at the annual Township Officials of Illinois Conference in November. Prevention Specialist, Gisel Trujillo, was awarded with the AITCOY (Association

Illinois Township Committee on Youth) Staff Member of the Year Award. Gisel began with the Township in July 2019 and has been a great addition to the prevention team. She has done, and continues to do, amazing work with the youth in the community and always represents the department in a positive way. Eesha Alapathi, a Sophomore from Bartlett High School, has been volunteering with the department for over a year and was the recipient of the Volunteer of the Year award. Eesha says she enjoys volunteering to help her community.

Fiscal year 2022, with all the continued challenges and unpredictability, was a successful year. With the creative, engaging staff and volunteers of Youth and Family Services, the department has been able to continue to assist and address the on-going impact of the pandemic to the township community. Youth and Family Services is looking forward to what Fiscal Year 2023 will bring while the department continues to grow and develop new youth programming.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Houdek, LCPC
Director



Committee on Youth

The Committee on Youth is a catalyst for promoting well being among Township youth and families through family education, outreach and the fostering of community connections with an emphasis on positive youth development.

Fiscal year 2022 still had some challenges due to the pandemic, but the Committee on Youth moved forward with being flexible when necessary to meet its mission. The committee resumed meeting in person and continued discussions related to positive youth development, community services, programming, and the vision of the committee. The members chose to become more involved in the community.

This year, the committee hosted and volunteered at various Township events including Fridays in the Park, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa, and Movie Nights. Partaking in these events gave the members easier access to the community. At these events, they were able to talk about the Committee on Youth, its benefits, and purpose, along with its mission. This also gave them additional opportunities to discuss resident's thoughts, ideas, and any issues related to the youth in the community. The committee continues to be invested in promoting and marketing to the vision and mission of the Committee on Youth and continues to discuss possible avenues of doing this.

Two new members joined the Committee on Youth this year. In October, Savannah Widmann, a sophomore from Bartlett High School, was appointed to the committee by the Township Board. Savannah stated that she wanted to serve on the committee to help others, and become a good leader and role model for other teens in the community. She contributes by bringing a youth perspective and voice with fresh ideas.

Nazneen Hashmi is currently an auditor and an Adjunct Professor, and was appointed to the Committee in October, as well.

Nazneen has a passion for youth and families. She states that youth are our future and believes she can contribute to the Committee by her life experiences, working with as a teacher, being a Domestic Violence Counselor, and volunteering her time on various domestic violence hotlines. She is excited to work more closely with the Township to build relationships in the community.

This year, again due to the pandemic, the Committee on Youth cancelled the Annual Celebration of Leadership reception. In place of the live reception, the committee presented the awards in a virtual format. Each winner was presented with their award, photos taken, and a video created to highlight all of the recipients.

This coming year, the Committee is looking forward to hosting the Annual Celebration of Leadership Reception in person where outstanding leadership at various levels will be recognized. The Hanover Township Committee recognize young and adult leaders who provide an example to others and created positive change, are actively involved, who have taken initiative with youth, and have used methods that demonstrates genuine leadership.



Committee on Youth

Jordan Wildermuth, Chairperson

Jennifer DeLao, Vice Chairperson

Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary

Corey Elton

Nazneen Hashmi

William Henderson

Savannah Widmann

Robert Wojtowicz

Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie, Town Board Liaison

Senior Citizens Services Committee

To create a better quality of life for Hanover Township senior citizens by advising the Board and staff on programs and services benefiting residents age 55 and older. The Committee will support the Township and the Department of Senior Services through fundraising and community engagement.

The Senior Citizens Services Committee has modified some of their usual procedures during the past year and hosted several successful fundraisers in new ways.

Three large special event fundraisers were held with advanced orders: Paczki Day, Eli's Cheesecake, and Apple Cider Donuts. The pre-sales for these events led to greater profits and less waste of unused product. The Committee also partnered with several area restaurants for Café Cruisin' events. Local restaurants participating included My Cocina, 120 Live, and Briana's Pancake House.

The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe reopened in October and has seen significant sales during the latter half of the fiscal year. Volunteers have staffed the shoppe and continue to dedicate their time and energy in ensuring the prices,

promotion, and stock are appealing to the community. The Gift Shoppe is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

The Committee continues to provide support to Aging Services through monthly meetings, financial support, and recommendations for future programming. There were no vacancies to the committee in the past year; however elections in April resulted in committee officer changes.



The Hanover Township Ye Olde Gift Shoppe is BACK! Check out all of the great items for sale.

Senior Citizens Services Committee

Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Chairperson

Larry Bretz, Vice Chairperson

Peggy Bucaro, Secretary

Carla Fruhauf, Treasurer

Walter Gramiak

Thomas Lathara

Lynn Nelles

Trustee Craig Essick, Town Board Liaison

Mental Health Board

The Mental Health Board was established in 1977 by a referendum vote to levy an annual tax for the purpose of funding mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse programs that serve residents. Since then, the Mental Health Board has prioritized these three areas when making funding decisions.

Every three years, Mental Health Boards in the State of Illinois are required to conduct a Needs Assessment of the community in which they serve. Hanover Township Mental Health Board contracted with the Northern Illinois University's Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) to conduct a Needs Assessment. The CGS conducted focus groups of community leaders, funded agencies, Spanish-speaking residents, older adults, teens, and English-speaking adults in Hanover Township. In addition to focus groups, 500 surveys were sent to a sample of Township residents. Based on the feedback from the focus groups and surveys, the Planning Committee of the Mental Health Board created the Strategic Plan for FY23-25. From the focus groups, the Board found that many residents would like to know more about how to address mental illness and substance abuse with their families and friends. In the Strategic Plan the Mental Health Board included partnering with local agencies and to host community-wide trainings to meet that need. The Board also found that many people who live in the Township are not aware that mental health and substance abuse services are available to them. In response, the Board has committed to conducting a multi-faceted public awareness campaign to ensure that those who live in the Township and who need mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability services, know what options exist.

In addition to the Strategic Plan, the Mental Health Board remained committed to serving the organizations that provide mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services to the residents of Hanover Township and had allocated and distributed \$965,000 in annual contracts to twenty-nine agencies to provide services to residents. In addition, the Board provides one-time Challenge Funding to agencies to help them get new programs started. Throughout the pandemic, new needs arose in the community and this funding has helped agencies address those needs quickly.

The Board provided funding for four new programs to serve Hanover Township residents in innovative ways including the In-Home Care program and an employment program for people with disabilities graduating from high school. The Board also funded three different agencies in Staff Development to ensure that those providing services in mental health and developmental disabilities have the highest quality of training.

Lastly, the Mental Health Board recognizes that this past year has been very difficult not only for the residents of Hanover Township, but the organizations that serve them. Navigating a pandemic while ensuring those with mental illness, substance abuse issues, or developmental disabilities stay safe has been a challenge. Workforce shortages have affected all, resulting in multiple shifts and few breaks for those who serve the most vulnerable. The Mental Health Board would like to extend a huge thank you to these workers from the nurses taking care of those with severe disabilities, to the residential shelter workers helping our youth, and everything in between, thank you.

The MHB (virtual & live) thanked Trustee Moinuddin for serving as Liaison in FY22.



Throughout the year, Township Mental Health Board strived to ensure that services in the area of mental health, including developmental disabilities, addictions, and substance abuse, are available to all resident of Hanover Township, and will continue to do so in 2022.

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Kristen Cruthers, Chairperson

Kathy Biesiadecki, Vice Chairperson

Deb Sirchia, Secretary

Mary Jane Garvey

Matthew Steichmann

Faiza Rahim

Amanda Teachout, Manager

Trustee Gino Martinez, Town Board Liaison

Hanover Township

Services, Events & Programs

Youth Leadership Recognition
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
“Just for the Health of It!” Health & Wellness Expo
Open Gym Program
Prostate Cancer Clinics
Wellness Screenings
Brush Pick-up
Circuit Breaker Program
Homeowners’ Tax Seminars
Children’s Physical & Immunization Clinic
Aging Services Art Expo
Veterans Honor Roll Recognition
CEDA Weatherization Program
ComEd Hardship Program
Podiatry Clinic
Access-To-Care
All-Kids Program
Election Polling Sites and Receiving Station
Summer Lunch and After School Snack Programs
Holiday Toy Drives and Distribution
Adopt-a-Senior Program
Adopt-a-Family Program
Tutoring Services
Alternative to Suspension Program with U-46
Dial-a-Bus Transportation
IDNR Hunting & Fishing/Trapping License Sales
T.I.D.E. Transportation Program
PBIS Tier II Groups Programming
Heritage Marker Program
Legal Advice for Veterans
Supper Club 59
Substance Abuse Prevention Programming
Back to School Backpack Drive and Distribution

Spring Easter Drive and Distribution
Temporary Handicap Placards
Election and Voter Services
Food Pantry
Home Wellness Visits
Emergency “Embracelet” Program
Senior Will Program
U.S. Passport Application Services
Lending Closet
Income Tax Assistance
Heating/Cooling Location
Emergency Services Search & Rescue Assist
Emergency Scene Lighting & Traffic Control
Flood Water Removal
Severe Weather Monitoring
Emergency Preparedness Education
Mental Health Resources
5K Run/Walk
Dental Access Network
Stars N’ Stripes Café
Notary Services
Senior Leisure & Skill Development Programming
Family Therapy
Gift Shop
Mobile Drivers’ Services
Home Delivered Meal Program
Job Fairs
Operation Snowball
High School Voter Services Outreach
Veterans Services
Annual Illinois Township Day in Cook County
Senior In-Home Care
License Renewal Sticker Sales

New and exciting events are always happening at Hanover Township. Please check the calendar on our website at Hanover-Township.org to see what else is going on.





Where great service happens!

