



HANOVER
TOWNSHIP

Annual Report
2014-2015

Hanover Township Meeting Schedule

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2015:

Tuesday, April 14 - Annual Town Meeting (60 ILCS 1/30-5)

Tuesday, April 21

Tuesday, May 5

Tuesday, May 19

Tuesday, June 2

Tuesday, June 16

Tuesday, July 7

Tuesday, July 21

Tuesday, August 4

Tuesday, August 18

Tuesday, September 1

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday, October 6

Tuesday, October 20

Tuesday, November 3

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December 1

Tuesday, December 15

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.

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

June 6, September 5, December 5

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2014-2015 Hanover Township Board



and Elected Officials

***Trustee Craig Essick, Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer, Assessor Tom Smogolski,
Supervisor Brian P. McGuire, Trustee Howard Krick,
Trustee Mary Alice Benoit, Trustee Steve Caramelli,
and Highway Commissioner P. Craig Ochoa***

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

William T. Burke, Emergency Services Director

Tracey Colagrossi, Acting Senior Services Director

Patty Glascott, Chief Deputy Assessor

Mary Jo Imperato, Welfare Services Director

Thomas Kутtenberg, Community Relations Director

John Parquette, Youth and Family Services Director

Sam Santangelo, Highway Foreman

Kirsten Smith, Community Health Director

Steve Spejcher, Facilities & Maintenance Director

Kristen Vana, Mental Health Board Manager

In your neighborhood...

William Tiknis Campus Town Hall

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

Izaak Walton League Center

Community Activity Room

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 Office and at the Community Center; please call for days, times and services.

Runzel Reserve

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

Izaak Walton Center & Reserve

866 Jay St., Elgin 60133

Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve

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 165th Annual Town Meeting. Hanover Township officials, staff and volunteers continue to do an outstanding job of serving the residents of Hanover Township. This report will briefly highlight several important events and updates from the past fiscal year, but I encourage you to read the department submissions to get a full understanding of the many great programs and services and how they benefit our community.

Fiscal year 2015 proved to be a very busy and successful year for Hanover Township. The Board of Trustees once again approved a zero percent increase from the previous year's tax extension. The Township officials understand that government has a responsibility to be diligent stewards of tax dollars while offering the quality programs and services residents expect and deserve.

Joining the Hanover Township Board of Trustees this year was Craig Essick, a long-time resident of Elgin. Craig was unanimously approved this past February to fill the vacancy of Trustee William T. Burke. He is a former member of the Hanover Township Committee on Youth and the Public Health and Safety Committee and was an officer for the Streamwood Police Department for 21 years and retired at the rank of Sergeant. Craig is also a 31-year veteran of the United States Army, retiring with the rank of Colonel. The officials appreciate Craig's willingness to serve and we look forward to his perspective and contributions on the Board.

Last fiscal year, the Board voted to launch a new congregate meal program, the Stars N Stripes Café at the Township Senior Center. The program has quickly taken off and has been very successful in providing residents of all ages with healthy and creative options for lunch. Year to date, the café has provided over 10,450 meals, far surpassing the expectations of the Board and the numbers of our previous provider. In the coming year the Township will be submitting a federal grant request to administer the home delivered

meal program to ensure our residents are receiving the highest quality meals in an efficient and timely manner.

Hanover Township said goodbye to our longtime Director of Senior Services, Barbara Kurth Schuldt in January after 19 years of dedicated service to the residents. Barb led the department through many changes through the transferring of services to the Township Senior Center constructed in 2004, achieving accreditation through the National Institute of Senior Centers, the implementation of transportation software for the senior buses that allowed for efficient service delivery, and the launching of the Stars N Stripes Café. The officials, staff and volunteers thanked Barb for her many years of service at her retirement party.



Improvements at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center & Reserve continued in FY15 with the installation of an elevator that will allow for additional programming in the lower level of the building. The Township was awarded a \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant from the City of Elgin to partially cover the cost of this project. In the coming year the entire lower level of the building will be renovated. In FY15 the Board also hired Hitchcock Design Group, a landscape architecture firm, to design a plan for the entire Izaak Walton Reserve with a focus on the acreage on the east side of Poplar Creek. After receiving input from the different Township departments, neighbors of the property and community groups that use the property, Hitchcock submitted a very impressive proposal that included a loop trail, an activity field and allows for a bridge to be constructed near the building for access across the creek. In the coming fiscal year the Township will be pursuing opportunities for grants to offset the cost of this project.

In May 2014, the Township, led by the Office of Community Health, held its first annual “Sprint to Spring” 5k Run/Walk at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve to promote health and wellness, but to also raise money for the Hanover Township Foundation. Nearly 200 individuals registered for this event. All of the proceeds from the race allowed the foundation to create a program assisting residents experiencing financial hardship in accessing needed medical and dental services. We look forward to hosting and growing this great event each year.

The Township was proud to recognize two of our living legends in FY15. Last September the Township Board honored former Supervisor William “Tik” Tiknis by dedicating the Bartlett campus in his name. Tik served with distinction for many years as supervisor of Hanover Township, former mayor and trustee of the Village of Bartlett, a former Bartlett volunteer fire fighter, former fire protection district trustee and was a founding member of the Bartlett Rotary Club and Bartlett Chamber of Commerce. Up until last summer, Tik most recently served as the Township’s Veterans’ Advocate where he spent many hours working with veterans and their family members in assisting them in obtaining benefits through the state and federal Veterans Administrations.



Supervisor McGuire with Bill Tiknis and Trustees Mary Alice Benoit and Steve Caramelli at the campus dedication in September.

In October, the Township dedicated the Lenoci-Walters Reserve in Streamwood, formerly Lacy Park, in honor of Naomi Walters-Lenoci. Naomi served for many years as a Commissioner of the Streamwood Park District and is a passionate advocate for open space preservation in our communities. Naomi also currently serves as the Chairperson of the Hanover Township Senior Citizens Services Committee. This was a great event with many of Naomi's friends and family traveling from all over the country to join the Township and local leaders in honoring her for her many years of service.

In addition to installing new playground equipment at the Lenoci-Walters Reserve in FY15, the Board also hired Hitchcock Design Group to work with the Township and the community in developing several concepts for additional improvements at the property. The Board looks forward to reviewing and sharing these plans with the community later this year.

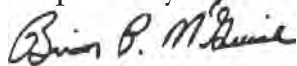
In Fiscal Year 13, the Board approved the creation of the Employment Services Division as a result of the unusually high unemployment rate for Hanover Township residents compared to the national average. Funds for this pilot program were made available as a result of a settlement the Township received. The program was very successful in securing gainful employment for many unemployed and underemployed Township residents through one-on-one job counseling, the hosting of hiring events and employment services workshops. The program was reevaluated in FY15 with the determination to end this service since the unemployment rate for the Township had significantly improved. The Board prides itself on efficiently providing services to the taxpayers when they are needed and discontinuing services after it is determined they are no longer necessary.

The Township welcomed former Trustee William T. Burke as the new director of the Department of Emergency Services in FY15. Director Burke brings over 25 years of experience as a Lieutenant of the Streamwood Fire Department and former volunteer fire fighter. Director Burke was instrumental in the creation of the department when he was on the Board and understands the opportunities and challenges ahead for the all volunteer unit. In this fiscal year, Emergency Services volunteers contributed 3,500 volunteer hours in service to the community.

FY15 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 your 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.

Respectively submitted,



Brian P. McGuire

Supervisor



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.

We were honored to have Ms Jane Parker of Elgin as our Moderator in 2014 during our 164th Annual Town Meeting in 2014. Joining her were Brownie Troop #1075 and Girl Scout Troop #570 to post the colors, and Mr. Craig Essick of Elgin to serve as Sergeant at Arms. During the meeting, the minutes from the 163rd Annual Town Meeting were approved and accepted. In addition, Supervisor McGuire presented the Financial Statements for the Township and Road District and they, too, were approved by the residents. During that meeting, Supervisor McGuire introduced Mr. Eric Shipman, who was then Chair of the Public Health & Safety Committee of the Township. He spoke about the character of former Community Health Director, the late Trish Simon, and invited Dr. Brian Muska forward for the presentation of the inaugural Trisha L. Simon Award. Chairman Shipman presented the Award for Service in Community Health to Dr. Brian Muska for his collaboration with the Office of Community Health in providing free exams for residents who had a high risk of developing colon cancer and insurance that did not cover the expense.

This year, your Clerk has strengthened the Township's relationship with the senior housing in the area, offering voter registration, name and address changes, Veterans Honor Roll information, and much more to residents of Clare Oaks and the Victory Center. At the high school level, I have registered over 250 students this year, as 17 year old students are now eligible to vote in the Primary if they turn 18 by the General election in November. It was a very exciting year for many new and old voters!

Active in the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), I served as Vice President on the Board of the Clerks Division to help shape future and educate sitting clerks throughout the state, offering customized education and materials. Closer to home, I serve on the Township Officials of Cook County (TOCC) Board, again helping to provide education to township officials in Cook County. The Clerks Association of Cook County gives me another outlet to learn, to teach and to bring the best practices back to Hanover Township for our residents. I serve on that board as Vice President. The Streamwood Chamber of Commerce has appointed me to the Board as a Director in 2015, giving Hanover Township another opportunity to let others know of the services the Township offers.

The records of Hanover Township are in good order; the minutes are up-to-date and approved ones are posted online. Board packets are posted to the website for easy access as soon as they become available. Postings are done in a timely manner and are posted not only in multiple places around the township and on the website, but are also forwarded to two newspapers and a local beat reporter. Budget and Appropriation Ordinances and Levies for both the Township and the Road District are posted and remain posted for the duration of the ordinance at the Township, on the website and are filed with the Cook County Clerk within the prescribed time period. Prevailing Wage Ordinances for the Mental Health Board, Township and Road District are filed appropriately as well. I continue to digitize every document that comes across the Clerk's desk - from ordinances and budgets, to agreements, board packets, and minutes. Most of this information is available on the website for easy access by any resident, or at my fingertips to retrieve for you.

Respectfully submitted,


Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerk

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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 2013 saw a dramatic drop in the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). Unfortunately, this resulted in a substantial increase in tax rates. The average taxpayer saw an increase in their tax bill and taxpayers with senior freezes received moderate increases. The tax rates are the highest we have seen since 1988, which is when my office started keeping track of the rates. Many taxpayers received a one time "Sunset" exemption, reducing the EAV by 5,000. This was received by homeowners whose total gross household income was under \$30,000 in 2012.

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 1,453 addresses on our e-mail list.



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

The constant changes in the assessing field of Cook County present many challenges to all taxpayers. Our Assessor's office personnel stay current with these changes by constantly attending classes to keep informed of any changes to the current standards and refresh the old rules and regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S Smogolski, SRA, CIAO
Assessor

| OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| | FYTD: | 2010* | 2011 | 2012 | 2013* | 2014 |
| Number of Taxable Real Estate Parcels | | 34,251 | 34,258 | 34,217 | 34,226 | N/A |
| Equalized Assessed Valuation | | \$2,257,513,700 | \$2,265,103,457 | \$2,294,678,695 | \$1,968,978,793 | N/A |
| Township Governmental Unit Tax Rates (Total Rates) | | | | | | |
| | Highest | 10.25 | 12.02 | 13.82 | 16.16 | N/A |
| | Lowest | 5.433 | 6.228 | 7.058 | 7.916 | N/A |
| | Average | 8.194 | 9.112 | 10.552 | 12.39 | N/A |
| Building Permits Processed | | 10,558 | 4,170 | 3,986 | 4,308 | 4,594 |
| Incoming Calls | | 4,551 | 4,580 | 4,061 | 3,479 | 2,926 |
| Office Visits to the Assessor's Office | | 4,504 | 6,160 | 4,461 | 4,744 | 4,426 |
| Appeals Filed in Assessor's Office | | 126 | 1,430 | 955 | 1,526 | 866 |
| Foreclosures | | N/A | 40.00% | 42.00% | 42.00% | 36.00% |
| *Triennial Reassessment Year. N/A: Not Available at this Time. | | | | | | |

Road District

Well, we made it through yet another winter, and what a winter it was! The second coldest February since the Chicago weather department started keeping records over 100 years ago. I think we are all ready for Spring and Summer.

We had a very, very successful year. The three main areas of our Road District responsibilities are maintaining over 15 unincorporated, single-lane miles within the Township, financially supporting our Hanover Township senior bus transportation (which effects the entire Township), and sponsoring the wonderful and very popular one day Recycling Extravaganza event (again, offered to the entire Township and its residents).

Last summer we resurfaced approximately 1.2 miles of roads within the Chapel Creek subdivision of unincorporated Elgin. This road had not been resurfaced in over 18 years and was in bad shape. The salt and cold temperatures create havoc on roads, so it does not take long for the asphalt and concrete to begin showing wear and tear. I am pleased to report that the new road looks just fantastic. I know the residents of Chapel Creek are very happy with their new streets.

Our Township Senior transportation program continues to grow, so the need for maintaining and purchasing of new and more efficient vehicles is critical to the ongoing success of this very important program. This is where we come in to help. The cost to maintain these buses is extremely expensive. It is with great pleasure that the Highway Department is able to assist with funds needed to keep these busses in good and safe working condition for our riders, thus providing the needed transportation our seniors rely on.

Last August we co-hosted, sponsored and coordinated our 5th annual one day Recycling Extravaganza on the Township campus. In a five hour period, we estimated over 1,500 vehicles drove through and participated in this Township-wide event. Just some of the recyclable items we collected included small household electronics, cell phones, bicycles, car and marine batteries, propane tanks, prescription drugs (thanks to the help of Jason Hughes and his staff at the Cook County Sheriffs' Dept.), document shredding, worn American flags, eyeglasses and hearing aids (thanks to the Bartlett Lions Club), used clothing and shoes, books and magazines, used tires, light bulbs (thanks to our good friends Home Depot), and printer ink/toner cartridges.

6th annual Recycle Extravaganza
at the Hanover Township William Tiknis Campus
from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

We continue to work closely with Dan Rich and the City of Elgin Public Works Department for our salt storage. Just last year we signed a three-year extension to our intergovernmental agreement for storage, where we store the salt we purchase, through the State of Illinois bidding process, in one of their salt domes, saving our taxpayers money by not having to build our own dome.

The brush pick up program, from the first week in April through the first week in November, continues to be a success. Just a reminder: residents in unincorporated areas can place their twigs and tree branches out at the end of their driveway, with the ends facing outward, and our staff will come by and pick-up them up. These items will be mulched and that mulch for anyone within the unincorporated area and deliver that mulch at no cost. Please call to coordinate.

We continue our relationship with School District U-46 with many programs, including the Student Drivers Education Program.

I always like to list the job functions we provide within the Township in the Annual Report. The list includes safety striping roads, grass cutting in the common areas of the unincorporated streets of the Township, street cleaning, refuse pick up (dead animals), year round dry cell/alkaline battery collection, coordination with Cook and DuPage Counties' probation courts services providing work related community service hours, attending and participating in the Cook County Highway Commissioners Association and the Township Officials of Illinois organization to help better educate our department, replacing safety signage in the

unincorporated areas, cleaning of most of our Township vehicles, approving driveway permits, spraying for noxious/toxic weeds, repairing and patching damaged roads along with shoulder stone work in unincorporated areas, assisting residents with flooding issues, continuing our strong relationship with John McNelis and the Cook County Highway Department, installing new and maintaining street lights, maintaining

a good and solid working relationship with the surrounding village of Bartlett, Streamwood, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg and Elgin, and working closely with various home owners “neighborhood watch” programs for safety issues.

Of course, none of this would happen if it were not for the three Road District staff members lead by Foreman Sam Santangelo. These dedicated individuals are committed to keeping our residents safe throughout the year and I know I could not do my job without these unselfish, hard working and loyal staff members.

Respectfully submitted,
P. Craig Ochoa
Highway Commissioner



*Highway Commissioner P. Craig Ochoa,
Foreman Sam Santangelo and Associate Ed Rasak*



Administrative Services

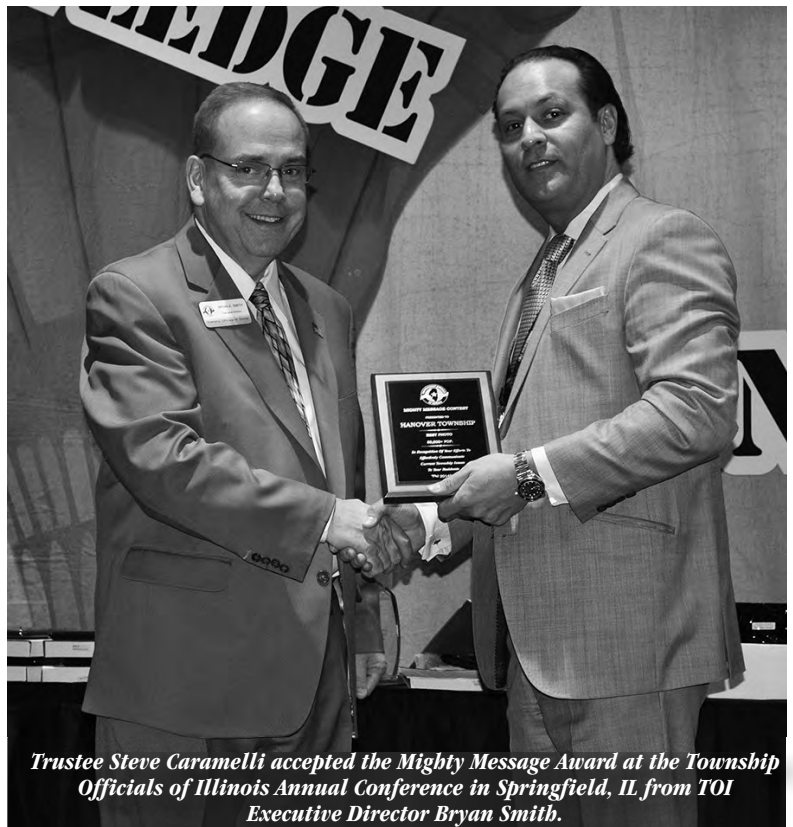
The department of Administrative Services mission is to ensure effective implementation of Township Board policies through efficient professional management of the Township government. The Township administrator serves as the organization's Chief Administrative Officer and in this capacity is responsible 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, intergovernmental relations, capital improvement planning, strategic planning, and resident services, including passports and unincorporated vehicle stickers.

A number of accomplishments occurred within FY15. The department spearheaded the Township's strategic planning process, which included an analysis of Township operations. After a strategic planning session was held in September, internal working groups with representatives from each department as well as elected officials were created to focus on four topics: communications, scope, branding, and evolution. Over the course of the next year, the workgroups will be moving forward with a number of objectives aimed at improving Township operations. The department also continued the growth of its resident services, including a passport marketing campaign to inform residents of Township services. In FY15, resident services processed over 2,400 passport applications, an approximate 20% increase from the previous fiscal year.

The FY15 Capital Improvement Program moved ahead with improvements at Lenoci Reserve in Streamwood. Installation of new playground equipment was completed, along with several general improvements to the overall reserve. A master plan for long-term improvements of the property was also initiated and will be coordinated over the next several years. Capital improvements at the Izaak Walton Center continued in FY2015. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was received from the City of Elgin to support the installation of an elevator while renovations of the lower level also began. These improvements, as well as future plans for the site, will support additional program offerings at the center.

This year the department was honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the second consecutive year and also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the third 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.

In FY15, Administrative Services welcomed Amy Kaufholz into the Management Analyst position. Ms. Kaufholz received her Masters in Public Administration from DePaul University and brings grants management and program planning experience to the position. The department also hired Management Intern, Sean Arden, who is currently pursuing a



Trustee Steve Caramelli accepted the Mighty Message Award at the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Conference in Springfield, IL from TOI Executive Director Bryan Smith.

Masters in Public Administration at the University of Illinois Chicago and will be assisting on a variety of projects over the next year.

In the year ahead, the department is planning several major initiatives. These include finalizing the Senior Center solar and energy efficiency project, renovations to the parking lots at the Town Hall and Senior Center, and the next phase of the Izaak Walton Reserve Master Plan. The department anticipates submitting a grant for funding from the Open Space Lands and Acquisition and Development Program from the State of Illinois in FY16. The grant funding will support the development of the 11-acre site in Elgin. The department will continue coordination of the strategic plan work groups and assist with implementation of those goals. Case management software will also be implemented to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of customer service delivery for multiple departments and tracking performance measures.

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 provide leadership in this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Barr, MPA
Administrator

Suzanne Powers, MPA
Assistant Administrator



Administrator James Barr presented Senior Services Nutrition Coordinator/Head Chef Lisa Slowik with the Trish Simon Core Award during the annual employee appreciation lunch.



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.

FY15 included the office's first full year at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve (IWCR) at 899 Jay Street in Elgin. This past year we expanded programs in the Elgin area and introduced new services and events. Veterans services began at the IWCR two days a week. The Youth and Family Services department had strong participation in their summer Open Gym program at the IWCR. Last May, the Township's inaugural 5k run/walk stepped off from the property and into the surrounding neighborhood to raise money for a new dental program for low income residents. Last August the Township partnered with two neighbors in planning and hosting our first city-wide National Night Out event in conjunction with the City of Elgin and the Elgin Police Department. The turnout was great and we look forward to making this an annual event.



The newly installed sign at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center & Reserve located at 899 Jay Street in Elgin.

Since the Township took ownership of the IWCR in March of 2013, building renovations and property improvements have been an ongoing task. Last year the Township was awarded with a \$25,000 Community Development Block Grant from the City of Elgin for the installation of an elevator that will allow for handicap accessibility to the lower level of the building. In FY16 renovations are planned for the lower level activity space, bathrooms and the kitchen to allow for additional events and programming. The Township was also awarded with a \$5,000 grant from the Cabela's Outdoor Fund to assist

in the construction of an outdoor education building for youth programming and events; this will be used in coordination with the Izaak Walton League of America - Elgin Chapter. The Township began the process last spring in developing a plan for the undeveloped 8 acres of the IWCR that lie directly east of Poplar Creek. Following input from the Township departments, community groups and neighbors, a plan was presented to the Township Officials that included a loop trail system with interpretive signs, an activity field and a bridge that allowed for access from the west side of the creek. This summer the Township will apply for an Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant to assist in the development of this project.

The Hanover Township Heritage Program grew in FY15 to include the Lion Bridge at the southeast corner of the intersection of Route 59 and Route 58 in Hoffman Estates. Township and Village officials, along with local history enthusiasts, gathered at the bridge last November to dedicate the sixth heritage marker. The bridge was constructed in 1906 and is the earliest example of a reinforced concrete bridge in the state. The bridge

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Hoffman Estates Historian Pat Barch, Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod and Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McGuire posed with the newly installed Lion Bridge heritage marker, located on the southeast corner of Routes 58 & 59.

continues to be appreciated by the local community and Hanover Township residents. Originally believed to be used by local farmers, it is most popularly used now for recreational activities in the forest preserves. Previous markers have been placed at Villa Olivia in Bartlett, 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.

After his many years of service as a Township Official and staff member, Hanover Township Veteran's Advocate, Bill Tiknis retired last spring. New Veterans Specialist Sarah Raby joined the Township in July of last year and hit the ground running in serving and advocating for Township veterans and their family members. She initiated bi-monthly veterans' events that include educational trips and fellowship gatherings. Recently, Township veterans visited the First Division War Museum at Cantigny Park in Wheaton, and are planning a trip to the Great Lakes Navy Base. Sarah has significantly grown and expanded the Township's veterans' services. This past fall, Hanover Township partnered with Legacy Corps, Streamwood High School and Pillars of Honor, Inc. to host the scale model of the national WWII Memorial displayed at Streamwood High School. Over 200 people attended a special presentation and viewing of the memorial model.

This past year, 17 veterans were added to the Hanover Township Veterans Honor Roll. Since the program began in 2006, over 310 veterans have been recognized by the Hanover Township Board. To learn more about the Veterans Honor Roll, please call (630) 540-9085 or visit our website at hanover-township.org.

The Hanover Township website continues to be a resource in the community. To date, we are projected to amass over 96,000 website visits to hanover-township.org. This represents a 10% increase in website traffic over FY14. The Township is also in the early stages of designing a new website that will be launched in FY16.

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. Kuttentberg
Community Relations Director



Veterans Specialist Sarah Raby and Township veterans gathered for the first bimonthly veterans trip to Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

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.

The office of Community Health celebrated another great year with many accomplishments in FY15. The department hosted its first ever 5k run/walk, planned and held another very successful health and wellness expo, assisted nearly 100 residents with insurance enrollment for the Affordable Care Act, and launched a dental program for low income residents.

On Saturday, May 3, the department hosted its inaugural 5k, the Hanover Township Sprint to Spring at the Izaak Walton Center in Elgin. The two-fold mission of this event was to promote healthy and active lifestyles in the community and raise money for the Hanover Township Foundation to assist residents experiencing financial crisis with accessing medical and dental services. Nearly 200 people registered in the 5k run/walk! The department was thrilled with the success of the event and plans to host it annually at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve.



2015 EVENTS

2nd annual "Sprint to Spring" 5K
*at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve from 8 a.m.
on Saturday, May 2.*

"Just For the Health of It!" Health & Wellness Expo
*at the Township Senior Center from 2 p.m.-6 p.m.
on Thursday, September 17.*

September continues to be our busiest time of year, as it is when we hold the annual health and wellness expo, Just For the Health of It. This past year marked our 7th year of hosting the fair, with nearly 100 vendors and over 500 attendees. The department strived to offer new activities and services that reached a wider population and demographic. Some of those activities included a kid zone with a petting zoo, face painting, a bouncy castle and karate demonstrations. Additionally, the fair held fitness and cooking demonstrations and offered pregnancy ultrasounds to further expand outreach to the 18-40 year old demographic. The 8th annual health and wellness expo is already set for September 17, and we hope to continue to grow and expand the free screenings and services offered.

September also marked the month that the Office of Community Health launched its new dental referral program, the Dental Access Network. We were excited to develop this new program and offer it to our



Children participating in karate demonstrations and other activities at the Just For the Health of It Health Expo 2014.

residents after continuing to hear from residents the great need for affordable dental services and the gap that exists within the community. The Dental Access Network is a program designed to help connect low income, uninsured Township residents with dental providers in the community to access and receive needed dental services at an affordable cost. We have partnered with several dentists in our community who have graciously volunteered to be a part of this program and provide these valuable dental services to residents at significantly reduced rates.

Throughout the year, the department offers and highlights services and programs in relation to the corresponding health awareness months. This past year, we offered memory screenings through the Alzheimer's Foundation in honor of National

Memory Screening Day, led a walking group program at the Izaak Walton Center following Physical Fitness month, provided colon cancer risk assessments for Colon Cancer Awareness month and performed free wellness screenings in January to highlight "A New Year, New You."

In addition to our new programs, the Office of Community Health continues to offer cholesterol, diabetes, anemia and blood pressure screenings, medication assistance, low cost lab services, low cost immunizations, insurance enrollment assistance, and health education and disease management.

In the coming year, the office of Community Health looks forward to hosting its 2nd annual 5k, the Sprint to Spring, and plans to further expand the newly launched Dental Access Network with high hopes to include specialists in oral surgery.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Smith RN, BSN
Director

Emergency Services

The Hanover Township Department of Emergency Services (HTES) is responsible for coordinating the Township's response to major emergencies. The department 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. The department'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). To accomplish this 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 2015 proved to be a busy year for HTES. The department strengthened its relationship with area police and fire agencies, seeing a steady increase in requests for assistance with these agencies. The requests including a large variety of situations including the following:

- Responded to assist several area police and fire departments to support their activities at fire and crime scenes;
- Assisted in search and rescue incidents in multiple locations;
- Assisted Elgin Police with major automobile accident;
- Multiple non-emergency detail such as roadside safety checks with police agencies;
- Traffic control in conjunction with Elgin Police for Township's Community Health inaugural Sprint to Spring 5K run in May

HTES 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 an annual basis.

HTES provided assistance to numerous community events throughout the township including:

- Coordinated traffic control for the Village of Streamwood at the annual summer celebration and Memorial Day event;
- Township sponsored events including the Relay for Life, Mobile food pantry, the Annual Recycling event, the Job Fair at our Senior Center, and the Health and Wellness fair;
- Assisted with 4th of July events at the Township co-sponsored Northwest Fourth Fest and other area celebrations.

Hanover Township Emergency Services also hosted its first table top exercise involving Township personnel and use of the Emergency Operations Center to prepare the Emergency Services and other Township departments to respond to any major event in the Township. The department completed requirements to update the Township Emergency Operations plan, the only Emergency Operations Plan certified by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security for a county Township.

HTES conducted its second annual Emergency Services Training Conference with participants from throughout the Chicagoland area representing, city, county and other government's emergency management agencies. Attendees left the conference with training in fire extinguisher use, basic building collapse and securing of utilities, leadership principles, search and rescue, emergency driving, legal concerns for EMA providers, handling pets in a disaster and coordination with multiple agency in the area emergency management.

FY15 ended with the appointment of a new Director and approximately 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. I am proud of the accomplishments of the past year and look forward to more to come in the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

William T. Burke
Director



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Facilities and Maintenance

As FY15 comes to an end, we look back on all we have accomplished this year. Many renovations and improvements have taken place Township-wide and the Maintenance staff is excited as many of these projects have been completed. The winter season has gone and although the beginning of the winter did not leave us with much snow, the month of February alone kept us busy with plowing and ensuring all Township buildings were clear for residents and staff to access safely.

Facilities and Maintenance staff have spent a lot of time at the Izaak Walton Center, taking care of routine maintenance as well as several new projects this year. Staff renovated both the lower level and upper level bathrooms at the facility. Renovations to the lower level of the building are well under way and we look forward to its completion in FY16. The biggest addition to the Izaak Walton Center has been the construction and installation of an elevator. Although the elevator project proved to be challenging at times, we are happy to report that we anticipate the elevator to be completed by April 30, 2015.

We completed several renovation and construction projects at the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve in Streamwood. After the removal of old asphalt and enhanced landscaping completed last fiscal year the maintenance staff was left with the responsibility of removing all old equipment and installing new equipment. A new playground was installed, in addition to new trees being planted throughout the park. The maintenance staff will continue routine maintenance and landscaping duties throughout the next fiscal year.

Although the addition of new properties has kept Facilities and Maintenance busy, we have also been

Facilities & Maintenance staff at the unveiling of the newly installed playground equipment and signage at the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve in Streamwood.



consistently working around Township buildings to improve the look and feel of each facility. Late last spring, we completed the renovations to the Township Administration building lobby. A new reception area, waiting area, and two new cubicles were all part of the project. In addition, it was determined that due to a large amount of residents, volunteers, and staff coming through the building on Astor Avenue a new coat of paint was needed. This winter, maintenance staff painted the entire Astor Avenue building.

Lastly, I would like to recognize the dedication of Facilities and Maintenance staff Rick Nelson, Mike Rundquist, Sean O'Neil and David Marcinek. Without their natural ability to adapt and go above and beyond, Facilities and Maintenance would not have completed the several projects we have had this fiscal year. They do an incredible job each year maintaining the facilities of Hanover Township.

Respectfully,

Steve Spejcher
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.

Hanover Township Senior Services has had an eventful year. The Township recognized 250 volunteers at the annual luncheon event dubbed “The Greatest Show on Earth.” Volunteer Recognition Luncheon Seniors won the “Most Unusual” Float in the Streamwood Summer Celebration Parade. In addition, a Flash Mob dance was performed by Hanover Township seniors and youth from Lisa’s School of Dance in Bartlett at the Stratford Square Mall featuring familiar favorites and new dance songs, the video was filmed by Turning Point Productions. The seniors learned about the art and culture of the Amish during a three-day trip to Shipshewana, Indiana and surrounding regions led by Program Specialist, Sarah Adelpia and Senior Committee Chairperson, Naomi Walters-Lenoci.

Social Services continues to excel in training initiatives through our partners achieving training in Options Counseling, LTC, Medicare/Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI), CMS National Training (Medicare & Medicaid) and SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program). 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 for seniors. Age Options also funded Social Services a grant for \$8,000 to provide information and counseling through the MMAI Program (Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative).

Senior Services and Youth and Family Services have partnered to conduct the C-Hope Program through a grant awarded by the Mental Health Board. The program collaborates with Alexian Mental Health with psychiatrist Dr. Kiran Frey for medication needs of the seniors. Hanover Township hired therapist Jenny Mantis in August to conduct the program. Jenny is a LCSW Therapist with extensive assessment and service delivery experience.

In the Senior Services Transportation Division, transportation software has enabled an increased ridership of 4% this fiscal year. The board supported the add-on system of recorded ride confirmations and arrival times to afford the dispatcher more time in scheduling rides. The confirmation system began in March. A 14-passenger medium duty para transit vehicle was



added to the Township fleet as an older bus was retired from service. Long-time drivers Tom Moshis and Harold Fischer retired, while Tim Aspy and Earnest Kovacks joined the team to provide residents consistent service.

The Stars-N-Stripes Café grew in service and space. The congregate meal site serves an average of 40 participants per day, dining on fresh and nutritious meals. The Senior Nutrition Advisory Group was created to facilitate feedback and improvement by seniors who dine at the café. The



Patrons of the Hanover Township Stars N Stripes Café enjoying a healthy and nutritious luncheon.

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kitchen space expanded to a former conference room to allow for additional storage, coolers, and three aeroponic garden towers, which grow fresh herbs and lettuces for meal service funded through a grant awarded from AgeOptions. In addition, Age Options awarded the congregate meal service an additional \$11,000 for serving a larger number of seniors than initially expected for FY14. The nutrition site received an additional \$1,000 grant to educate the diners the Medicare Medicaid Alliance Initiative.

The café has become a model for other center sites, visited by the Association of Illinois Senior Centers and Townships. In addition, the café won “Innovative Program of the Year” by Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Service Committees at the Township of Illinois Conference in November. In March, Program Manager Tracey Colagrossi, Volunteer and Program Coordinator, Kristine Cable, and Nutrition Coordinator/Head Chef Lisa Slowik presented “Changing Congregate Meals; One Plate at a Time” at the American Society on Aging national conference in Chicago.

The department extended its community outreach into the Latino community of the Township through the hiring of Bilingual Social Services Specialist Diana Mondragon last summer. Bilingual content was added to the Club 59 newsletter in Spanish noting specialized programs and services that the department offers. Communication materials were translated for distribution in churches and community spaces. Interim Program Assistant, Devora Murillo joined the Township in February, collaborating with Diana to facilitate specialized computer classes and social groups. Expectation for growth in participation in the Hispanic population is anticipated for the future with these energized programs.



Senior Services won the “Mind, Body, and Spirit” award from the Association of Illinois Senior Centers for their dedication to serving seniors. The Township received \$500, and a plaque will be presented at the Governor’s Conference on Aging in December. The award recognizes the dedication and leadership that created the culture of the department, Director Barbara Kurth Schuldt. Barbara retired in January after serving the Township for over 19 years. The Senior Committee supported a celebration held in her honor and she is pictured here with Administrator Barr and Supervisor McGuire. Program Manager Tracey Colagrossi was named Interim Director of Senior Services and will lead the

department in continuing its excellence in service to the seniors of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Colagrossi
Interim Director

Senior Art Showcase 2014



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.

The United States Department of Labor reported in December 2014 unemployment rates showing Illinois with the largest decline with a rate of 6.2%, a decrease of 2.7%. The Welfare Services division of Employment Services was effective in placing Hanover Township residents in positions and improving the unemployment rates amongst our residents. Showing a significant decline in residents seeking employment services the division was phased out effective November 2014.

Welfare Services has seen a 9.6% decline of residents utilizing the food pantry. These encouraging numbers indicate an upward turn for the economy and less families facing financial hardship. The food pantry served 9,763 families in FY15. To improve tracking ability, as well as provide better service, a bar code scanner system was implemented in January. The food pantry operates six days per week with the help of auxiliary volunteer staff, and on Saturdays, the pantry operates with the help of organizations including the St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Immanuel United Church of Christ, Kiwanis Club, the Woman's Club all from Streamwood, and Because of Beth. It is because of our relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Direct Connect Program that we are able to meet the demand, as well as continue to offer the free summer lunch program to the children of our Township. The summer lunch program is provided at no cost and provides free lunches daily to children from the community.

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

The Affordable Care Act has increased the number of residents seeking assistance in filing applications for coverage. The Greater Elgin Family Care Center provided staff three days per week through February to assist residents in completing applications. With their assistance, we are able to meet the demand resulting in a larger number of our residents being approved for coverage.

The Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA) continues to provide services to residents in need at the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center every Thursday. Energy Assistance applications continue to rise, with more than 1,000 applications processed in FY15. CEDA also provides a range of services to assist low income families with dental and vision care, and auto repair.

The Community Resource Groups continue monthly under the direction of Case Manager Peggy Saul. Peggy joined Welfare Services in July and under her direction, attendance has grown consistently with strong participation from residents. These groups will continue throughout FY16 with new and exciting topics, offered at no charge to Township residents.

Additional programming in FY15 included distributing 1,000 backpacks filled with school supplies, thanks to State Representative Fred Crespo, AT&T, and Communities that Care; winter wear collected and distributed thanks to Kiwanis Club of Streamwood and with the help from Knights of Columbus, Mary's Millennium Council #12801, and community sponsors toys were distributed for an estimated 2,200 children this past holiday season.

Thank you to the many generous sponsors from the community including the Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Knights of Columbus, Mary's Millennium Council #12801, Bartlett Woman's Club, Streamwood Woman's Clubs, Bartlett Rotary Club, Streamwood Kiwanis, AmVets Post 277, Streamwood VFW Post 5151, Bartlett VFW Post 11018,



Santa arrived in style in the Township Emergency Services vehicle to surprise children at the Astor Avenue Community Center Holiday Party.



Holiday meal box distribution 2014 at St. John the Evangelist Church of Streamwood



Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped distribute toys during the Holiday gift drive.

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Bartlett Lions Club, Jewel Food Stores of Bartlett and Streamwood, Banbury Fair, Clare Oaks Retirement Community, Panera Bread, RANA Foods, Starbucks, and Walmart. It is only with the generosity from our residents, schools, businesses, and local organizations we are able to make a difference in the lives of our residents facing financial hardship.

Auxiliary volunteer staff put in countless hours at the Astor Avenue Community Center. Thank you to Auxiliary Staff Coordinator Jay Olriksen for his dedication and hard work; to Terrie Kuenker and Rodger McDowall for their countless hours processing LIHEAP and food pantry applications; and to Del Seaton and Tom Kuenker for being available to drive the food pantry van to pick up donations.

The food pantry operates with the support of community organizations and auxiliary volunteer staff. Thank you to food pantry auxiliary volunteers for keeping the pantry running seamlessly on a daily basis: Richard and Doris Bayer, Donna Bowers, Mirva Diaz, Patricia Estrada, Ken and Gloria Francesconi, Karen Frasier, Linda Fudaz, Ruth Geils, John Koziol, Tom Kuenker, Patti Loomis, Nancy Madsen, Ken Marcinek, Donald Mielke, Larry Petrusha, Barb and Bryan Noonan, Judy Porto, Dave Schoepke, Del Seaton, Billie Tucker, and Mayda Youkhanna.

The Welfare Services staff is committed to improving the welfare of Hanover Township residents experiencing hardship through providing resources and support in empowering residents in achieving self sustainability; to serve promptly with dignity and respect. I would like to recognize the staff that assist our residents: Case Manager Peggy Saul LCPC, Pantry and Volunteer Coordinator Lori Orozco, and bilingual Receptionist Michelle Rojo. We are dedicated to serving the residents and will continue to strive to meet the needs of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Imperato
Director

Youth and Family Services

The Department of Youth and Family Services is 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.

Our efforts in FY15 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 University Workshops. This year we experienced the retirement of our Clinical Manager, Susan Alborell, LCSW. Susan created and supported significant growth during her 13 years. Susan was instrumental in our efforts to meet our mission, engage and develop school/community based programs, and conduct and publish our research for the advancement of the profession. We are thankful for Susan's efforts and years of service. Tina Houdek, LCPC, recently became our Clinical Manager and has spearheaded our efforts to become more efficient in our clinical work and to utilize managed care for professional services offered. Tina has over 30 years of professional experience, including direct practice, program development and management, clinical supervision, and is an adjunct instructor at National Lewis University.

Our family therapists continue to empower youth and their families to make healthy decisions to benefit themselves and our communities. They work collaboratively within our schools to empower youth to make healthy choices and to support others in making healthy choices. This year, we have been collaborating with our Senior Services Department in the further development of the C-Hope Program, a mental health program offered to our residents ages fifty five and older at the Senior Center. We have been providing weekly clinical supervision to the C-Hope Program therapist. In Fiscal Year 2016, we will work with Senior Services to expand the reach of the C-Hope Program to include clinical interns and support groups.

Our work in the area of Substance Abuse Prevention continues to grow. This year we have expanded substance abuse prevention education into health classes offered at the middle and high school levels. We continue to build pro-social substance abuse prevention work at the elementary school level within small groups, class presentations, and student clubs. Every October we assist various schools with celebrating Red Ribbon Week, which is a national alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, and violence prevention campaign. Our work in partnership with School District U-46 continues to grow and demonstrate positive results. Our programs and performance measures have recently been presented at local and national conferences. We continue to provide leadership at the Midwest Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Leadership Network, Loyola University, Chicago, Inter-Professional Practice with At-risk Youth Advisory Board, City of Elgin/School District U-46 Alignment Governance Board, as well as other local working groups. We are also a member of School District U-46's Restorative Practices training team. These advances have helped expand our reach and brand throughout the Township area, state, and nation.

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. We have implemented Restorative Practices into two of our sites by adding Restorative Circles. Restorative Circles offers participants the opportunity to have a voice and be heard. Restorative Circles encourages and supports a positive atmosphere where differences



Friends hanging out at Open Gym



Jimmy Mix teaching an Open Gym participant how to twirl a basketball on his finger.

can be understood and conflicts resolved. We will continue to implement Restorative Circles at our other seven Open Gym sites in the coming year. Our Summer Open Gym Program continues to flourish. This year we saw the launching of the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center & Reserve site - our youth from around the Township found this site to be truly unique - combining the Open Gym Program with nature, in a camp-like setting. We recently launched our departmental messaging efforts by producing an Open Gym video for use on social and across the internet, and we will continue to create video messaging on our programs, services, and educational topics to benefit the youth and families of Hanover Township.

Our Alternative to Suspension Programming is now being offered in elementary and middle schools that feed into Streamwood High School - this will ensure that positive changes in participants are continuously reinforced and opportunities for leadership development are expanded. Our Tutoring Services Program continues to be at capacity at both locations, Streamwood High School and Glendale Terrace in Hanover Park. Parent University Workshops at Elgin High School continue to be offered. Youth and Family Services continues to expand as a resource to School District U-46 by providing leadership on the Community Alliance, PBIS Tier I, II, and III planning teams, providing Tier II school based groups at 18 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 go above and beyond to meet our residents and our community partner's expectations of our 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 serving as 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, our community partners for their support and shared resources in our work, and my collegial Township departments for their support in advancing the quality of life for our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John Parquette, LCSW
 Director

Youth & Family Services staff Tor Evans, Karen Low, Amanda Teachout, Tina Houdek Ryan McSheffrey, and John Parquette.



Front row Sara Concepcion, Maria Campuzano-Leon, Mary Beaban, Sumara Baig, Nora Blany, Michael Cohen, and James Mix

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Mental Health Board

The Mental Health Board's mission is to ensure that services in the area of mental health, including developmental disabilities, addictions and substance abuse are available to all residents of Hanover Township. The volunteer board continues 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.

In May 2015, the Hanover Township Mental Health Board welcomed new members Kim Baffa, Meghan Nelson and Julia Thomas. The Mental Health Board has a united sense of purpose and dedication in determining the best way to provide accessible and affordable mental health services to the community.

In FY15, the Board awarded \$760,000 in Annual Mental Health Grants in support of various agency programs and services within the community. 44 programs from 31 agencies received funding in FY15 and collectively served over 4,000 residents in need.

The Mental Health Board continues to support agency growth in the areas of staff development, capital improvements, new programs, and emergency support by making available special grant opportunities throughout the year. Lutheran Social Services of Illinois was awarded a \$25,000 Challenge Grant to continue their Legacy Corps program which provides respite care to veterans and their families. Due to the increasing number of clients this program has served, the Mental Health Board awarded LSSI annual funding in FY16 to continue to serve the residents of Hanover Township. In addition, the board awarded \$36,199 in staff development and capital grants.

Fiscal Year 2015 was year two of the Mental Health Board's three year strategic plan. One goal was to increase awareness of area resources by creating a Resource Guide to distribute to Township households. The Resource Guide is complete and will be distributed in the coming weeks, while an electronic copy will be available on the MHB website. In addition, the board continues its collaboration with the Township by hosting quarterly meetings of the Human Services Coordinating Council. The council includes several local agencies and Township department representatives to discuss the gaps in services and opportunities for partnership in the community. In an effort to increase involvement with funded agencies, the Mental Health Board has also implemented a monthly site visit schedule that will continue into the next fiscal year.

Looking toward FY16, the Mental Health Board has contracted with Health Systems Research of the University of Illinois Rockford to conduct the next community needs assessment. Every three years the board reviews and evaluates the needs in the community, gaps in services, and mental health trends. The assessment will include both qualitative and quantitative research and will help the board create the next strategic plan for fiscal years 2017-2019. The Mental Health Board is looking forward to another year of partnerships and collaboration within the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Vana
Manager

Mental Health Board

Linda Best, Chair
Kathy Biesiadecki, Vice Chair
Kimberly Lemke, Secretary
Kim Baffa, Meghan Nelson, Julia Thomas
Trustee Steve Caramelli, Town Board Liaison



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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 2015 was a successful year for the Committee on Youth. Last fall, the Township board appointed three new youth members to the committee, Shraddha Patel, sophomore, Streamwood High School; Eric Loera, freshman, Streamwood High School; and Roshni Patel, sophomore, Streamwood High School. Our youth membership has brought student voice and great ideas to the Committee's work.

Committee on Youth

Nicole DeFalco, Chair
Eric Loera, Vice Chair
Roshni Patel, Secretary
Karen Staten, Community Education Chair
Robert Wojtowicz, Awards Chair
Tom Alagna
Trustee Howard Krick, Town Board Liaison



The fifth annual Principal of the Year Award was presented to Principal Lavonne Smiley of Tefft Middle School of Streamwood, last April.

Principal Smiley was selected from a pool of candidates carefully reviewed by Committee members. Principal Smiley was chosen for her commitment, creative programming, and transformational efforts in making Tefft Middle School a flagship Middle School within School District U-46 and the State. During the awards ceremony, teachers and current staff of Tefft Middle School presented flowers and shared

powerful accolades about Principal Smiley and her strong leadership at the school.

The Committee hosted their fourth annual Youth Leadership Awards Banquet. The Awards Banquet recognized youth and the adults who have demonstrated leadership at school and in their community. Award recipients included Rhea Malik from Hilltop Elementary School for the Rising Star Award; Chris Seuffer from Tefft Middle School for the Junior High School Leader Award; Karla Alanis from Streamwood High School for the High School Leader Award; and Mr. Nick Gore, recipient of the Community Youth Leader Award. The winners, shown

here with Supervisor McGuire, enjoyed dinner with their family, mentors, friends, and teachers. Plaques were presented to honor each leader for their accomplishments and contributions.

The Committee is currently looking for adult members. If you are passionate about youth and work in a capacity that serves youth, please contact John Parquette, Director of Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, (630) 483-5799 for further details.



Senior Citizen Services Committee

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.

This year marked additional growth under the leadership of Chair Naomi Walters-Lenoci. The Gift Shop changed the model to accept donated items only for resale, and member Kathleen Donaldson was instrumental in re-merchandising the shop to increase sales, organize inventory and display items. The fundraising sub-committee conducted the first annual Trunk Sale in June when the Center parking lot was a flurry of activity with shoppers. The Spring and Fall Bake sales coordinated by member Patti Loomis, brought in unprecedented funds with the help of many volunteer bakers. In addition, the committee sold spirit wear - tee shirts, polos, and sweatshirts - with the Township logo. The committee's fundraising efforts benefitted the senior community, as they donated funds to Senior Services for entertainment, raffle prizes, specialized equipment, and for seniors in crisis.

The Senior Committee members have a presence throughout the community, participating in the Streamwood Summer Celebration, Bartlett 4th of July Celebration, Northwest Fourth Fest, and Kiwanis Peanut Days. They donated to Relay for Life and to the Hanover Township Foundation for seniors in crisis.

Former member Gloria Cotton passed away in December and her presence is missed. The Town Board appointed Georgene Edwards and Barbara Estrada to the committee. Barbara Estrada assumed the Secretary position, creating timely and easy to read minutes. Marilyn Perri assumed the role of vending machine purchases, insuring each week seniors had a vast selection of snack goods to choose from. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

The committee supported the Senior Center through donations to benefit the seniors who utilize it. The committee purchased a color printer for the computer lab, air cleaner for the art room to improve air quality, and a scholarship to fund an individual aged 55 and older to return to school to update their skill set. The Senior Center thrives due in part to the support and collaboration of the Senior Committee's dedication and hard work.

Senior Citizen Services Committee

Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Chair

Marilyn Perri, Vice Chair

Barbara Estrada, Secretary

Lee Sedlack, Treasurer

Kathleen Donaldson, Georgene Edwards, Patti Loomis
Trustee Bill Burke, Township Board Liaison

Public Health & Safety Committee

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, training services for Township employees and volunteers.

In FY15, the Public Health & Safety Committee members continued their support and advisement on the programs and efforts of both the Community Health and Emergency Services departments. Recommendations were made for Community Health to pursue a program for safe medication disposal, as well as to expand offsite locations for wellness screenings. Committee members gave feedback to the ES Director on volunteer retention and training opportunities. The committee also discussed the desire to award the Trisha L. Simon Award for Service in Community Health for the second year at the annual town meeting in April and encouraged members to nominate candidates that emulated the dedication and compassion that Trish Simon possessed. At the February 17 Board of Trustees meeting, the Board, unanimously agreed to disband the committee, having felt the committee had concluded its work and served its purpose of advancing the mission and outreach of both departments. The members of the Public Health & Safety Committee have served since its inception in 2010.

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Events, Happenings, Services, & Programs

Student Government Day
 New Leaders in Education Reception
 Youth Leadership Recognition
 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
 Relay for Life
 “Just 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
 Homeowners’ Tax Seminars
 Illinois State Treasurer iCash Program
 “Bee Wise, Immunize” Vaccines for Children
 Art Expo sponsored by Senior Services
 Veterans Honor Roll Recognition and Dinners
 Weatherization Program
 ComEd Hardship Program
 Podiatry Clinics
 Access-To-Care
 Township Community Service Awards
 Supervisor’s Volunteer of the Year 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. Transportation Program
 PBIS Tier II Groups Programming
 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 Drive & Distribution
 Spring Bag Drive & Distribution
 Breakfast with the Board Workshops
 Temporary Handicap Placards
 Volunteer Opportunities
 Open Gym After School Program
 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
 Emergency Scene Lighting & Traffic Control
 Flood Water Removal
 Severe Weather Monitoring
 Emergency Preparedness Education
 Mental Health Resources
 “Sprint to Spring” 5K Run/Walk
 Dental Access Network
 National Night Out Participation
 Stars N Stripes Café
 Notary Services
 Senior Leisure and Skill Development Programming
 Family Therapy
 Gift Shop

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.



