



HANOVER
TOWNSHIP

Annual Report
2015-2016

Hanover Township Meeting Schedule

The Hanover Township Board of Trustees will meet on the following dates in 2016:

Tuesday, April 12 - Annual Town Meeting (60 ILCS 1/30-5)

Tuesday, April 19

Tuesday, May 3

Tuesday, May 17

Tuesday, June 7

Tuesday, June 21

Tuesday, July 19

Tuesday, August 2

Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, September 20

Tuesday, October 4

Tuesday, October 18

Tuesday, November 1

Tuesday, November 15

Tuesday, December 6

Tuesday, December 20

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 date changes.

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

June 11, October 1, December 3

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2015-2016 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, 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

Administration

Assessor

Clerk

Downey Hall

Emergency Services

Mental Health Board

Youth & Family Services

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 & Veterans

Affairs 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 166th Annual Town Meeting. Hanover Township officials, staff and volunteers continue to do an outstanding job of serving the residents of Hanover Township. Fiscal year 2016 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 Trustees and officials take the job of being stewards of the public funds as a serious responsibility.

This year saw many honors bestowed upon Hanover Township at the annual state conference of Illinois Townships. Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer was recognized as the Township Clerk of the Year by her peers, receiving the William Z. Ahrends Award, and Trustee Steve Caramelli was recognized as Trustee of the Year by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees. In addition, both the Youth and Family Services and Senior Services Departments were recognized for outstanding programming.

Improvements and renovations continued at the Hanover Township Izaak Walton Center & Reserve with the number of services provided to residents from this satellite location increasing. The Township remains grateful to the Elgin Chapter of the Izaak Walton League for the generous gift it made to the Township when it deeded the property and building to the residents of Hanover Township.

In May, the Township, led by the Community Health department, held its second annual "Sprint 2 Spring" 5k Run/Walk at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve to promote health and wellness, and to raise money for the Hanover Township Foundation. The proceeds from the race once again supported a program assisting residents experiencing financial hardship in accessing needed dental services.

The Welfare Services department continued the job of taking care of those residents in need of meeting basic needs of securing food or housing. The department also ran very successful holiday programs, which included both a toy drive and an adopt-a-family program.

The food pantry, with financial assistance from the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Hanover Township Foundation, was able to install a walk in freezer/refrigerator. Special thanks to auxiliary staff members who volunteer their time to staff the Township food pantry. The generosity of the Township residents, businesses, civic and religious organizations is simply amazing.



Supervisor Brian McGuire at the Township tent during Bartlett Heritage Days.

Where great service happens!



Trustee Craig Essick and Supervisor McGuire received a gift basket of food for the Township pantry from Hanover Park President Rod Craig.

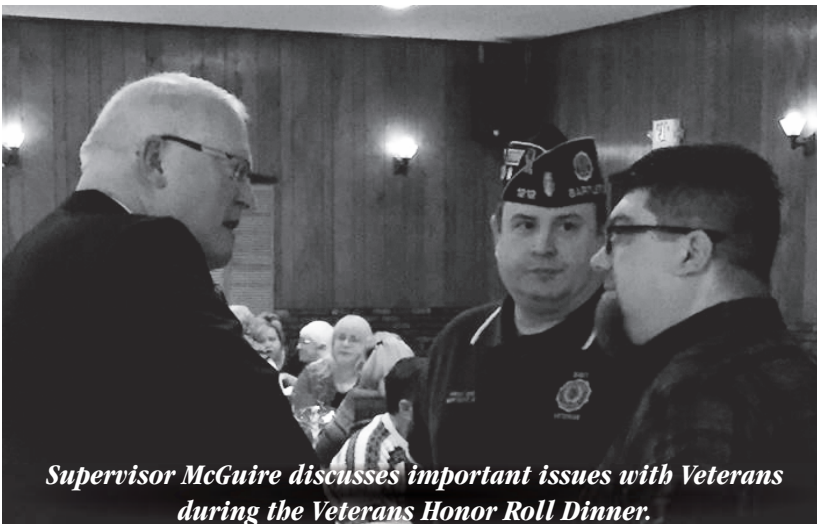
The Hanover Township Emergency Services unit responded to emergencies near and far this past year. This dedicated group of public safety professionals assisted just about every community in the Township and responded, at the request of the State of Illinois, to assist towns that were struck by tornadoes. The unit also provided a helping hand at many local festivals and community events.

The Hanover Township Mental Health Board took center stage in helping many local social service agencies get through the State budget debacle with the awarding of emergency grants. While performing its role in a quiet and steadfast manner, the Board helped many agencies ensure that our most vulnerable citizens would not lose services.

The Township Mental Health Housing Taskforce continued to carry out its three-year mission of evaluating the need for housing for persons with mental health issues. They will continue to explore what role, if any, Hanover Township should and then present formal recommendations to the Township Board. Special thanks to Trustee Mary Alice Benoit for chairing this task force.

Community & Veterans Affairs attended many community events and festivals. The Township was proud to sponsor the Bartlett Heritage Days event in downtown Bartlett and work with the committee in providing shuttle services to the Veterans' Memorial. In FY16, the Township served more veterans and their family members than in any previous year. A new program was launched that provides opportunities for guest speakers to educate veterans on available programs and services for them and their families.

The department of Facilities & Maintenance continued their work on the Township reserves and properties. A new asphalt path was installed at the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve in Streamwood. As I previously mentioned, the department was responsible for the significant renovations to the lower level of the Izaak Walton Center. The staff oversaw the design and construction of a new entrance to the building, and walking paths on the property. Throughout the year, renovations were also conducted in offices and rooms at the Town Hall building.



Supervisor McGuire discusses important issues with Veterans during the Veterans Honor Roll Dinner.

The residents should know that they are served by a group of dedicated elected officials, Township staff, and volunteers; the combined efforts of which make Hanover Township a Township second to none in the State of Illinois.

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
Brian P. McGuire

Supervisor

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Supervisor McGuire joined volunteers at the potato box during the Thanksgiving Food Distribution.

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.

This year, along with Trustee Mary Alice Benoit and Director Mary Jo Imperato, I participated in the Evolution Strategic Planning group and one of our goals was to set up ways of tracking people we serve so that we can discover what best fits their needs and if gaps in service exist and to identify what those gaps may be. We collected information through FY16 and will continue this coming year.

As it did with all finances, the Township took an in depth look at the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and, as a result, changes were made in the Township policy that covers that Fund. This was instigated by a question raised by IMRF as to whether or not Township officials were eligible for the benefit. In looking at my hours in the Clerk's office, I found that while I contribute many hours, there were not enough per year in my tenure as Clerk to meet the 1,000 hour per year base for eligibility in IMRF participation. I shared this information with our Township Supervisor and Administrator, who immediately took action to clarify who is covered for this benefit in our Township policies. The Township Board previously voted to remove the compensation from future elected terms effective in 2017, and now the revised policy better reflects hours eligible for all elected officials' and employees' participation.

Ms Candace McCreary, President of the Poplar Creek Library District, asked me, as a representative of the Township Board, to join in a four-month long strategic planning effort to help direct the Library in the coming years. The results of that group will be made public by the Board of the Library in the very near future as the plan begins to be implemented. It was a pleasure to serve with Trustees Mary Prosser and Khaja Mouinidin, as well as with Ms Janice Beckman and Mr. Scott Casper of the Library staff.

In a continuing theme, the Township Officials of Cook County, Board President Elliott Johnson, invited me to participate in the association's strategic planning committee. We took a hard look at our finances, the state of townships and the state, the needs of the townships in order that they may have the best tools to manage, our marketing, and our staff. The results of that group are starting to be implemented now.

It has been my pleasure this year to register so many new voters in our area! Remember, young people 17 years old by the Primary may vote in the Presidential Election. In FY17, we will have many young people casting a first time ballot for a president! Many congratulations to You, New Voters! I continue to offer address change registration to our residents at Claire Oaks and Victory Center and look forward to welcoming the new residents at the Streamwood Westbrook Senior Living Center on Schaumburg Road later this year; I will be there to help you get registered to vote!

**Register to Vote
elections.il.gov**

Active in the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI), I served as 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 as Vice President 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. The Streamwood Chamber of Commerce Board elected me to Secretary to the Board in 2016, giving Hanover Township another opportunity to let others know of the services the Township offers.

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165th Annual Town Meeting Recap

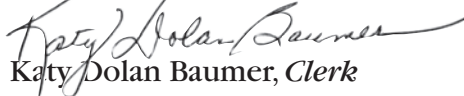
Mrs. Shirley Schrade of Bartlett was elected as Moderator in 2015 during the 165th Annual Town Meeting. Joining her were Hanover's Emergency Services department to post the colors, and Mr. Steve Caramelli of Hoffman Estates to serve as Sergeant at Arms. During the meeting, the minutes from the 164th 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.

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 for filing - 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.

In late 2014, the Board conducted an extensive review of the Executive Session or closed session minutes; with help from counsel, certain records were redacted and opened, while others were completely opened. This exercise will again take place in the next month to keep our records open and as transparent as legally possible. Working with the local records archives commission, the Township records are sorted, filed and destroyed appropriately and within state guidelines as of 2016.

Respectfully submitted,


Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerk



Supervisor McGuire and the Township Officials (Commissioner Ochoa, Trustee Essick, Trustee Benoit, Clerk Dolan Baumer, Trustee Caramelli, and Assessor Smogolski) congratulated the 3rd and 5th grade Streamwood Cheer squads on their recent accomplishments on March 22.

Office of the Assessor

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

The Assessor's office staff continues to stay current with the latest policy changes and rules issued by the Cook County Assessor, the Board of Review, and complying with State mandates. The Township Assessor's office continues to offer outreach programs with the Cook County Assessor and the Board of Review. The attendees appreciate the personalized service and the convenient opportunity to meet elected officials from many of the taxing bodies that have a direct result on their Real Estate Taxes.

Tax year 2014 saw a slight increase in the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV). Unfortunately, we also saw a slight increase in the tax rates. Tax year 2015 is the last year of Hanover Township triennial. Governor Rauner and the state legislators signed a bill giving service connected disabled veterans that are 70% or more disabled a zero tax bill. They also gave disabled veterans that are 30-49% disabled a break on their taxes.

Please feel free to contact myself, or my staff, with suggestions for improvements on the services the Assessor's office provides.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas S Smogolski, SRA, CIAO
Assessor



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

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR							
FYTD:	2010*	2011	2012	2013*	2014	2015	
Number of Taxable Real Estate Parcels	34,251	34,258	34,217	34,226	34,229	34,232	
Equalized Assessed Valuation	\$2,257,513,700	\$2,265,103,457	\$2,294,678,695	\$1,968,978,793	\$2,023,584,103		N/A
Township Governmental Unit Tax Rates (Total Rates)							
Highest	10.25	12.02	13.82	16.16	15.687		N/A
Lowest	5.433	6.228	7.058	7.916	8.058		N/A
Average	8.194	9.112	10.552	12.39	12.636		N/A
Building Permits Processed	10,558	4,170	3,986	4,308	4,594	5,109	
Incoming Calls	4,551	4,580	4,061	3,479	2,926	2,908	
Office Visits to the Assessor's Office	4,504	6,160	4,461	4,744	4,426	4,025	
Appeals Filed in Assessor's Office	126	1,430	955	1,526	866	464	
Foreclosures	N/A	40.00%	42.00%	42.00%	36.00%	31.00%	

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

Road District

I am delighted to say it was another great year for our Hanover Township Highway Department. Every year we seem to be doing more and more for our unincorporated residents.

For example, when other township highway departments are losing miles, we are actually gaining miles. This past summer we took over a private subdivision called Gromer Road in unincorporated Cook County Elgin. This was a subdivision that had an existing road that was too narrow and small for any emergency vehicle to navigate. The road was in such poor condition that it was a danger to the community and the vehicles that drove on it. Through negotiations, we agreed to take over this subdivision to make it a better and much safer place to live for those residents. We resurfaced approximately one mile of unincorporated Gromer Road.

Our Township senior transportation continues to grow. Our ridership is growing, so the need for maintaining and purchasing new and more efficient busses is critical to the ongoing success of this very important department. I am pleased to say, this is an area where we can help. The cost to maintain these busses is extremely expensive, and it is with great pleasure that the Highway Department is able to partially assist with this program, contributing funds needed to keep these busses in good and safe working condition to provide the needed programs our seniors rely upon.

Last August, we hosted, sponsored and coordinated the 6th annual "Recycle Extravaganza" on the Bill Tiknis campus. In a five-hour period, we estimated approximately 4,200 residents were served. Some of the recycled items collected were small electronics, cell phones, bicycles, car and marine batteries, propane tanks, prescription drugs, document shredding, worn American flags, eyeglasses and hearing aids, used clothing and shoes, books and magazines, tires, light bulbs, and printer ink/toner cartridges.

We continue to work very closely with the City of Elgin Public Works department regarding our salt storage. In 2014, we signed a three-year extension to our intergovernmental agreement to store salt (purchased through the State of Illinois bidding process) in one of Elgin's salt domes, saving taxpayers by not having to build our own salt dome.

Our annual brush pick-up program continues to be a big success. Just as a reminder, from the first week in April through the first week in November, any resident of unincorporated Cook County in Hanover Township can place their twigs and tree branches out at the end of their driveway and our staff will pick them up. Just remember to place your twigs and branches with the ends towards the street to allow for easier pick-up. The wood will be mulched and anyone within the unincorporated area who would like mulch delivered can call our office and we will get this mulch out to you at no cost (on a first come, first served basis).

We continue our working relationship with School District U-46 with many programs, one of which is the Student Drivers Education Program.

I think it is beneficial to list the job functions we provide within the Township. These services for the unincorporated areas of Cook County/Hanover Township include road and shoulder upkeep reparation and patching, safety striping roads, replacement of safety signage and lighting, driveway permitting, noxious/toxic weed abatement, assistance with flooding issues, grass cutting in common areas, street cleaning, and dead animal pick-up

For all residents, the Department offers dry cell/alkaline battery recycling drop-off in front of the Highway Department garage, and the cleaning of Township vehicles.

To complete these functions, we work with the Cook and DuPage Probation courts providing work-related community service hours for offenders. We continue our strong working relationship with the Cook County Highway Department, as well as with the Villages of Streamwood, Elgin, Hanover Park, Bartlett, Schaumburg,

and the City of Elgin, and the various homeowner's associations within those communities.

In order to best serve our resident, I actively participate in the Cook County Highway Commissioners Association and with the Township Officials of Illinois Highway Commissioners organization to better educate our department.

It goes without saying that none of this would happen if it were not for the three Highway Department staff lead by Highway Foreman Sam Santangelo. They are dedicated to keeping our residents safe throughout the year. I know I could not do my job without these unselfish, hardworking, and loyal men and we are lucky to have them serving our Township and community.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Craig Ochoa

Highway Commissioner



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 fiscal year 2016. The department was asked to research and identify case management software solutions for Senior Services Social Services, Veteran's Affairs, and the Office of Community Health. The case management software will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of customer service delivery and performance measure tracking for these targeted areas. After conducting extensive research, the Township was offered the opportunity to participate in a new case management software development with other local municipalities. By participating in the development of the software, the Township will save costs in the implementation and create a program that meets the unique needs of the departments. Administrative Services also continued growth of its residents' services as a passport acceptance agency. In FY2016 resident services processed nearly 4,000 passport applications, over a 50% increase from the previous fiscal year.

Administrative Services has been instrumental in coordinating the first year of the Township's new strategic planning process. In September 2014, the Township implemented a three year strategic plan and established internal working groups with representatives from each department, as well as elected officials, to focus on four topics: communications, scope, branding, and evolution. The scope and evolution workgroups implemented standardized procedures for departments to track demographic and utilization data on department services. This information was tracked through FY2016 and will continue into FY2017. The data will be analyzed in a final report with recommended action steps to address any identified gaps in services. The branding workgroup unified the Township's brochures, flyers, and other communication materials. The communications workgroup focused on reviewing Township committee structures and evaluating multicultural communication tools available.

This year Administrative Services has also focused on implementing a variety of cost reduction strategies. A review of vendors led to new IT and phone providers, with the IT change leading to a 10% cost reduction for the upcoming fiscal year. Additionally, Administrative Services and the Facilities and Maintenance Department have been working to take the fire alarm and security systems, currently operating through a standard phone line, to a wireless system with an expected annual cost savings of over \$10,000. Finally, in February, the Township Board approved a resolution to adopt the annual 1,000 hour standard for participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF). The increase in the annual hour requirement for employees to participate in IMRF will reduce personnel costs associated with part-time positions.

The FY16 Capital Improvement Program moved ahead with improvements at the Izaak Walton Reserve with the construction of the Outdoor Education Center. In FY17, the structure will be used by Youth and Family Services and Senior Services utilizing the 11-acre property to provide nature-based programming opportunities. With a grant from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, the Astor Avenue Community Center was able to install a walk-in freezer for the food pantry. Additional work to the Center, including redesigning office space to allow for additional food pantry storage, was also completed. A major capital project anticipated for this year was the reconstruction of the Senior Center and Town Hall parking lots; however, due to changes in the scope of the project, the resurfacing was postponed and will begin in early May.

This year the department was honored with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the third consecutive year and also received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the fourth consecutive year. We believe we are the second Township in Illinois, and among approximately 2% of local governments in the United States, that received this distinction.



In the year ahead, the department is planning several major initiatives. These include finalizing the resurfacing to the parking lots at the Town Hall and Senior Center, and the next phase of the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve Master Plan. The next phase of the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve master plan includes establishing running water at the reserve, installing a water fountain, and developing community garden space. Administrative Services will take the lead in developing a comprehensive training program for employees and ensuring access to area training resources to support continued growth in the services the Township provides. The department will play a significant role in the data collection for the strategic planning workgroups.

Hanover Township, our officials, staff, and many volunteers, continue to work 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 10-year anniversary awards to staff.

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.

Like the rest of the Township, FY16 has been a busy year for the Community & Veterans Affairs department. After many months of interviewing website companies, reviewing designs and migrating content, the new Township website was successfully launched in January 2016. It features a homepage with a user-friendly layout, links to the Township's social media and buttons to easily access Township news. The new site also features responsive design that allows for automatic, optimal viewing of the site regardless of the type of device being used. We have received many positive comments on the new site and are very happy with its successful integration.

The Township smart phone and iPad app continue to do well. Last year the Township app had 164 downloads, which is the most downloads we have seen to date since the app launched in 2012; the app has 711 lifetime downloads. Residents can download the Township app by accessing the app store on their mobile device and searching "Hanover Township."



Veterans Affairs is continuing to expand its programs and services. With the hiring of a new Veterans Specialist, Stephanie Miller, in the fall, the Township has seen more veterans than since the position was created seven years ago. More veterans are using email and the internet as a resource and method of communication. In response to this, the department created a bi-monthly e-newsletter to inform veterans on relevant news, local discounts they are eligible for, and upcoming veterans' events and programs. A veterans' roundtable program was also launched this year that meets quarterly and allows veterans to meet with the staff and a guest speaker to highlight specific services. Early last year, the department began quarterly free veterans' field trips to military landmarks around the state. Since it began, veterans have gone on tours of Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, the Great Lakes Naval Station in Lake County, and Veterans Memorial Hall in Rockford.

This past year, 49 veterans were added to the Hanover Township Veterans Honor Roll. Since the program began in 2006, over 360 veterans have been recognized by the Hanover Township Board. To learn more about the Honor Roll, please visit our website at hanover-township.org.

Our Facilities & Maintenance Department spent most of the summer and fall months renovating the lower level of the Izaak Walton Center, including uncovering window wells to allow for natural light, installing new flooring, and remodeling the bathroom and kitchen. With the renovation of the lower level, programming is now available on both floors of the building. Other capital projects included the installation of an elevator to make the building handicap accessible, as well as repaving the front walkway with a ramp up to the front door.

Facilities & Maintenance Staff also recently constructed an Outdoor Education Center that will be used for youth programming and other Township services. The cost of constructing the building was mostly covered by a \$5,000 grant from the Cabela's Outdoor Fund.

Programming at the Izaak Walton Center continues to increase. This past summer the Izaak Walton Center was again used as a site for the Youth & Family Services Open Gym program. Also new this summer, the Center hosted the Northern Illinois Food Bank Summer Lunch Program offering free lunches to low-income youth. Thanks to the work of staff and volunteers, this program served 478 lunches.

Department staff continued to coordinate and attend various community festivals and functions to raise awareness of Township services and programs. In FY16, the Township was a sponsor of the Streamwood Summer Celebration, the Village of Hoffman Estates' North West Fourth Fest, Bartlett Heritage Days, and many more.

The Hanover Township Heritage Marker Program grew in FY16. The site of the Ontarioville Volunteer Fire Department, which is now the site of Suburban Tire Auto Care Center, was honored as the location of the first fire department in Hanover Park. Township and Village officials, along with local fire and police personnel gathered at the site on Lake Street to dedicate the Township's seventh heritage marker.



Finally, Hitchcock Design Group worked with the Township to design a master plan for 11 acres of the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve. After a public survey, environmental testing and several redesigns, a final draft was completed that included a loop, interpretive nature trail, an orienteering course, and an activity field that could also accommodate archery. The Township was hoping to apply for a state funded Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) Grant that would have covered half the cost of the project. However, due to the state budget impasse these grants have been frozen until further notice. We will continue to work with Hitchcock Design Group, as well as research other grants to help fund this project.

FY16 was a year of hard work that produced a number of positive results for the benefit of the residents of Hanover Township. We look forward to working with staff, the elected officials and our community partners in FY17 to improve upon our work and begin new initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kuttentberg
Community Relations Director



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 was thrilled to have another year of successful events, programs, and expansion in services. The department held its second annual “Sprint 2 Spring 5k” run/walk in May with another great turnout of nearly 200 runners. Additionally, in September, the department hosted its eighth annual community health and wellness expo, “Just For the Health Of It.” This event continues to be a success, growing exponentially each year in the vendors who participate and the array of free services offered. Hundreds of residents attend each year to take advantage of the variety of valuable screenings including bone density, varicose vein, hearing, and cholesterol to name a few. This event offers something for all ages with the recent addition of our “Kid’s Zone,” equipped with a petting zoo, bounce castle, and face painting.



The department was proud to provide over a dozen CPR and First Aid classes to residents and healthcare professionals, including Streamwood High School students, certifying over 80 people. The Township raised awareness of various health issues by wearing red and blue in honor of Heart Health Month and Colon Cancer Awareness Month. In February, the Office of Community Health expanded its screenings by adding low-cost Vitamin D testing. In addition, residents can also partake in other preventative health services including cholesterol, diabetes, anemia, and blood pressure screenings. Since the launch of the Dental Access Network program in 2014, the department has enrolled over thirty participants, and has assisted several residents with obtaining



new dentures through the collaboration and generosity of local dental partners.

This year the department experienced the departure of our Community Health Assistant, Keely Hoch. In June, Senior Services' afternoon receptionist, Nicole Schrader, was promoted and welcomed as the department's new Community Health Assistant. In addition to previously working for the Township, Nicole also brings prior work experience from positions at medical and dental offices that will be an asset to the position.

In the year ahead, the department is planning several exciting endeavors, including the development of chronic disease management support groups and the expansion of our dental referral program to include a preventative health program. As always, the Office of Community Health works to adapt to the ever-changing trends of healthcare by developing programs and services that meet the unique needs of our residents. We look forward to another year of collaboration with our community partners to best serve our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Smith RN, BSN
Director

**3rd annual "Sprint to Spring"
5K Run/Walk**
*at the Izaak Walton Center & Reserve from
8 a.m. on Saturday, May 7.*

Emergency Services

Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) is responsible for coordinating and providing response to emergencies within the Township that are a result of natural or man-made events, to reduce loss of life and property, and protect the environment for the Township and its residents.

The Emergency Services' mission has three distinct components: coordinate and plan for both natural and man-made disasters; support other first response agencies such as police, fire, and other responders with normal operations; and to be prepared for and respond as a stand-alone unit in the event that a large scale emergency event occurs within the Township. To accomplish our mission, Hanover Township Emergency Services continues to:

- Develop, maintain, and coordinate a comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan
- Train, educate, and prepare emergency volunteer personnel for emergencies through the development and delivery of effective classes, drills, and exercises
- Identify and procure assets necessary for Emergency Services to accomplish its mission
- Be prepared to activate and staff an Emergency Operations Center to coordinate and support efforts to respond to, and recover from, emergencies and disasters

FY2016 showed a continued increase in activity for Emergency Services personnel and the role of the department expanded with many of the area agencies that it has developed close working relationships. Some of the significant responses by the department include:

- Assisted the Bartlett Fire Protection District after a crash of a light fixed-wing aircraft
- Assisted Streamwood Fire Dept. at multiple structure fires
- Assisted Streamwood Police Dept. with multiple automobile accidents and other traffic-related events
- Responded to Coal City after a tornado by providing traffic control and damage assessment



- Responded with trained search and rescue volunteers to search for missing people
- Provided multiple severe weather related responses by weather spotting, debris removal, damage assessment, and assistance to residents affected
- Assisted the City of Elgin with multiple responses to structure fires and traffic incidents
- Assisted the Village of Hanover Park with multiple emergency responses

In addition to providing emergency assistance, Emergency Services also provided services in non-emergency situations that included:

- Provided regular patrols of the Township in conjunction with the Cook County Sheriff's Dept.
- Coordinated and provided traffic control for the Village of Streamwood's Summer Celebration and at the NorthWest Fourth-Fest
- Assisted with multiple area events such as Memorial Day observations and other occasions in Township municipalities
- Provided public education and outreach programs
- Parade participations and running of events
- Attended events to support the efforts of other agencies and non-profit organizations
- Provided assistance at several Township-sponsored events

Hanover Township Emergency Services again received certification from the Cook County Department of Homeland Security as the only Certified Emergency Services Department in Cook County, following an extensive recertification process and biannual review by the Cook County Department of Homeland Security.

The department hosted its third annual training conference in March where over seventy attendees from seventeen agencies in Illinois and Indiana participated. This annual event has gained renown as one of the premiere training opportunities for emergency management personnel in the region. The conference provides keynote speakers on significant events and a variety of training classes covering pertinent subjects for emergency management personnel.

Fiscal Year 2016 also saw a slight re-organization of the department with three Sergeant positions replaced with Lieutenants, the addition of two Director's Aide positions, two Corporals appointed to fill vacancies, and the elimination of a Captain position. The department continues to recruit and train additional personnel, and update our assets to meet the needs of the Township. Over the course of



FY2016 the department, through the efforts of a dedicated and professional team, provided over 4,000 hours of service and participated in over 3,000 hours of training. The volunteers and I could not be prouder of our service to Hanover Township and we truly appreciate the support from the Township residents, Board, administration, and other departments.

Respectfully submitted,
 William T. Burke
 Director

Facilities and Maintenance

As fiscal year 2016 comes to an end, we look back on all we have accomplished this year. Renovations and improvements have taken place throughout the Township, and the Maintenance staff is excited as many of these projects have been completed.

The department spent much time at the Izaak Walton Center taking care of routine maintenance, as well as completing several new projects. Over the spring and summer, we completed the renovations to the lower level of the facility. The kitchen in the lower level was renovated with all new cabinets and flooring, along with new, energy efficient appliances. The multipurpose room was also part of the renovation project, where we installed new windows, sanded and painted the walls, and installed new flooring. The elevator was completed in late October and passed all state and local inspections. In addition to the lower level renovations, with the help of a grant from the Cabela's Outdoor Fund, we built the new Outdoor Education Center, readying it for the first event this May.

Last summer, we went out to bid to have the walking path at Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve resurfaced, and the bid was awarded to Abby Paving. In October they completed the removal of the old asphalt path and installed a new path.

Maintenance staff also completed improvements in the Assessor's office over the winter. Old carpeting was replaced with new carpeting, in addition to new tile in the foyer area of the office. We also sanded, repaired, and painted the walls in the office.

The food pantry at the Astor Avenue Center also underwent renovations and improvements in the last year. We divided a large space into one office, using the second half of the room for additional pantry storage space. In addition, we removed the old freezers and worked with Cooling Technologies to have a new, walk-in refrigerator/freezer installed, allowing the food pantry to carry more perishable items.

Lastly, and most important, I remark upon the dedication of the 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 our projects. They also do an incredible job each year maintaining the facilities of Hanover Township.

Respectfully,
Steve Spejcher
Director

*Facilities &
Maintenance staff
working on the
construction of
the Outdoor
Education Center
in Elgin*



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.

The Department of Senior Services excelled with its mission in service to the older adults of Hanover Township this fiscal year. Participants traveled throughout the township, state and beyond. Once again, the senior citizens float won the “Most Unusual” category at the Streamwood Summer Celebration for their Christmas in July theme. Stratford Square Mall was invaded by senior township dancers with a flash mob dance party. A trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan was enjoyed by forty participants taking in Bonnar Christmas Store and other sites and sounds of the area with

To view the flash mob, visit the Township’s YouTube channel at youtube.com/hanovertownship.



Program Specialist, Sarah Adelpia. Visual Art class students exhibited their works of art at the Village of Hoffman Estates, Village of Bartlett, Izaak Walton Center and Reserve, Arts in Bartlett Festival, Got Art? Art Show, and at a permanent exhibit of large canvas paintings of fruits and vegetables at the Township’s Astor Avenue Food Pantry.

The Recreation division experienced attendance increases in group exercise classes, Saturday programs, informational workshops, and cultural out trips. Senior

programming at the Izaak Walton Center and Reserve included candy bingo, craft classes, lunch and movie programs, and Latino group programs. The Center offers an ideal location for yoga retreats. One-on-one tutoring for computers, smart phones, and tablets increased in participation, as well, and to the satisfaction of the students, as they were able to have all of their questions addressed directly with the instructor.

The Stars-N-Stripes Café nutrition program expanded services with a grant awarded from AgeOptions, the Area Agency on Aging, for the Home Delivered Meal program in October. Senior citizens receive the same meals prepared in the café and are delivered the same day, with a choice of two options. Over twenty dedicated volunteers provide meals to over fifty-five homes Monday through Friday, an increase from the previous provider only delivering three days a week. This expansion in service grew staff with the hiring of two Home Delivered Meal Assistants to prepare and pack daily meals.

The Social Services Division continues to attend relevant and helpful educational trainings and certifications to benefit the older adults to which they serve. This year, all four caseworkers are Elderly Service Officer trained. This certification, from the Attorney General’s office, helps assist in playing a more active role in preventing crimes against older people. Staff obtained additional certification by the Alliance of Information and Referral Systems in the disability component. The summer cooling program did not take place, however, the winter heating program began a month late in October.

Transportation Dial-A-Bus service transports older adults and physically challenged residents of the Township to medical appointments, dialysis, shopping, personal errands, and visits to the Senior Center. The service runs Monday through Friday. A new twenty-six passenger bus with the flexibility to have seven wheelchairs was added to the fleet. This will retire two older buses that were used for outings and trips for larger groups. A part-time driver was hired. A Dial-A-Bus Driver training program was implemented with driver/trainer Juanita

Espinosa after her successful completion of Train the Trainer program with Smith Systems.

National Caregiver Month in October celebrated Township caregivers with free caregiver bags provided by Strochien Law Group who sponsored the event, entertainment, and additional outreach to increase the Caregiver Support group at the Senior Center. The Supporters made a significant difference in programs such as Fellows (Adopt-a-Senior), CRUSH Youth Ministry (Make a Difference Day), Class C (outside projects), Blue Heron (Thanksgiving Meal Delivery), Lexington of Streamwood (Bingo Night), Athletico (Senior Exercise), and Lisa's School of Dance (Flash Mob).

The department staff experienced a few changes. Linda Stienginer joined us as Transportation Manager in June. Kristine (Cable) Austin became Program Manager from Volunteer and Program Coordinator; Devora Murillo filled Kristine's position from her internship last summer. Tracey Colagrossi became department Director in May. Staff are leaders in their fields, as Kristine Austin and Tracey Colagrossi presented multiple sessions at the Association of Illinois Senior Center conference, Social Services Manager Megan Conway presented on Social Service programs for seniors in townships. Megan Conway accepted the nomination for an officer position of Publicity Chair in the Senior Division of TOI. Sarah Adelpia took the position of Secretary of the Association of Illinois Senior Centers. Tracey Colagrossi accepted the nomination for President of the AISC, and Chairperson of State Liaisons on the National Institute of Senior Centers Board.



Arlene Devitt celebrated Christmas in July at the Summer Celebration Parade in Streamwood



Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Colagrossi
Director

Artists Audrey Walker, Marie Shemroske, Carol Adler, Charlene Breitlow, Charlene's Aunt, and Jane Castey showed their work at the Arts in Bartlett Festival. The artwork is now hanging in the food pantry.

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.

Welfare Services continues to evolve to meet the changing needs of the community. The Northern Illinois Food Bank awarded Hanover Township with grant money to install walk-in refrigeration and freezer units for the food pantry, allowing the pantry to accept and store large quantities of fresh and frozen foods. In order to accommodate the built-in units, it was necessary to build new storage space for non-refrigerated items. In December, office space was redesigned and a new storage area was built for non-perishable foods. Lead Auxiliary Volunteer Staff member Jay Olriksen organized the set-up and relocation of food pantry storage. The project was completed in January.

The free Summer Lunch Program, provided by the Northern Illinois Food Bank was again offered to children. 18 years and younger. for the sixth consecutive year. Headed by Auxiliary Volunteer Staff Terrie Kuenker, up to 35 children enjoyed a free, nutritious lunch daily. All of these children are from families facing financial hardship.

The food pantry continues to serve residents with more than 9,200 families utilizing the food pantry in FY16. The food pantry operates six days per week with the help of auxiliary volunteer staff. On Saturdays the pantry operates with the help of organizations including St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, Kiwanis Club of Streamwood, and Streamwood Woman's Club. It is because of our relationship with the Northern Illinois Food Bank and the Direct Connect Program we are able meet the demand of our community.



Schaumburg Boomers volunteered at the Northern Illinois Food Bank distribution in 2015.

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In August hundreds of families attended the annual Backpack Giveaway providing 1,280 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need. Thank you to State Representative Fred Crespo, AT&T, and Communities that Care for their continued support. The 5th Annual Job Fair in March, co-sponsored by Representative Crespo, brought it in over 75 employers.

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

CEDA (Community and Economic Development Association) continues to provide services to residents in need at the Township Astor Avenue Community Center every Thursday. CEDA provides a range of services to assist low income families with dental, vision care, auto repair, as well as trade and employment programs.



Community Partners Rev. Robert C. Rizzo of St. Hubert's and Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod joined Trustees Steve Caramelli and Craig Essick with a food collection at Mariano's

The Community Resource Groups continues to meet monthly under the direction of Case Manager Peggy Saul. These groups will continue throughout FY17. The group focuses on employment and life skills for residents to achieve self sustainability.

Additional programming in FY16 included winter wear collected and distributed thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Streamwood. With the help from Knights of Columbus Mary's Millennium Council #12801 and countless community sponsors, toys were distributed to 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 Club, Bartlett Rotary Club, Streamwood Kiwanis, AMVETS Post 277, Streamwood VFW Post 5151, Bartlett VFW Post 11018, Bartlett Lions Club, Jewel Food Stores of Bartlett and Streamwood, Banbury Fair, Clare Oaks Retirement Community, Walgreens in Hanover Park, Panera, and Starbucks. It is through the generosity from our residents, schools, businesses, and local organizations that we are able to improve the quality of life for our residents facing financial hardship.

Auxiliary Volunteer Staff put in countless hours at the Astor Avenue Community Center. Thank you Coordinator, Jay Orlksen, for your dedication and hard work; Terrie Kuenker and Rodger McDowall for your countless hours processing LIHEAP and food pantry applications. Brian Noonan, Del Seaton, Tom Kuenker, and Don Balk for being available to drive the food pantry van to pick up donations. The food pantry operates solely with organizations from our community and auxiliary volunteer staff. Thank you to the food pantry Auxiliary Volunteer Staff for keeping the pantry running smoothly.

Welfare Services staff Mary Jo Imperato, Director; Lori Orozco, Volunteer and Food Pantry Coordinator; and Peggy Saul LCPC, Case Manager, are committed to improving the welfare of Hanover Township residents experiencing hardship.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Imperato
Director

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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.

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 strengthen families, provide outreach to youth at risk of school failure, and contribute to the building of a healthier Township community. We work to meet our mission by providing professional, affordable, and responsive programs and services, including Family Therapy Services, the Open Gym After-School Program, Tutoring Services, Alternative to Suspension Programming, School Based Mental Health Groups, Substance Abuse Prevention Programming, Community Service Programming, and Parent University Workshops.

In Fiscal Year 2016 the department was awarded the 2015 Youth Organization Award from the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth, which is the youth division of the Township Officials of Illinois. This state-wide award recognized the department for demonstrating outstanding contributions in helping youth in the community and having a positive impact on their quality of life.



We also celebrated our 20 year anniversary of the Open Gym Program in July. Over 300 youth and their families came out to Tefft Middle School to celebrate the program and years of service. Former Open Gym participants, who are now in their late 20's, also came to celebrate and reminisce about

their time at Open Gym. Open Gym continues to provide social, recreational, and educational activities based on positive youth development for youth at nine sites per week at no charge to residents.

Satisfaction surveys collected from participants, their parents, and school administrators had an average rating of 95%. Moving forward, the department has recently joined the Illinois Afterschool Network, which will provide additional resources and best practices for implementation at Open Gym.

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 provide leadership on various workgroups that benefit schools, communities, and the youth they serve. Clinical Services is currently preparing to launch insurance reimbursed services which will expand our reach in providing mental health services.

Our work in the area of Substance Abuse Prevention continues to grow. We provide drug awareness education, substance refusal skills, and pro-social skills development in health education classes and in

prevention group work. These services are offered at the elementary, middle, and high schools within the Township. We are currently working on training and developing several youth leaders in Operation Snowball, which is a national substance abuse prevention/leadership development program.

Our Alternative to Suspension Programming continues to run at capacity in three elementary, two middle, and two high schools. The program's outcomes continue to produce positive results, including: 100% graduation rate, average satisfaction rate of 93% (of participants, their parents, and school administrators), and an average level of participant connectivity to their schools of 76% which all demonstrates assisting youth in being successful at school.



Our Tutoring Services Program continues to be at capacity at both locations, Streamwood High School and Glendale Terrace in Hanover Park. Referring teachers reported that 70% of students in our Tutoring Program had an increase of 50% or more improvement in identified areas of learning. Parent University Workshops at Elgin High School continue to be offered based on parents identified needs.

Youth and Family Services continues to expand as a resource to School District U-46 by providing leadership on the Alignment Collaborative for Education Governing Board, the Community Alliance, Parent and Family Engagement Task Force, School Safety Task Force, PBIS Tier I, II, and III planning teams, providing PBIS Tier I and II school based groups at eleven schools, as well as having our programs and outcomes presented at local, state, and national conferences. Additionally, we have provided leadership to Loyola University, Chicago, Inter-Professional Practice with At-risk Youth Advisory Board, the Village of Hanover Park's Safe Community Coalition Council, the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth, and the Village of Hanover Park Safe Community Coalition Violence and Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Fiscal year 2016 was a successful year and we look forward to our work in 2017. 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, our Elected Officials for their leadership, vision 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 all of our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

John Parquette, LCSW
Director

Youth & Family Services staff Top: Jimmy Mix, Nora Gonzales, Amanda Teachout, Maria Campuzano-Leon, Sara Concepcion, Natalie Belmonte, and Ryan McSheffrey. Bottom: Michael Coben, Tina Houdek, Tor Evans, Sumara Baig, Mary Beaban, Susan Graffy, Karen Low, and John Parquette



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 fiscal year 2016, the Mental Health Board awarded \$800,500 in annual mental health grants in support of various agency programs and services within the community. 43 programs from 31 agencies received funding in FY16 and collectively served over 3,000 residents. In addition to annual funding, the Mental Health Board continues to support agency growth in the areas of staff development, capital improvements, and new programs by making available special grant opportunities throughout the year. Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois and Easter Seals of DuPage and Fox Valley were awarded challenge grant funds to support new programs for Township residents. The Board awarded a total of \$65,731 for staff development, capital improvements, and new programming in FY16.



On July 1, the State of Illinois began FY2016 without a budget. Without funding from the state, many agencies providing critical mental health services, among other human services, have been forced to cut programming, increase cost to clients for services, initiate waitlists and/or lay off staff. In an effort to support these agencies, the Mental Health Board awarded \$186,106 in emergency funding to ten annually funded agencies. Agencies that are able have been spending down their reserves in order to keep their doors open while they continue to wait on payments from the state for services and programming already provided since July 1. While emergency funding does not offer a long-term solution to the state budget crisis, it has assisted some of the Mental Health Board funded agencies in continuing to provide programs and services to our most vulnerable residents.

In the beginning of the year, the Mental Health Board contracted with the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Rockford, Health Systems Research Division of Health Policy, and Social Science Research to conduct a community analysis. Every three years the Board reviews and evaluates the needs in the community, gaps in services, and mental health trends. The assessment included both qualitative and quantitative research and assisted the Board in developing the strategic plan for fiscal years 2017-2019. A community analysis and four focus groups were conducted as a part of the assessment. The Board utilized the results of the study to develop the next three year strategic plan that will begin in FY 2017.

Looking to FY17, the Mental Health Board will continue to focus funding on direct services for mental health, substance abuse and developmental disabilities for residents of Hanover Township. Emergency funding will be available again this year to annually funded agencies requiring assistance to remain operational, should the State of Illinois budget impasse continue on through the new fiscal year. 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
 Meghan Nelson, Secretary
 Mary Jane Garvey, Maureen Lue, Deb Sirchia
 Trustee Mary Alice Benoit, Town Board Liaison

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 2016 was a successful year for the Committee on Youth. Last fall, the Township Board appointed Dr. Ariel Correa, Principal of Streamwood High School and resident of Streamwood, to the Committee. Dr. Correa has brought years of experience working with youth as an educator, leader, and change agent. The Committee is very fortunate to have Dr. Correa as he brings much passion and drive in serving.

This year the Committee combined its two recognition receptions, the Principal of the Year and the Youth Leadership Banquet, into one large reception, "The Celebration of Leadership Awards Reception." The Celebration Reception was held in May, when the Committee honored adults and youth who have demonstrated exceptional leadership.



Committee on Youth members at the Celebration in Leadership Reception (from left to right): Tom Alagna, Karen Staten, Robert Wojtowicz, Shradha Patel, Roshni Patel, Eric Loera, and Nicole DeFalco. Not pictured: Dr. Ariel Correa

The Rising Star Award winner, Mariluna Gonzalez from Laurel Hill Elementary, was recognized for her commitment and passion in student government. Mariluna acted as president of student council, sixth grade safety patrol, and as a peer ambassador to help make sure all students receive the academic and emotional support that they need.

Junior Leader Award winner, Riley Keating from Canton Middle School, was recognized for his work on the yearbook committee. Riley led the yearbook staff in designing the school's yearbook. Riley is also active in many other extracurricular activities, placing 3rd at the Science Olympiad.

High School Leader Award winner, Arielle Christopher from Streamwood High School, was recognized for her community service within Hanover Township. Arielle is active in improving the literacy of youth in the community. She has successfully formed partnerships with Scholastic Book Fairs, Bernie's Books, and Barnes & Noble Bookstore in an effort to donate books each year to the local community centers for children to read and enjoy.

Community Youth Leader Award winner Dr. Debra Corcoran was selected for her leadership and service through her teaching at Parkwood Elementary. Dr. Corcoran is passionate about teaching and is always working to create a positive and nurturing environment for her students. She goes above and beyond working individually with students needing additional help and guidance, while always keeping an open-line of communication between herself and her students' parents.

Lastly, Principal of the Year Award winner Dr. Terri Lozier was selected for her leadership at Streamwood High School for the past six years that has ultimately lead to her promotion to Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Schools and Equity for School District U-46. Dr. Lozier made it her mission at Streamwood High School to decrease school suspensions, which are currently at the lowest they have ever been. Her students and staff hold the utmost respect for Dr. Lozier.

The winners enjoyed refreshments and entertainment 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 at (630) 483-5799 for further details.

Committee on Youth

Nicole DeFalco, Chair

Eric Loera, Vice Chair

Roshni Patel, Secretary

Robert Wojtowicz, Awards Chair

Karen Staten, Tom Alagna, Shraddha Patel

Trustee Craig Essick, Town Board Liaison

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.



The Board of Trustees reappointed Kathleen Donaldson, Marilyn Perri, Naomi Walters-Lenoci, and appointed Walter Gramiak to the Senior Committee. Patti Loomis had been on the Committee for over ten years, contributing to the seniors at the center with her various efforts. The Committee worked on various projects this fiscal year, including planting gardens for Streamwood Park Pride, two successful bake sales, and hosted the Trunk Sale where people sold items from their vehicles in the Senior Center Parking Lot. The July Committee meeting was held in conjunction with the White House Conference on Aging Watch Party; over forty people attended the event that included a speech from President Obama.



Senior Citizen Services Committee

Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Chair

Marilyn Perri, Vice Chair

Barbara Estrada, Secretary

Lee Sedlack, Treasurer

Kathleen Donaldson, Georgene Edwards, Walter Gramiak

Trustee Steve Caramelli, Town Board Liaison

The Committee supported the Hanover Township Foundation through sponsorship of the Venetian Night Gala event in September. A mobile flat screen television and cart was funded by the Senior Committee to the Department of Senior Services, which enables the department to show movies or PowerPoint presentations in any room of the center. Divider screens were obtained to conceal refuse receptacles. When Nutrition Services two door cooler broke down, the committee purchased a brand new one for the storage of home delivered meal foods to the benefit of many senior residents.

Hanover Township

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
“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
Children’s Physical & Immunization Clinic
Art Expo sponsored by Senior Services
Veterans Honor Roll Recognition and Dinners
CEDA’s Weatherization Program
ComEd Hardship Program
Podiatry Clinic
Access-To-Care
Township Community Service Awards
Supervisor’s Volunteer of the Year Awards
All-Kids Program
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
Dental Access Network Program

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.



