



**HANOVER**  
**TOWNSHIP**

*Annual Report*  
*2013-2014*

# *Hanover Township Meeting Schedule*

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2014:

April 8 - Annual Town Meeting 7:30 PM (60 ILCS 1/30-5)

April 22

May 6

May 20

June 3

June 17

July 1

July 15

August 5

August 19

September 2

September 16

October 7

October 21

November 4

November 18

December 2

December 16

Meetings are generally held at the Senior Center in Veterans Hall, 240 S. State Route 59.

Meetings generally start at 7:00 p.m. and are open to the public.

Check the website for location or time updates and changes.

Board Workshop and Committee Meetings are posted on the website, as well as at other places around the Town.

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Highway Commissioner P. Craig Ochoa    Trustee William T. Burke  
Assessor Thomas Smogolski    Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer    Trustee Steve Caramelli*

## **Your 2013-2014 Hanover Township Board and Elected Officials**

*Hanover Township's 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.*

# Hanover Township

## Directors

James Barr, Administrator

Suzanne Powers, Assistant Administrator

Craig Essick, Emergency Services Director

Patty Glascott, Chief Deputy Assessor

Mary Jo Imperato, Welfare Services Director

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt, Senior Services Director

Thomas Kuttner, Community Relations Director

John Parquette, Youth and Family Services Director

Suzanne Powers, Mental Health Board Coordinator

Sam Santangelo, Highway Foreman

Kirsten Smith, Community Health Director

Steve Speicher, Facilities & Maintenance Director

## *In your neighborhood...*

### Township

Administration

Assessor

Clerk

Downey Hall

Emergency Services

Mental Health Board

250 S. State Route 59

Bartlett 60103

(630) 837-0301

### Senior Center

Veterans Hall

Stars & Stripes Cafe

Library

Craft & Activity Rooms

240 S. State Route 59

Bartlett 60103

(630) 483-5600

### Community Center

Township Food Pantry

Welfare Services

7431 Astor Avenue

Hanover Park 60133

(630) 540-9085

### Community Resource Center

1535 Burgundy Parkway

Streamwood 60107

(630) 837-6445

### Community Relations Office

Community Activity Room

Izaak Walton League Center

866 Jay Street

Elgin 60133

(847) 888-8329

### Road District

Battery/Dry Cell Drop-Off

behind the Township building

250 S. State Route 59

Bartlett 60103

(630) 837-0960

### Youth & Family Services

250 S. State Route 59

Bartlett 60103

(630) 483-5799

### Office of Community Health

Trish L. Simon Center for Health & Wellness

Senior Center, Lower Level

240 S. State Route 59

Bartlett 60103

(630) 483-5600

### Emergency Services Station #1

Bartlett Fire Barn

218 Main Street

Bartlett 60103

(630) 483-5600

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

### Runzel Reserve

Situated between the Township Administrative offices and the Senior Center, Bartlett 60103

### Izaak Walton Reserve

866 Jay St., Elgin 60133

### Lacy Park

735 Stowell Ave., Streamwood 60107

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*Letter from the  
Township Supervisor  
Brian P. McGuire*

It is my honor and privilege to submit this report for the 164th Annual Town Meeting. Hanover Township officials, staff and volunteers have been working hard on behalf of Township residents.

At the annual Township Officials of Illinois conference in Springfield this past fall, Hanover Township received five awards. The Township was recognized with two Mighty Message Awards for our Township newsletter and for the Township's smart phone application. Over the last few years the newsletter has been improved to effectively communicate our much needed services to over 40,000 households in the Township. The smart phone application is an innovative mechanism in reaching a new audience of residents.

Also at the conference, the Township received the Best Township Program Award for the Department of Youth & Family Services' Open Gym Program. In 2012, over 1,300 youth participated in the Open Gym program at schools throughout the Township. Open Gym is a free program offered weekly during the school year and during the summer, spring and winter breaks. The program offers sports activities, tutoring help and character development that promote positive youth development.

Hanover Township Senior Services Director Barbara Kurth Schuldt was awarded with Senior Director of the Year by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services Committee and YFS volunteer Nathan Wells was awarded the Youth Leadership Award by the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth.

In FY13, the Township added one new reserve and greatly developed the two existing reserves. The Township reserves provide open space for Township residents to enjoy.

In June, we celebrated the opening of Runzel Reserve, a one acre parcel directly north of the Township Senior Center. Named for the late Mary Ellen "Mel" Runzel, the reserve is designed to provide senior citizens with specialty outdoor programming. Features include a walking path for exercise, gardening beds and a gazebo used for outdoor events. I know Mel would be proud of the final product and we hope many of our residents take advantage of this new open space for many years to come.

Since receiving a generous 11 acre property donation from the Elgin Chapter of the Izaak Walton League in March of 2013, the Township spent most of last year making significant improvements to the building on the property. In January of this past year we closed the Community Relations Office on One American Way in Elgin and moved services to our new Izaak Walton Center and Reserve. This new facility allows our departments to have a permanent

*Road Commissioner Craig Ochoa, Assessor Tom Smogolski, Trustee Bill Burke, Trustee Howard Krick, and Supervisor Brian McGuire join Trustee Mary Alice Benoit, Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer, and now retired Collector Frank Liquori as then Director Dan Palmer presented a service award to a retiring Emergency Services Volunteer.*



presence in the Elgin community and offers unique programming opportunities. In the coming year the Township will begin the process of developing the 8 acres of the property east of Poplar Creek.

In September of last year, the Township Board of Trustees unanimously voted to accept the transfer of Lacy Park from the Streamwood Park District. This new property will offer enhanced recreational opportunities for the neighborhood and all Township residents. In the year ahead the Township is planning to rehab the playground equipment for youth. We look forward to developing this new reserve for daily resident use and for a variety of Township programming.

In April of last year the Township launched the Employment Services Division in the Department of Welfare Services. At the time, Township's unemployment rate was identified as higher than both the state and national averages. Using funds from a recent settlement, two new employees were hired as a pilot program to provide personalized employment counseling to residents searching for gainful employment. A bi-monthly job club was also created to assist individuals in interview techniques, cover letter writing and more. Numerous job fairs and hiring events were also conducted that successfully secured employment for Township residents.

The Hanover Township Department of Emergency Services continues to develop and provides an important service to our residents. After nearly a 3 year process that included the development of a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan, the Hanover Township Emergency Services Department received formal Emergency Management Agency certification from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Certification by the county recognizes the department's training program, disaster planning and emergency response capabilities. County certification has been an objective for the department since it was established by the Township Board to respond to man-made and natural disasters.

This past winter, the Township bid farewell to Brian Gorcowski, member and former chairman of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board. Brian served for seven years on the volunteer board that award over a million dollars annually to agencies providing services to residents in the areas of substance abuse, developmental disabilities and mental health. As an Elgin Police Detective, Brian brought a unique background and skill set to the board that will be missed. We thank Brian for his service and dedication to the Township residents.

FY13 was a very exciting and challenging year for the Township. I encourage residents to read the reports from the departments and Township committees. There have been many achievements and recognitions that are worthy of attention.

As I do every year, I would like to thank my family and the families of the officials and staff. They sacrifice 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 e-mail me whenever you have a question regarding the Township, a suggestion for service improvement or if you or a resident is in need of Township services.

Respectfully submitted,



Brian P. McGuire

Supervisor

*Supervisor McGuire and the Hanover Township Board thanking the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for serving our community. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts participate in many activities at the Township, including color guard for various meetings.*



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# Office of the Clerk

*The Clerk's Office strives to provide fast, courteous and efficient services to the Township residents, Board, other departments, and other citizens through the most modern and cost-effective methods available, and to maintain the Township records in a systematic, orderly, logically organized, and accessible manner.*

In FY14, I made it my goal to digitize as many of the Township records as I could. This makes it easier when doing any type of records search at the Township. After a Board meeting, or any other type of open meeting, the documents that have been approved and signed by the Board of Trustees and Supervisor are scanned and filed according to the year and type of document.

Board packets, approved minutes, agendas, notices, resolutions, ordinances, and much more are available now at the touch of a button. If someone requests documents that are new, they are there; if someone requests documents as old as five years and in some cases, seven years, those documents are readily accessible and most of them are on the website for resident access. This is a big step in helping ensure the Township government remains as transparent in its dealings as the public expects.

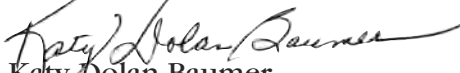
Documents that are not on the website are still easily accessible, and more often than not, already scanned and ready to send. Certainly, we still have paper, but in this age of technology, I have seen fit to put it to best use for the Clerk's Office.

This past year was a remarkable one for 17 year old young people, as they may now vote in a Gubernatorial Primary, if they turn 18 by the November election. I registered 150 students from Streamwood High School this past fall. They are eager and ready to take on the task of affecting their future through exercising their right to vote. New residents at Clare Oaks and Victory Center changed their addresses to be residents in Hanover Township. This just goes to show that whether the voter is 17 or 92, the desire to make an impact is vibrant in Hanover Township.

This past fall, your Clerk has been elected by her peers to represent Hanover Township as Vice President of the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association. This association conducts training on all aspects of the duties of the clerk, with the specific idiosyncrasies that exist in Cook County. In June, I completed the Clerks Handbook on behalf of the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division. This handbook has been sent to over 250 clerks throughout Illinois and provides specific instruction on records retention, filing, minutes preparation, and all areas of clerk responsibility, which are the same throughout Illinois. In November, I was elected to serve the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division Board as vice president. These two positions put me in the right place to hone my skills and become the best clerk I can.

This has been a busy year for this office. I have worked with the Highway Commissioner on bid openings for various projects for the Township. Freedom of Information Requests continue to filter in, and questions regarding vehicle stickers appear to be on the upswing. I have attended many events and meetings this year on behalf of Hanover Township, representing the very concerned and involved elected officials and dedicated staff. It has been my pleasure to serve you in FY14 and I look forward to another exciting and successful year in FY15.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Katy Dolan Baumer  
Clerk

*Clerk Dolan Baumer  
administering the  
oath of office to  
Mental Health Board  
member, Linda Best as  
Chairman Brian  
Gorcowski looks on.*



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# 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.*

Tax year 2012 was the last year for homeowners to see the 7%/Expanded Homeowner exemption on their tax bills. This exemption was intended as a temporary exemption during the time when residents saw a large increase in property values. For the third year in a row, Cook County Treasurer's office stated they will be mailing out the 2013 2nd installment bills on time.

2013 was Hanover Township's reassessment year. The median assessed value percentage change was -11.14%. The median assessed value change was -2,307. We held two appeal seminars, one in September and one in December. The December seminar was held at the Poplar Creek Library in Streamwood because it was a larger venue. The residents appreciated the information received at the seminars.

December 12, 2013 was the last day for the Assessor's office in the Elgin office. January 2014 we experienced our busiest day in recent years. On the 13th, we had 202 taxpayers visit our office.

We continue to mail out New Homeowner pamphlets, which notifies new residents of the services we provide and the important information needed by new homeowners. We also e-mail residents with important information pertaining to their assessments and real estate tax bills. We currently have 1,220 addresses on our e-mail list.

Our office has seen some changes in personnel in the past year. Long-time Chief Deputy Assessor Cathy Mikulski retired in June after 17½ years of dedicated service to the Assessor's Office and the Township. Patty Glascott has been promoted to Chief Deputy Assessor, and Peggy Deyne accepted the full time position as Deputy Assessor. Cindy Christopher, a Hanover Township resident, joined the staff in June as Administrative Assistant.



*Deputy Assessor Peggy Deyne, Administrative Assistant Cindy Christopher, Assessor Tom Smogolski, and Chief Deputy Assessor Patty Glascott.*

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S Smogolski, SRA, CIAO  
Assessor

<b>OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR</b>						
	FYTD:	2009	2010*	2011	2012	2013*
Number of Taxable Real Estate Parcels		34,237	34,251	34,258	34,217	N/A
Equalized Assessed Valuation		\$2,750,959,751	\$2,257,513,700	\$2,265,103,457	\$2,294,678,695	N/A
Township Governmental Unit Tax Rates (Total Rates)						
	Highest	9.568	10.25	12.02	13.82	N/A
	Lowest	4.961	5.433	6.228	7.058	N/A
	Average	7.183	8.194	9.112	10.552	N/A
Building Permits Processed		3,162	10,558	4,170	3,986	4,308
Incoming Calls		4,618	4,551	4,580	4,061	3,479
Office Visits to the Assessor's Office		3,739	4,504	6,160	4,461	4,744
Appeals Filed in Assessor's Office		709	126	1,430	955	1,526

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

# Road District

Yet another successful year for our Hanover Township Highway Department. It keeps getting better every year!

For example, in August, we sponsored and coordinated our 4th annual one day Recycling Extravaganza at the Township campus. In a five hour period, approximately 1,100 residents participated in this wonderful event. Some of the recyclable items collected were electronics, cell phones, bicycles, car and marine batteries, propane tanks, prescription drugs, document shredding, worn American flags, eyeglasses and hearing aids, used clothes and shoes, books and magazines, used tires, and printer ink/toner cartridges.

5th Annual Recycle Extravaganza  
Saturday, August 2, 2014 8 AM - 1 PM  
Hanover Township, 250 S. State Route 59, Bartlett

Thanks to the help and wonderful cooperation of the City of Elgin's Public Works department, we signed a three-year extension to our intergovernmental agreement. We store the salt we purchase (through the State of Illinois bidding process) in one of Elgin's salt domes, saving our tax payers money by not having to have our own salt dome.

Last summer, we resurfaced part of Rohrssen Road in Elgin. Due to the heavy traffic on this road, it was in rough shape and in bad condition, and needed repairs. It turned out beautiful.

Our annual brush pick up program continues to be a big success. Just to let you know, from the first week in April through the first week in November, residents in unincorporated areas of the Township can place their twigs and tree branches out at the curb with the ends toward the street, and our staff will come by and pick them up. We mulch these wood items, so anyone within the unincorporated area who would like some of the mulch just needs to call our office and, based on a first come basis, we will get it to you at no cost.

Our working relationship with U-46 School District continues to grow with many programs, one of which is the Student Driver's Education program.

We are proud to continue our financial support of the Township Senior Transportation Department, which allows our senior residents the opportunity to receive a ride to and from doctor's office visits, grocery stores and other important appointments at a very low fare. Some of this supports help maintain these busses for added safety.

Sometime we are asked what responsibilities we have in terms of our job functions within the Township. So, I thought I'd list some here. The Highway Department is responsible for these items in the unincorporated areas of the Township: safety striping roads, replacing safety signage, cutting grass in the common areas, cleaning of streets, refuse/dead animal pick-up, approve driveway permits, spray for noxious/toxic weeds, continue repair and patching of any damaged roads along with shoulder stone work, help residents with flooding issues, and install new and fix/replace street lights, and offer a dry cell/alkaline battery recycling drop off. We also provide maintenance upkeep for most of our Township vehicles, maintain a good and solid working relationship with the surrounding villages and work closely with some homeowners' neighborhood watch programs for safety issues. We work with the Cook and DuPage Probation Courts Services providing community service hours for offenders. We continue to work with the Cook County Highway Department to keep our relationship strong.

I attend and actively participate in our Cook County Highway Commissioners Association, and the Township Officials of Illinois organization to help better educate our staff.

It's amazing to me that all this positive and successful work comes from three Highway Department staff members lead by our Foreman, Sam Santangelo. They are committed to keeping our residents safe and well informed throughout the year, and are the reason we are so successful.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Craig Ochoa  
*Highway Commissioner*

# Office of the Administrator

*The Department of 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 not directly reporting to an elected official. In addition, Administrative Services is responsible for support services including financial management, human resources, information technology, grant development, capital improvement planning, strategic planning, and resident services including passports and unincorporated vehicle stickers.*

A number of accomplishments occurred within fiscal year 2014. The department created a strategic grant development workgroup with representatives from major service departments. The group assists with the prioritization of available grant opportunities and works collaboratively with the development of grant applicants to ensure employees are cross-trained. The initial phase of implementing the Senior Center solar and energy efficiency project commenced with inspection of the Senior Center roof, interviews with potential solar panel providers, and the retro-commissioning/demand control ventilation portion getting underway with building conditions being monitored to identify recommendations for HVAC system upgrades and improvements.

Administrative Services spearheaded the development of Action Plans for the Township Board's adopted five year Strategic Priorities including long-range revenue and service sustainability, development of a communications plan, development of the Izaak Walton Property, and the creation of a comprehensive space utilization plan. The primary focus of each area for the first year was research on how best to implement these priorities in a cost efficient manner. The administration of resident services was transferred to the Department of Administrative Services including passports, unincorporated vehicle stickers, hunting and fishing licenses, and handicap placards. Front office staff were cross-trained to provide continuous coverage for these services.

The FY2014 Capital Improvement Program was acted upon including the completion of Runzel Reserve, an open space for senior citizens with walking paths, gardens, seating areas, sculptures, low impact stealth exercise features, a gazebo, and water fountain, among other elements. Renovations to the Izaak Walton Center began with improvements to the main floor meeting room, offices, loft office, exterior painting, siding replacement, garage improvements, and entrance sign. The Township received the transfer of Lacy Park from the Streamwood Park District. Work was performed in the fall to remove dilapidated tennis and basketball courts. The start of renovations to the main Town Hall foyer and reception area also began recently.

This year the department was honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the first time and also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the second consecutive year. We believe we are the second Township in Illinois and among approximately 2% of local governments in the United States that receive this distinction. Hanover Township also received the Township Officials of Illinois Mighty Message Award for our quarterly resident newsletter.



*Administrator James Barr (right) congratulated Facilities & Maintenance Director Steve Spejcher on his 20 years of service at Hanover Township during the annual employee appreciation luncheon.*

This year we experienced the departure of two members of the Administrative Services Department. Assistant Administrator Katie Delaney accepted an excellent career opportunity with the City of Naperville and Management Analyst Thomas Warfield accepted a position with the Village of Clarendon Hills. We wish them both the best in their professional endeavors as they contributed much to our Administrative Services team. After a thorough search, Mental Health Board Manager Suzanne Powers was recently promoted to Assistant Township Administrator. Ms. Powers earned a Masters in Public Service Administration from DePaul University and brings in-depth knowledge of Township operations to the job. A search for her successor and a Management Analyst are underway.

In the year ahead, the department is planning several major initiatives. These include researching and implementing new case management software to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of customer service delivery for multiple departments, while also providing a means of tracking department metrics and performance measures. Additionally, we will be developing a passport marketing plan that includes researching passport photo fees and focusing on greater public awareness of passport services. A third initiative is to continue progress on the Township Board adopted five year Strategic Priorities especially in the areas of revenue and service sustainability and the comprehensive space utilization plan.

Hanover Township, our officials, staff, and many volunteers, continue to strive to meet the changing needs of the community and live the motto, Hanover Township - where great service happens. The Department of Administrative Services is excited to continue to provide leadership in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Barr, MPA, SPHR  
*Administrator*



*Supervisor McGuire looks on as Clerk Dolan Baumer administers the Oath of Office to Craig Essick, Emergency Services Director.*



*Supervisor McGuire and the Hanover Township Board welcoming Mr. Delbert Seaton to the Veterans Honor Roll.*

# 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.*

FY14 has been an exciting and busy year for the Office of Community Health. On April 16, the lower level of the Senior Center was dedicated to the late Trish Simon. The name, Trish L. Simon Center for Health & Wellness, now hangs proudly in honor of our former Community Health Director.

The Office of Community Health has made it a priority to raise health awareness and education in the Township by providing presentations, programs, and activities to engage residents and empower them to make healthy lifestyle choices. Throughout the year, educational presentations were given on health topics including nutrition, diabetes, arthritis, heart disease, and cancer, to name a few. In October, February, and March, Township employees and residents joined together on specified days to raise awareness for breast cancer, heart health, and colon cancer awareness months by wearing pink, red, and blue, respectively. The department took a hands on approach to education this year by offering several events in the community for residents to actively participate in. We educated students from our Youth and Family Services Open Gym program on the importance of proper hand hygiene and preventing the spread of diseases by doing an interactive hand washing activity and took seniors to local farmers markets to discuss the importance of eating fresh, healthy, and locally grown food. Additionally, we held several CPR classes for residents, employees, and students, certifying nearly 50 people for the year.

The department continues to increase and expand on the great services and screenings offered to residents, all at an affordable cost. This year we have partnered with a variety of different organizations to host and offer residents even more preventative health screenings, including hearing tests, bone density scans, and dental checkups for children. This is in addition to the blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, and anemia screenings we have available everyday at our various community clinic sites.

Further developments in services, unique to this fiscal year, include smoking cessation classes, a falls prevention course, and most notably, becoming certified application counselors for the Affordable Care Act. With the new mandate requiring individuals to now have insurance coverage, the Office of Community Health took the initiative to receive training and education on the Affordable Care Act to assist residents in filling out applications, answer questions, and help navigate through the Health Marketplace, as well as assisting in the enrollment of a health insurance plan. Since the inception of open enrollment in October, we have provided education and assistance with enrollment to over 100 residents.

Partnering with local municipalities, park districts, and organizations to provide screenings and valuable resources, as well as show support to our community, are of utmost importance to the Office of Community Health. Throughout the year, we proudly participated in various community events including Bartlett's National Night Out, Streamwood Park District's Annual Health Fair, the Bartlett Police Department's Open House, and Relay for Life. Additionally, every fall the department hosts its very own health and wellness expo, Just For the Health of It. This year marked our sixth successful annual health



expo, with over 40 vendors and more than a dozen free screenings. We look forward to the planning of another flourishing health expo, set for Thursday, September 18 from 2-6 p.m.

In the coming fiscal year, the Office of Community Health is excited to host its inaugural 5k race, the Hanover Township Sprint to Spring, on Saturday, May 3 at the newly acquired Izaak Walton Center & Reserve. The department will also be working on developing a program to assist with dental services and expanding programs and services to reach a wider demographic.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Smith RN, BSN  
Director

***“For the Health of It!” Health  
& Wellness Expo 2014***  
*at the Township from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. on  
Thursday, September 18.*

## Emergency Services

*The Hanover Township Emergency Services Unit's primary mission is to support the residents, visitors, and first responders (Fire, EMS, and Police) of Hanover Township and to reduce loss of life and property in order to protect the environment from all hazards (man-made and natural).*



Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) is responsible for coordinating the Township's response to major emergencies. The Emergency Services Unit is not a replacement for, or an addition to police, fire, rescue, public works, or other response units, but a system for coordinating and managing various Township and volunteer resources to effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from a community crisis. To accomplish its mission, Hanover Township Emergency Services will:

- Continue to Develop, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan.
- Be prepared to activate and staff an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate and support efforts to respond to, and recover from, emergencies and disasters.
- Train, educate, and prepare its volunteers for emergencies through the development and delivery of effective classes, drills, and exercises.

Fiscal year 2014 proved to be a busy year for the Unit. They responded to over 40 emergency call-outs that included:

- Assisted Bartlett Police with flooding: HTES provided traffic control and assisted residents by pumping water out of basements.
- Assisted the Village of Streamwood with traffic control and scene assistance at a residential gas leak.

- Responded to numerous calls for debris removal caused by high winds and storms.
- Assisted Bartlett Police at a train collision.
- Received numerous requests for assistance in the search for missing people.
- Provided assistance in Diamond, IL with traffic control, lighting, and building safety after the region was struck by a tornado.
- Assisted Streamwood Police with traffic and scene lighting at a residential structure fire.
- Assisting Cook County with traffic assistance at a structure fire in Leyden Township.

HTES also conducted a full evaluation of severe weather response. Storm spotting locations were updated and we now communicate directly with the National Weather Service through the e-spotter program and require each member to certify as a SKYWARN spotter on a yearly basis.

HTES also provided assistance to many community events throughout the Township including:

- Three separate Memorial Day events in Streamwood and Bartlett.
- Township-sponsored events including the Relay for Life, mobile food pantry, the Annual Recycling event, the job fair at the Senior Center, and the Health and Wellness Fair.

- Assisted with 4th of July events at the Township co-sponsored Northwest FourthFest, the Bartlett parade and fireworks, and the Streamwood Fireworks.
- Assisted with the three day Heritage Day event in Bartlett.

Hanover Township Emergency Services also hosted its first annual training conference and provided training to over 51 participants from 17 agencies throughout the Chicagoland area. Attendees left the conference with certifications in weather spotting from the National Weather Service, CPR/AED and first aid, traffic incident management from the Illinois Department of Transportation, and search and rescue initial operations from the Illinois Search and Rescue Council. Attendees also participated in sessions that covered leadership principles, emergency services legal concerns, community relations, and blood borne pathogen training.

Fiscal year 2014 ended with the appointment of a new Director and 30 dedicated volunteers who provided over 3,500 hours of service and participated in over 1,600 hours of training. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, trained, and professional team that will be ready if and when an emergency or disaster happens.

*HTES members received Ground Search & Rescue Training.*



*HTES members in preparation of a Township event.*



I am proud of the accomplishments of the past year, and look forward to more in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig A. Essick  
*Director*

## *Facilities & Maintenance*

Fiscal year 2014 was very challenging for the Facilities and Maintenance Department. With the consistent snow fall, this past winter has been determined the third snowiest snow season in history. The maintenance staff has unfortunately become used to working weekends and coming in at all hours of the day to clear all the Township parking lots and sidewalks of snow and ice. The addition of the snow plow truck this year was surely put to the test. The maintenance staff has also had a challenging year with the Township vehicle fleet. The Road District vehicles, as well as the Township's bus fleet, experienced high usage during the winter season, but all made it through with very little interruption to operations.

After the acceptance of the eleven acre property transfer from the Izaak Walton League, the facility has become home to some of our maintenance staff. Inside the lodge, staff has renovated all of the first floor as well as the loft office area. Outdoors, on the three acres east of Poplar Creek, in addition to cutting the grass, staff cleared overgrown brush on the property, trimmed trees and worked with volunteers from Cabellas in making improvements to some of the outdoor space.

Last fall, the Township accepted the transfer of Lacy Park from the Streamwood Park District. With the threat of winter just around the corner, the maintenance staff worked extra hours and weekends to remove the asphalt, re-grade the ground and install fresh top soil to where the basketball and tennis courts

used to be. It was another added responsibility to start cutting the grass and maintain the property. In one season, the department's landscaping responsibilities grew from only cutting the grass at the main campus, to now maintaining the main campus, Runzel Reserve, Izaak Walton Center & Reserve, and Lacy Park.

In January, the Senior Center opened the Stars 'n Stripes Café to provide congregate meals for all Township residents with a focus on seniors. This new endeavor allows the Township to fully utilize the Senior Center's kitchen, daily, for the first time since the opening of the building. The maintenance department has been working daily with the Senior Center staff to ensure the kitchen and its amenities are all functioning properly.

Staff has completed renovations to the front of the Youth and Family Services Department at the Town Hall with the installation of new flooring, wall construction and the addition of a new reception desk with work stations. The men's and women's washrooms have also been completely remodeled with painting, counter tops and new ceramic tile.

On the Administration side of the Town Hall building, staff is currently remodeling the front entry way and creating a kiosk for resident property searches for the Assessor's Office.

Lastly, and most importantly, I would like to recognize the dedication of the Facilities and Maintenance staff including Rick Nelson, Dennis Grzesiak, Sean O'Neil, Mike Rundquist, and David Marcinek. Without their natural ability to adapt and go above and beyond, Facilities and Maintenance would not have completed the projects we undertook this fiscal year. Their ability to change hats from one moment to another is incredible.

Respectfully,

Steve Spejcher  
*Director*



*Hanover Township Lacy Park*

## *Community & Veterans Affairs*

*Community and Veterans Affairs is 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 Township Board.*

This past year came with a lot of new and exciting changes to our office. The Township closed the Community Relations Office at One American Way in Elgin and transferred programs and services to our new property, the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve at 899 Jay Street in Elgin. This 11 acre property was gifted to the Township by the Elgin Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America in March of 2013. As of mid-December this new location has served hundreds of residents with more each day as the news of our presence continues to spread throughout the community.

*Where great service happens!*



*Main floor, Izaak Walton Center, Elgin*



In September of 2013, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees voted to accept the transfer of Lacy Park from the Streamwood Park District. Located at 735 Stowel Avenue, the 2.6 acre park is comprised of a playground, walking and bike paths, and an activity field. In October, the Office of Community & Veteran's Affairs hosted a community forum at the park where officials and staff had the opportunity to talk with many of the residents about future plans of the land. Shortly after the forum, Township staff removed the deteriorating basketball and tennis courts and plans to seed the open space. In the coming year, the Township plans to rehab or replace the existing playground equipment and park benches, and is researching the possibility of adding community gardens for residents to adopt.

Also last fall, the Township installed its fifth heritage marker at Villa Olivia in Bartlett. The heritage marker commemorated the location of the Leatherman Homestead where the Township was officially organized at the Leatherman inn and tavern on April 2, 1850. Previous markers have been placed at Ahlstrand Park in Hanover Park, the church cemetery at Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, the Lords Park Pavilion at Lords Park in Elgin, and the school house at Hoosier Grove Park in Streamwood.

Hanover Township's Veteran's Advocate, Bill Tiknis, continues to regularly meet with Township veterans. He assists residents in receiving benefits and other aid from state and federal agencies. The Township would like to thank attorneys Patricia Kelly and Robert Olson for volunteering their time in offering free legal assistance for Township veterans. This service is very much needed and appreciated by the Township and our residents.

Last year the Hanover Township Mental Health Board awarded a grant to Lutheran Social Services of Illinois Legacy Corps to provide services to veterans in Hanover Township. The Legacy Corps offers a wide range of support to veterans and military families. Their services are designed to provide caregivers with a temporary break and to ease stress. Also in FY2014, the Office of Community & Veteran's Affairs partnered with the DuPage County Vet Center in offering them space to hold meetings and group therapy sessions. The DuPage County Vet Center offers services to area veterans through a broad range of counseling, outreach and referral services in order to help them make a satisfying post-combat adjustment.



*Trustee Steve Caramelli with a Veteran at the Spring 2014 Veterans' Honor Roll Dinner*

This past year 28 veterans were added to the Hanover Township Veterans Honor Roll. Since the program began in 2006, over 295 veterans have been recognized by the Hanover Township Board. To learn more about the Honor Roll, please call (630) 540-9085 or visit our website at [www.hanover-township.org](http://www.hanover-township.org).

In an effort to keep residents informed about all Township programs and services, the Office of Community and Veterans' Affairs facilitated the creation and launch of the Hanover Township Monthly e-newsletter to residents. The newsletter highlights different departments and their special events and services specific for each month, along with keeping residents informed on upcoming events and special news within and about the Township. The average open rate for an email newsletter from a government agency is 23.9%. The Township's monthly open rate is 40.5%. To subscribe to the monthly eNewsletter, please e-mail your request to [iwcr@hanover-township.org](mailto:iwcr@hanover-township.org).

In the coming year, the Office of Community and Veterans' Affairs looks forward to working with the Hanover Township officials in expanding our services in the community and implementing new strategies to reach more of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kuttenberg  
*Director*

# Welfare Services

*Welfare Services is 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.*

In January 2013, the Hanover Township Board of Trustees created the Employment Services Division as a pilot program to address the high unemployment rate in Hanover Township. The purpose of this program was to centralize and manage employment and training referrals, maintain a current job board, and host job clubs to assist Township residents in securing gainful employment. Under the direction of Employment Services Manager, Sean Grimes, more than 100 residents have been placed in permanent positions. This past year, the division also hosted two job fairs and several hiring events with local employers. The development of the job club and network group continues offering seminars on improving interview skills, resume writing as well as how to job search using proper search etiquette.



*A Hanover Park firefighter educated children during Fire Prevention Week at the Astor Avenue Community Center*

The department is working with the Township's Office of Community Health, Greater Elgin Family Services and Centro de Informacion in providing application assistance for residents seeking to enroll in services provided by the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs continue to develop as well as the focus on researching available resources to assist residents facing financial hardship. Audits continue to be performed quarterly as well as unscheduled audits to insure accuracy and accountability.

The food pantry serves more than 10,000 families annually. It is because of our relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank (NFIB) that we are able meet the demand. Through the NFIB we are able to continue to offer the free summer lunch program and after school snack program to Township youth. The summer lunch program provides lunches daily to children from the community. The after school snack program is a structured program where children arrive and do their homework, while enjoying a healthy after school snack.

The Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) provides services to residents in need at the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center every Thursday. Energy Assistance applications continue to rise in FY14 with more than 900 applications processed. CEDA also provides a range of services to assist low income families with dental and vision care, auto repair, and rental assistance.

The community resource groups meet monthly under the direction of Case Manager Kristin Cumbo, and discuss topics including nutrition and health, stress reduction, as well as financial workshops to help with money management and foreclosure prevention assistance. These well attended groups will continue throughout FY15 with new and exciting topics that are offered at no charge to Township residents.

Other department programs in FY14 included the Township's annual backpack program, our annual winter clothing drive, holiday meal box giveaways, and the annual Township toy drive. The backpack program provided more than 1,000 backpacks with school supplies to Township youth. This would not have been possible without the donations from State Representative Fred Crespo, AT&T, Backpack Buddies, and Communities that Care. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood, much needed winter

wear was collected and supplied to residents during FY14. With the help from our many generous community sponsors, toys were distributed for an estimated 2,100 children this past holiday season.

Throughout the year, the Township relies on community partners to support our vital programs. Those partners include the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, Knights of Columbus from Mary's Millennium Council #12801, Bartlett Women's Club, Streamwood Woman's Clubs, Bartlett Rotary Club, Streamwood Kiwanis, Streamwood VFW Post 5151, Bartlett VFW Post 11018, the Bartlett Lions Club, Jewel Food Stores of Bartlett and Streamwood, Aldi, Banbury Fair, Clare Oaks Retirement Community, Panera, RANA Foods, Starbucks, and St. John the Evangelist Church of Streamwood. It is only through the generosity of our residents, schools, businesses, and local organizations we are able to make a difference in the lives of our residents facing financial hardship.



Auxiliary staff put in countless hours at the Astor Avenue Community Center. Auxiliary Staff Coordinator Jay Olriksen deserves recognition for his dedication and hard work. Terrie Kuenker and Rodger McDowall provide countless hours processing LIHEAP and food pantry applications. Shirley Schrade and Norma Smith are always willing to go the extra mile in greeting residents at our front desk.

The Hanover Township Food Pantry operates solely on the support and work from volunteers and community organizations. The following individuals and organizations have gone above and beyond in their service to the food pantry: Richard and Doris Bayer, Donna Bowers, Mirva Diaz, Ken and Gloria Francesconi, Karen Frasier, Linda Fucaz, Patty Gabris, Ruth Geils, John Kennedy, John Koziol, Tom Kuenker, Patti Loomis, Ken Marcinek, Donald Mielke, Larry Petruscha, Barb and Brian Noonan, Judy Porto, Dave Schoepke, Del Seaton, Mayda Youkhanna and Immanuel United Church of Christ of Streamwood, St. John the Evangelist of Streamwood, Because of Beth, Streamwood Woman's Club, and Kiwanis Club of Streamwood.

The Welfare Services staff Case Manager Kristin Cumbo LCSW, bi-lingual Receptionist Cecilia Gallardo, Office Manager Lori Orozco, Food Pantry Associate/Drive Mick Rogala, Intake Specialist Janet Simon, Employment Services Manager Sean Grimes, and Employment Specialist Bill Rogala, and I am committed to improving the welfare of Hanover Township residents experiencing hardship. The staff is dedicated to providing resources and supporting the empowerment of residents in achieving self sustainability; to serve promptly with dignity and respect. We are committed to serving the residents and will continue to strive to meet the needs of our community. This is our mission.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Imperato  
*Director*

# Youth and Family Services

*The mission of Hanover Township Youth and Family Services is the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the promotion of positive development in young people. This is accomplished 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 to contribute to the building up of a healthier community for all Township youth.*

Our efforts in Fiscal Year 2014 have brought continued growth and reach for the Department of Youth and Family Services. Services that are available to our Township residents include: Family Therapy Services, the Open Gym After School Program, Tutoring Services, Alternative to Suspension Programming, School Based PBIS Tier II Groups, Substance Abuse Prevention Programming, Community Service Programming, and Parent/Teen University Workshops. Our services are professional, reliable, and effective. This year's performance measures indicated a 94% overall satisfaction rate for family therapy, Open Gym, and Alternative to Suspension services. Our Alternative to Suspension performance measures also indicated a 30% reduction in school disciplinary actions and, overall, a 63% level of school connectivity for participants. Our work encourages and supports at risk youth to re-engage socially, emotionally, and academically in productive ways.

New to the Department was the addition of Substance Abuse Prevention Services, led by Sarah Spunt, LSW. This has expanded our approach to combating juvenile delinquency and while supporting youth to make healthy choices. In June, Sarah presented her research and work on substance abuse prevention at the International Association for Social Work with Groups, Inc. XXXV Annual International Symposium held in Boston, Massachusetts. Our work in partnership with School District U-46 continues to grow and demonstrate positive results. We have presented at local, national, and international conferences. Susan Alborell, LCSW, and Deanna Aister, LCSW, were contributing authors in a recently published book: "Interconnected Systems Framework for School Mental Health." In October, we were honored to have the National Board of Social Services from Denmark visit us to learn more about our school based work on school connectivity. Susan Alborell, LCSW, and John Parquette, LCSW, are part of the state wide leadership team for the Illinois Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), providing leadership in the areas of trauma informed care and parent and community school engagement. These advances have helped expand our reach throughout the Township area, the state, our nation, and beyond to international audiences.

We work diligently on the integration of research findings into our practice. This year, in partnership with Loyola University, Chicago, we have embarked on the following research studies:

1. The effectiveness of service learning projects on student's grades and connectivity to school.
2. Parental engagement and school connectivity.
3. Effectiveness of a multi-tiered system of support (PBIS) and its impact on the Open Gym Program.

The combination of our performance measure data and the research findings will position the Department to potentially secure large scale grant funding.

Our After School Open Gym Program continues to provide social, recreational, and educational activities based on positive youth development for youth at nine sites per week - efforts are taking place to expand weekly offerings to include day time programming as well as integrating Restorative Practices.



*Learning a new dance step at Open Gym After School Program.*

In November, the Open Gym Program won the Township Officials of Illinois Best Program Award. Our Alternative to Suspension Programming has expanded and is now being offered at Elgin High School. Our Tutoring Services Program has expanded to include satellite locations at Streamwood High School and at Glendale Terrace in Hanover Park. Parent University Workshops at Elgin High School continues to be offered. School based family therapy services at Laurel Hill Elementary School continue to be offered and funded through a grant. Youth and Family Services continues to expand as a resource to School District U-46 by providing leadership on the Transformational Task Force, the Community Alliance, PBIS Tier I, II, and III working groups, providing Tier II school based groups at eleven schools, as well as presenting at local, state, and national PBIS conferences.

As always, we strive to uphold our Township's core values in meeting our mission. We adapt to the current needs of our Township residents and community partners by assessing and addressing their identified needs. We take ownership of our work and gain satisfaction by empowering our residents to improve their quality of life. We strive to go above and beyond what our residents and our community partners expect from our efforts and work.

I would like to thank our residents for allowing us to work and continuously improve our services on their behalf, the management team and staff of Youth and Family Services for their passion, expertise, and diligence in meeting our mission, Trustee Howard Krick for being the Liaison to the Committee on Youth, our Elected Officials for their leadership and support, the Office of Administration for their support and leadership, the Committee on Youth for their vision and efforts in advancing the Department, and my collegial Township departments for their support and shared resources in advancing the quality of life for our residents

Respectfully submitted,

John Parquette, LCSW

*Director*

## *Senior Services*

*With respect, innovation and a dedication to excellence, Senior Services is committed to facilitating programs and services that promote independence, a sense of community, and well-being for mature adults in Hanover Township.*

This year has been a remarkable one for Senior Services. Noteworthy, is the expansion of our services to include the Stars 'N Stripes Café, the implementation of dispatch software, and the Senior Lip Dub YouTube video. Hanover Township completed a nutrition service analysis that included visits to other senior centers and a Mathers Café. The result of our research indicated that seniors wanted a choice of entrée and fresh food made daily at a reasonable price. AgeOptions, our Area Agency on Aging, funded the program with matching funds from the Township. The total Township match is estimated at 79.3% of total cost, with 20.7% of cost being covered by AgeOptions. Of the Township match, 55.6% originates from property tax revenues, 13.2% from meal donations and 10.5% from in-kind donation of volunteer workers. The day the café opened was a minus 13 degree day in January and 12 seniors enjoyed lunch that day. We continue to exceed the service levels of the grant averaging 30 meals per day and are ecstatic to offer creatively cooked healthy meals. Recently Senior Services was awarded \$16,433 from AgeOptions to expand the infrastructure of the kitchen and create an areoponic garden to grow our own lettuce year round. The café is open for lunch, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



*Residents lunching at the Stars 'N Stripes*

*Where great service happens!*

Creating efficiency in the Dial-A-Bus transportation service has been a long term goal for the Township. The Hanover Township Board approved the purchase of dispatch software and a bid process was completed. Based on the recommendations from the Township's software consultant, the Hanover Township Board determined that the lowest responsible and responsive bidder meeting specifications based on the base bid and alternates approved by the Board was Ecolane. The advantage of the system is that when the dispatcher inputs a client, the system will choose the most efficient route, maximizing the potential of our services. With the actual cost of a ride at approximately \$20 each way and the requested donation at \$1 each way, the



*All aboard for a Chocolate Tour and lunch at a local bistro.*

Township found a way to optimize this service without increasing the charge to the seniors. The Transportation Staff have excelled at learning this system and continue to address the issues that arise during such times of transition.

The Hanover Township Lip Dub can be seen on the Township's website, [hanover-township.org](http://hanover-township.org) or on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF4gr1NZD4Q](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF4gr1NZD4Q). Much

appreciation goes to Fellowes videographer, Ben Halen. Numerous seniors and staff participated in the planning of the production. The song, "We

Are Young," by Fun created the mood for a production that demonstrates that though aging is mandatory, growing up is optional.

A key goal this year was to develop outdoor programs and utilize Runzel Reserve as activity space. The Programming Division held art classes, exercise, yoga, and health screenings for the annual Just for the Health of It Health and Wellness Fair. Seniors used the gazebo for card playing and a place to meet friends and visit. The garden was tended by seniors and the

*Tri-Village Garden Club members Marilyn Perri, Patti Loomis, Jane Johnson, Sue Wells and Eileen Lucieto planted the gardens at Runzel Reserve*



Tri-Village Garden Club; produce was donated to the food pantry. The Tri-Village Garden Club also donated an Eastern Red Bud Tree and the Township Environmental Sustainability Work Group helped the seniors celebrate Earth Day with a planting of another Eastern Red Bud.

Senior Services collaborated with the Office of Community Health to develop and implement an educational program with physical screenings. Staff was trained in a Matter of Balance, a fall prevention program that was held at the Izaak Walton Center and Reserve.

Other highlights include the certification of the Social Services Manager by the Alliance for Information and Referral Services (AIRS). Energy assistance, prescription drug and health insurance assistance, Benefit Access, Take Charge of Your Health, Take Charge of your Diabetes, Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Grief Support Group, Caring for Our Memory Support Group, and Caregiver Support Group are some of the services available from Senior Services. Hanover Township Senior Services received a \$10,000 grant from the National Council on Aging to increase outreach, improve awareness, and complete applications for the SNAP program (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program).



*Charlean Ablin cheers on Ye Old Gift Shoppe sales during the Lip Dub video filming.*

The Volunteer Express is a program that matches drivers with seniors who have a need to travel either outside the Dial-A-Bus service boundaries or beyond its operating hours. The program is funded by a grant of \$4,800 from the Regional Transportation Authority that reimburses the volunteers for mileage.

Hanover Township is pleased to be part of the Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP) providing transportation by Pace for medical purposes throughout the Townships of Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Wheeling. One must be age 60 or over, or above the age of 18 with proof of disability. This service reaches as far as Stroger Hospital, Hines Veterans Hospital and Loyola. One way cost is \$5 per township line crossed during a single trip with a maximum of \$10 per one way.

Research shows that people with regular social ties demonstrate significantly less cognitive decline when compared to those who are lonely or isolated. Some researchers believe that socialization boosts brain reserve and is an essential component of a brain-healthy lifestyle. The Senior Center supports the older adult by meeting the need to stay engaged in meaningful activities and lifelong learning. It is our privilege to not only serve these to people, but to impact them in a positive way.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kurth-Schuldt

*Director*



*Supervisor McGuire and the Hanover Township Board congratulating a winning team! The Streamwood Falcon Cheer and Poms visited the Township this year and were lauded for their winning efforts.*



*Trustee Mary Alice Benoit with Supervisor Brian McGuire congratulate Brian Gorcowski recognizing his years as Mental Health Board member and chair.*

*Trustee Bill Burke was presented with a plaque from Mental Health Board Chairman Brian Gorcowski recognizing his service at Board Liaison.*



# Mental Health Board

*The mission of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board is to advocate for increasing the availability and quality of mental health services through the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of effective and efficient program delivery, accessible to all residents of Hanover Township.*

## Mental Health Board

Linda Best, Chair

Kathy Biesiadecki, Vice Chair

Jan Joerin, Secretary

Kirsten Cruthers, Marv Kramer

Kimberly Lemke

Trustee Steve Caramelli, Town Board Liaison

The volunteer board awards grants for programs in the areas of mental health, substance abuse intervention and prevention, and developmental disabilities to agencies serving Township Residents. In Fiscal Year 2014, the Mental Health Board awarded \$741,000 in Annual Mental Health Board Grants. These grants are administered throughout the fiscal year for various agency programs. Forty-eight programs from thirty-two different agencies received funds in FY14 and collectively served over 4,000 residents in need of services.

The Mental Health Board also made available special grant funds throughout the year to support continued agency growth in the areas of staff development, capital improvements, new programs, and emergency support. In total, the Mental Health Board awarded over \$125,000 in special grant awards to area agencies. This year, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois was awarded a \$15,000 challenge, or new program grant, to support the development of their Legacy Corps Program which provides respite services to veterans and their families. The grant award allowed them to continue their expansion of services into the Hanover Township area, while increasing their volunteer capacity. The Board also awarded a \$7,500 Emergency Support Grant to Ecker Center for Mental Health to assist in the transition of services following the closing of Larkin Center. In October, Larkin Center announced they were closing their doors after 117 years of service to the community. The agency provided a wide range of mental health services to the community, including the Community Counseling Program which received funds from the Mental Health Board. The Ecker Center for Mental Health took over servicing the clients in that program as well as two adult residential homes previously run by Larkin Center. The Emergency Funding provided by the Mental Health Board assisted in supporting some of the start-up expenses to provide the needed services to the community.

This year the Mental Health Board also began the first year of its three year strategic goals. One of those goals was to reestablish the Human Services Coordinating Council, in collaboration with the Township, to address the development of a coordinated system of program delivery. The Council meets quarterly with a variety of local agencies to discuss gaps in services and opportunities for partnerships or collaboration between the agencies and the Township. Board members also increased their involvement by participating in site visits and related initiatives, which began and will expand over the next two years. In an effort to increase awareness of area resources the Mental Health Board also created a resource guide to be distributed to Township households in the near future.

The Mental Health Board said goodbye to long time member Brian Gorcowski this year, who resigned after serving in multiple capacities on the Board for seven years, as well as Terry Gavin who resigned in April after being elected to Elgin City Council. The Township Board also reappointed Linda Best for another term and who now serves as the Mental Health Board's Chairman. In the coming year, the Mental Health Board will work the Township Board in the recruitment of new members. The Mental Health Board looks forward to further collaboration and partnerships with the community in support of its continued mission of ensuring the availability and quality of mental health services for all residents of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Powers, MPA  
Coordinator



# Committee on Youth

*The Hanover Township 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 2014 was a very successful year for the Committee on Youth. Last fall, the Township Board appointed a new member to the committee, Karen Staten. Ms Staten has been a great addition to the Committee - bringing energy and humor to the Committee's work.

The fourth annual Principal of the Year Award was presented to Principal Patricia Stubbs of Laurel Hill Elementary School in Hanover Park, in May. Principal Stubbs was selected from a pool of candidates carefully reviewed by Committee members. During the awards ceremony teachers and current students and staff of Laurel Hill Elementary School presented a poem, sang a song, and spoke about Principal Stubbs and her leadership at the school.

Also in May, the Committee researched and developed an educational seminar for high school aged youth on financial literacy, "Your Financial Future -Cash or Crash." The seminar was a creative, fun and interactive "game of life" for students. Participants learned about the important factors involved with managing finances, credit, debt, and retirement planning through interactive games.

In March, the Committee presented their fourth annual Youth Leadership Awards. The awards recognize youth and the adults who have demonstrated leadership at school and in their community. Award recipients included: Rhea Malik, Hilltop Elementary School- Rising Star Award; Chris Seuffer, Tefft Middle School-Junior High School Leader; Karla Alanis, Streamwood High School-High School Leader Award; and Mr. Nick Gore, Community Youth Leader Award. The winners enjoyed dinner with their family, friends, and teachers and were awarded plaques to honor their accomplishments in leadership.

## Committee on Youth

Matthew Karinski, Chair

Tom Alagna, Vice Chair

Karen Staten, Secretary

Nicole DeFalco, Community Education Chair

Robert Wojtowicz, Awards Chair

Trustee Howard Krick, Town Board Liaison

*Hanover Township  
Committee on  
Youth's 2014 Youth  
Leadership Award  
Winners, left to right:  
Rob Wojtowicz,  
Karen Staten, Nicole  
DeFalco; Rising Star,  
Rhea Malik;  
Community Youth  
Leader, Nick Gore;  
High School Leader,  
Karla Alanis; Junior  
High Leader, Chris  
Seuffer, Matt  
Karinski, and Tom  
Alagna.*



# Senior Citizen Services Committee

## **Senior Citizen Services Committee**

Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Chair

Marilyn Perri, Vice Chair

Patti Loomis, Secretary

Larry Zisman, Treasurer

Gloria Cotton, Kathleen Donaldson, Lee Sedlack  
Trustee Bill Burke, Township Board Liaison

*The Senior Citizen Services Committee is the voice of the mature adult community, fostering new ideas and providing opportunities for fellowship and personal growth. It is instrumental in encouraging independence, self-esteem, and well-being among seniors by promoting the sharing of life experiences through volunteerism and community involvement.*

The Committee thrived under the new direction of Chairperson, Naomi Walters-Lenoci who brought years of business experience, community involvement, and organizational leadership to her role. She is collaborating with the committee to create a handbook of standard operating procedures. At every meeting she stresses the importance of feedback from those who attend.

The Senior Committee members continue to have a visible presence throughout the community participating in Streamwood Summer Celebration, Bartlett Fourth of July Celebration, Northwest FourthFest, and Kiwanis Peanut Days. They donated to Relay for Life and to the Hanover Township Foundation for seniors in emergency situations.

The Committee's revenue streams increased through major fundraisers such as Poker Tournaments, Bake Sales, a sale of Pazckis and Breakfast Bids & Bingo, raffles, and the Ye Old Gift Shoppe. Donations of knickknacks, dishware, jewelry, and small household items are always appreciated. The Committee's fundraising efforts benefit the senior community as they donate funds to Senior Services for entertainment, raffle prizes, specialized equipment, and for the seniors in crisis.

The Township Board appointed Lee Sedlack and Patricia Whitney, who has since resigned, to the Senior Citizens Services Committee. With terms expiring at the end of March 2014, up to five new candidates may be appointed.

# Public Health & Safety Committee

## **Senior Citizen Services Committee**

Eric Shipman, Chair

Tim Marrocco, Vice Chair

Joanne Lorowski, Secretary

Rick Brogan, Bhavini Patel

Trustee Bill Burke, Township Board Liaison

*The purpose of the Public Health and Safety Committee is to advise the Township Board of Trustees, Community Health Department, and the Emergency Services Department regarding matters of public health and safety and training services for Township employees and volunteers. The Committee meets on a regular basis and works to enhance the programs of the Emergency Services Department and the Office of Community Health of Hanover Township.*

In FY14, the committee advised on strategies for recruitment and retention of Emergency Services volunteers and program recommendations for the Office of Community Health. The committee created the Trisha L. Simon Award for Service in Community Health. The award was created in memory of Trish Simon, former Director of Community Health. The award will be presented annually to an individual who not only enriches the lives of Hanover Township residents through their dedication to service and advancement in community health, but

also those who exemplify the traits of devotion, compassion, and kindness that Trish displayed. Dr. Muska was selected as the first recipient of this award for his collaboration with the Office of Community Health in providing free colonoscopies for residents who had a high risk of developing colon cancer. Additionally, this year committee members participated in the selection process of the new Emergency Services Director and welcomed new Director, Craig Essick, in January 2014.

# *Hanover Township*

## *Events, Happenings, Services, & Programs*

Student Government Day  
Principal of the Year Recognition  
Youth Leadership Recognition  
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
Relay for Life  
“For the Health of It!” Health & Wellness Expo  
Township Community Shreds  
“Recycle Extravaganza”  
Open Gym Program  
Prostate Cancer Clinics  
Wellness Screenings  
Brush Pick-up  
Circuit Breaker Program  
Food Drives for the Pantry  
Homeowners’ Tax Seminars  
Illinois State Treasurer iCash Program  
“Bee Wise, Immunize” Vaccines for Children  
Art Expo sponsored by Senior Services  
Veterans Honor Roll Recognition  
Weatherization Program through Welfare Services  
ComEd Hardship Program through Welfare Services  
Podiatry Clinics  
Access-To-Care  
Township Community Service Awards  
All-Kids Program  
Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Drive Facility  
Election Polling Sites and Receiving Station  
Summer Lunch and After School Snack Programs  
Unincorporated County Vehicle Stickers Sales

Winter-wear Drive and Distribution  
Holiday Toy Drive and Distribution  
Adopt-a-Senior Program  
Adopt-a-Family Program  
Expanded Tutoring Services  
Alternative to Suspension Program with U-46  
Dial-a-Bus Transportation  
Hunting & Fishing/Trapping Licenses  
T.I.D.E.  
PBIS Tier II Groups Programming  
Youth Employment Services  
Heritage Marker Program  
Community Planning Meetings with the MHB  
Legal Advice for Veterans  
Supper Club 59  
Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry  
Substance Abuse Prevention programming  
Back to School Backpack Distribution  
Spring Bag Distribution  
Breakfast with the Board  
Temporary Handicap Placards  
Volunteer Opportunities  
ESL Services  
Home Wellness Visits  
Emergency “Embracelet” Program  
Senior Will Program  
U.S. Passport Application Services  
Lending Closet

New and exciting events are always happening at Hanover Township. Please check the calendar on our website at [Hanover-Township.org](http://Hanover-Township.org) to see what else is going on.



