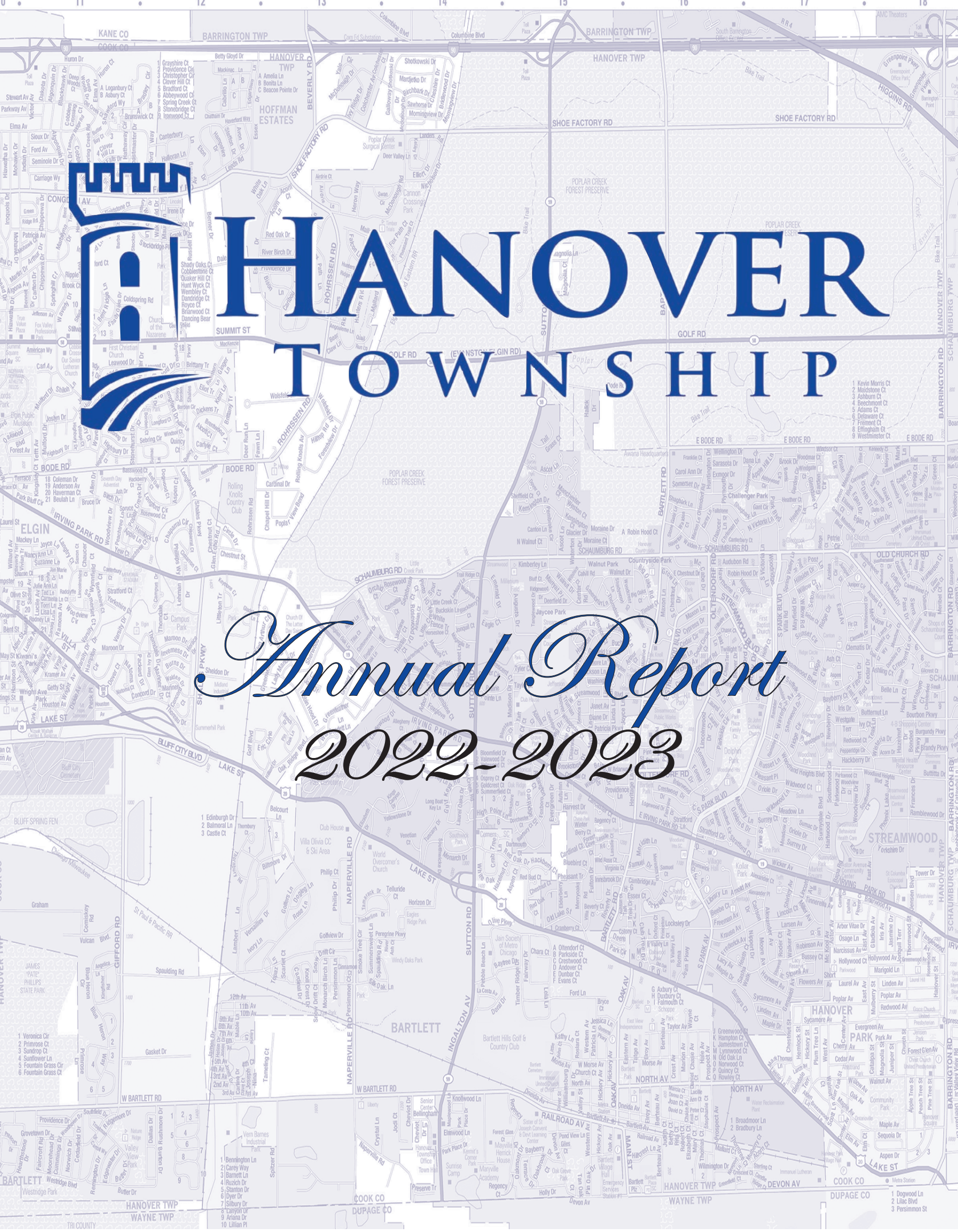
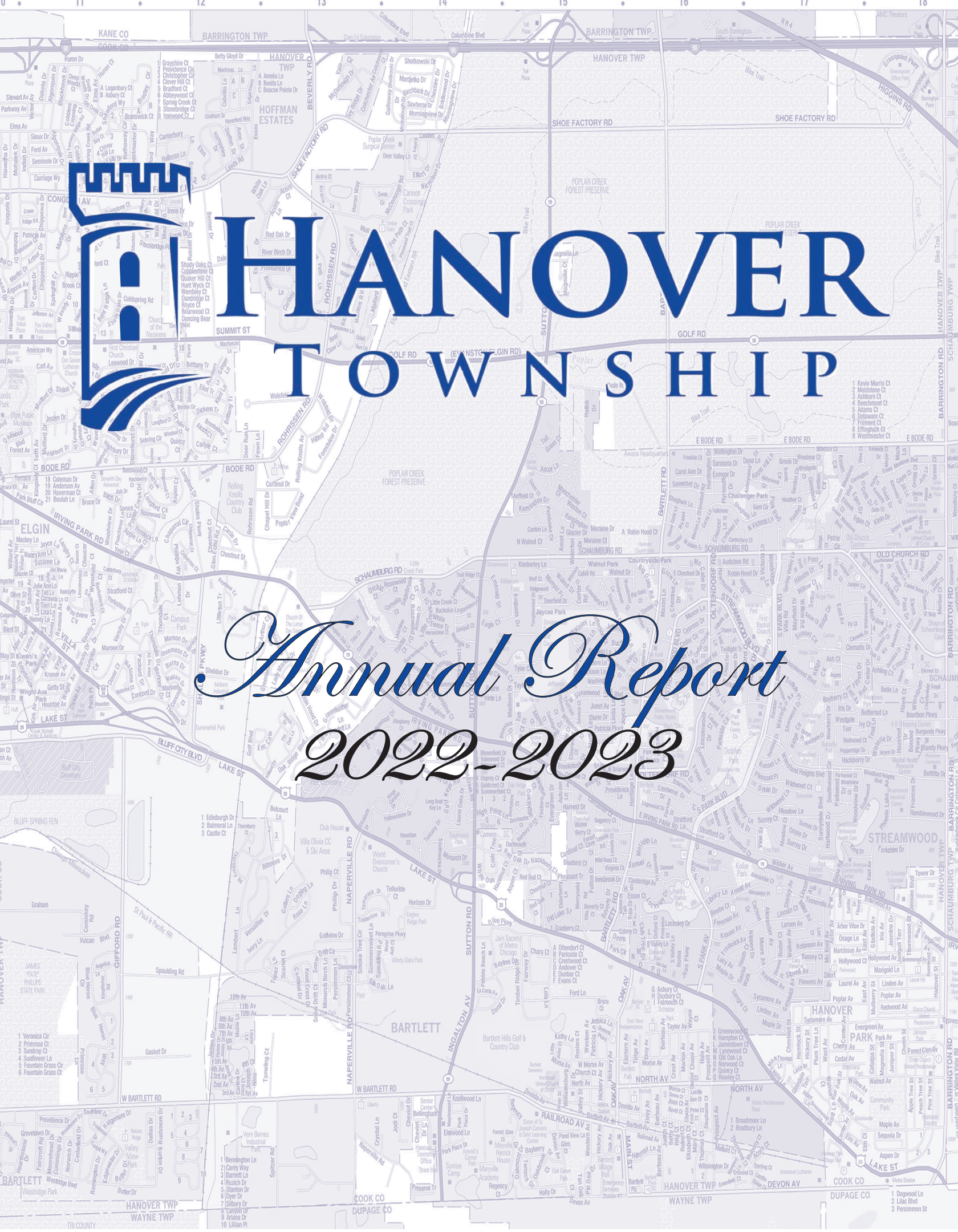




HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Annual Report 2022-2023



Hanover Township

2022-23 Township Board



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Supervisor
Brian P. McGuire



Trustee
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Assessor
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Clerk
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2022-2023

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

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



Meeting Schedule 2023

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

Tuesday, April 18 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18 - Annual Town Meeting (60 ILCS 1/30-5) 7:00 p.m

Tuesday, May 2

Tuesday, May 16

Tuesday, June 6

Tuesday, June 20

Thursday, July 6

Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, August 1

Tuesday, August 15

Tuesday, September 5

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, October 3

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesday, November 7

Tuesday, November 21

Tuesday, December 5

Tuesday, December 19

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

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Township Supervisor

Brian P. McGuire

It is my honor and privilege to submit this report for the 173rd Annual Town Meeting of Hanover Township.

We Are Back.

It was a challenging couple of years coming out of the pandemic but in FY23, the Township fully opened for programs, services, trips, and special events. While the Township did not cease operations or close one day as a result of COVID-19, like other local governments, some programs were adjusted for the safety of residents, volunteers, and staff.



The Hanover Township Board was joined by engineers, architects and State Senator Cristina Castro for the June 2022 Emergency Services Station ground breaking event.

Following the Township's purchase of the 17.5 acre property directly south of the Tiknis Campus in Bartlett in March 2021, the Township officially broke ground on the new Emergency Service Station in June last year. The Township's Facilities and Road Maintenance staff began remodeling an existing structure that will connect to the station in FY22, nearly completing gutting the inside of the building to allow for the creation of a communications room, a training area, separate bunk rooms for men and women, as well as bathrooms and kitchen for the station. The station itself will consist of 12 vehicle bays, lockers for officers, a storm shelter room, and provide other storage needs. The Township looks forward to a station ribbon cutting in early summer 2023. Future developments of the property also include a loop walking trail, utilization of existing structure for the Facilities and Road Maintenance Department, and space for a potential Township cemetery.

Community Health staff saw significant increases in the number of labs, home visits, and residents visiting their clinics in FY23. The department continued to assist Aging Services staff with intake for residents in the Home Care Program. Special events remained a focus for the department with a successful Sprint 2 Spring 5K last May and the 15th Annual "Just for the Health of It" Health Expo last September.

The Department of Human Services experienced significant increases in food pantry visits, General Assistance clients, and appointments for crisis intake. Through their work with community partners, the staff and volunteers were deliberate in anticipating the assistance for the influx of asylum seekers entering the community. While donations were down, visits to the pantry increased by nearly 36%. The department's strong relationships with area grocery stores and cafes remain a critical avenue of support in stocking the pantry shelves. Entering their second year as accredited Veterans Service Officers, department staff continued filing claims on behalf of Township Veterans and their families with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Washington. The popularity of the Veterans afternoon social programs and offsite field trips continues to grow.

The Youth and Family Services Prevention staff have fully moved into the Izaak Walton Youth Center in Elgin and have begun their first full year of program offerings and events at the facility. Registration for the summer day camp program was at capacity while the evening teen night drop-in programs continues to grow. The inaugural "Hanover Haunts" Halloween family event at the Izaak Walton Reserve was extremely well received with plans for a bigger and scarier event in 2024. The department hosted a Summit on Youth Violence as a five-year follow-up to the 2017 event.



Happy 100th Birthday, Alice Eichborst

Hanover Township staff, elected officials, County Commissioner Morrison, State Senator Castro, Elgin Mayor Kaptain, and Elgin Council member Rosamaria Martinez joined residents at the Izaak Walton Reserve ribbon cutting.



Brian P. McGuire - 2022 Supervisor of the Year presented by the Illinois Association of General Assistance Case Workers.



45 people representing 34 agencies and community groups from local police departments, county agencies and non-profit service organizations, attended the event. DuPage County State's Attorney Bob Berlin provided the keynote address on red flag laws and community response to situations of youth violence. Myles Castro, of the Sinai Urban Health Institute, also presented. Attendees discussed risk factors they see in their roles and thoughts on what Hanover Township could do to help address youth violence. Actionable goals were also identified as to how the Township could engage the community.



Supervisor McGuire hosted State Senator Karina Villa and provided a tour of Hanover Township Emergency Services.

The full offering of programs, day trips, and overnight events returned as part of the Enrichment Programming of Aging Services. Perhaps the most popular events to return were the holiday parties. The department's Stars n' Stripes Café added several entrée options in FY23 to meet the growing demand for in-person and takeout orders. Due to the growth of the Home Delivered Meals program, a seventh route was added last April, now delivering 120 meals per day to Township residents. Facilities and Road Maintenance remained one of the more active departments in the Township overseeing capital projects, conducting in-house cleaning, and maintaining the Township Reserves and unincorporated roadways. The department continued to work closely with the Township engineers and Board in the design and remodel of the new Emergency Services Station on the Tiknis Campus, as well as addressing landscaping and removal of invasive plants and shrubs on the property.

The department is also in the early process of planning for the Rohrssen Road Bridge replacement. Located just north Irving Park Road over Poplar Creek, the original structure was built in 1958 and rehabilitated in 1980 and 2001. Following an inspection of the bridge in June by Milhouse Engineering & Construction Inc., the superstructure was found to be in poor condition and geometrically, the bridge is classified as functionally obsolete and a high priority for replacement. The Township is working closely with the County to secure funding that would begin the Phase 1 Engineering Study in FY24.

Community Affairs staff has produced videos for promotion on the Township website and social media channels, highlighting the food pantry, Aging Services transportation programs, and the Lending Closet. Director Tom Kuttentberg continues to lead the statewide association of Township Communication Professionals.

Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) experienced significant increases in every measurable category in FY23. Compared to the previous year, officers logged more detail, work, and training hours in FY23 and responded to 284 emergency call outs - almost a 200% increase over FY22. During the ice storms that occurred at the end of February, the unit responded in full force to assist Elgin police and fire as well as the Bartlett Fire Protection District with all vehicles on the street and rotations of members providing scene security of roadways and the monitoring of downed power lines. The decontamination service remained popular on fire scenes, as well as drone and search and rescue teams. The unit continues to provide assistance to all local law enforcement agencies in Hanover Township. This past year the unit assisted at many traffic accidents and provided crime scene lighting for multiple

first responder agencies. The unit continues to send out storm spotters during severe weather and conduct public safety patrols on the weekends and during the week as warranted.

The Township's department of Administrative Services was once again recognized with the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Resident Services office continues to experience high traffic for passports with a 65% increase in the number of passports processed for January 2023 alone.

The Mental Health Board allocated nearly \$1 million in funding in FY23 to support local non-profit organizations and agencies serving residents in the areas of substance abuse, developmental disabilities, and mental health. Following long discussions on its role and mission in the community, the Township Board decided to list the Community Resource Center in Streamwood for sale with the purchase finally approved in March 2023. Owned and operated for decades by the Township, the Center served as a satellite office to five of the Mental Health Board funded agencies.

In August, the Township installed a story board at the Walters-Lenoci Reserve in Streamwood educating the public on the life and achievements of the park's namesake, Naomi Walters-Lenoci. A ceremony was held with Naomi's friends, family, and local government officials to unveil the board and dedicate benches in the park to Naomi's late husband and daughter. Naomi is a dedicated volunteer at the Township's Senior Center and previously chaired the Township's Senior Citizens Services Committee.

The Township received five awards at the annual Township Officials of Illinois Conference in Springfield. I was presented with the Friend to Youth Award from the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth and the Supervisor of the Year Award from the Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers. Hanover Township Youth and Family Services received the association's Organization of the Year Award for their contributions to the Township's youth community through the family therapy services, in-school drug prevention, youth leadership programs, and dynamic special events. Streamwood High School sophomore Tee Wiley received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth. The Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services Committees presented Hanover with the Innovative Program of the Year Award for the Home Care Services program.

Finally, FY23 was an exciting year for Hanover Landing, the Township's permanent supportive housing development, launched with partner, UPholdings. This initiative began in 2015 with the creation of the Township's Mental Health Board Housing Task Force that studied the need for housing in the Township for residents diagnosed with mental health disorders. The Task Force's report concluded that housing was needed and with no facilities in or near the Township's borders, the Board entered into an agreement with UP to begin the process of seeing this recommendation become a reality. In the year following the report, the Township and UP identified several different paths forward for funding of a development in the community. Following several rejections, the project was finally awarded tax credits and gap funding from the Illinois Housing Development Authority in FY22 as well as money from the Kane-Elgin HOME Consortium, totaling more than \$14,000,000, with more funds projected to be received from Cook County. A ground-breaking ceremony was held in September on a 40-unit, amenity-rich permanent supportive housing development that will serve residents living with disabilities—all of whom will live independently. The Township looks forward to a ribbon cutting ceremony this coming September.

Residents should know that a group of dedicated elected officials, Township staff, and volunteers serve them daily with their best interests in mind. Their combined efforts make Hanover Township the best in the State of Illinois. Please take the time to read this annual report to learn more about the programs, services, and accomplishments in FY23. As I do every year, I would like to thank my family and the families of the officials and staff. They sacrifice so much in order that we may serve. I consider it an honor and a privilege to serve the residents of Hanover Township as your elected Township Supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. McGuire

Supervisor



Supervisor McGuire welcomed Veterans and their families to the Fall 2022 Veterans Honor Roll Dinner.

Office of the Clerk

Katy Dolan Baumer

The Township staff completed the Annual Records Disposition in compliance with the State of Illinois. This year, staff revised their records forms to match records that are now being collected; a re-assessment of the records they keep today. It is a Township-wide task that requires archiving records that must be maintained forever, for a period of years, or disposing of some that are so approved.

In FY23, I again served the Township Officials of Cook County as Vice President, assisting on the Education Committee. I also served as Secretary of the Clerks Association of the Township Officials of Cook County. I am responsible for maintaining ongoing correspondence from the President, Bob Vinnedge, Clerk of Schaumburg Township, to the membership to keep us all in the loop with regard to Clerks' best practices. Last fall, I presented two sessions to Cook County Clerks on various clerk duties, and had the opportunity to meeting with Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough in February to discuss the upcoming elections and about the new district mapping of streets.

As a member of the Township Officials of Illinois Board, I was asked to prepare and present two sessions to the membership on basic Clerk duties, aimed at newly elected township clerks, and the Annual Town Meeting. These presentations were able to reach over 250 township officials in Illinois. The Township Officials of Illinois offer scholarships to graduating high school students and I hope that Hanover Township students take this opportunity to access additional funding! Applications will be available next spring for the students graduating in 2024-25.

This year, the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division membership elected me to serve as President and I truly look forward to working with the Board to share multiple education sessions. I am certain that it will be a busy and rewarding year.



In October, Hanover Township was delighted to dedicate the lower level of the Izaak Walton Youth Center in honor of friend of youth and educator, George Rosner. The Town Board unveiled a storyboard detailing Mr. Rosner's career, which is on display at the Center.

The Township Board was impressed with the work of Norm Nissan, a Hanover Township resident who wanted to find out more about his neighborhood - in fact, what he said was that his subdivision was a newer one, with no real landmarks or anything that showed a connection to the area. With that in mind, he undertook a monumental task of finding out about a school that was once located on that land. He was a guest writer for the Hanover Happenings winter issue and he started his article with this question "How many Hanover Township residents can recall a one room schoolhouse that last stood on Spaulding Road before closing in 1954?" He dug into old records from the Township, from the school district, from the Bartlett History Museum, and from the County. He did an exhaustive search and came up with plats, aerial photos, teacher's names, and deeds. Today, the remains of that schoolhouse are most likely part of the fairway on Hole 3 of the Villa Olivia Golf Course. After his presentation to the Board, he was asked to work with Director Kuttentberg to determine where the Township could erect a marker as close to the site as possible. Thank you, Norm!

It has truly been a pleasure to serve with the Township Board of Trustees and the entire Township staff in FY23 and I look forward with enthusiasm and a continued desire to provide the best to my community, my neighbors, in FY24.

Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerk



Clerk Dolan Baumer standing behind Schaumburg Township Clerk Bob Vinnedge (seated) during the March Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association meeting in Bloom Township. Clerk Vinnedge is President of the association.

172th Annual Town Meeting

Clerk Dolan Baumer called the 172nd Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, and asked those assembled to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced elected officials present, including Hanover Township Trustees Lee Beattie, Craig Essick, and Gino Martinez, Supervisor Brian McGuire and Assessor Khaja Moinuddin.

Mrs. Heidi McGuire of Bartlett nominated Mr. Robert Beattie of Bartlett to serve as moderator for the Annual Town Meeting; Mr. Marv Kramer of Elgin seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous voice vote. Mr. Kramer then nominated Mr. Micah Chambers of Streamwood to serve as Sergeant At Arms; motion seconded by Mr. Brian McGuire of Bartlett and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Dolan Baumer administered the oath of office to both Mr. Chambers and Mr. Beattie, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Beattie and asked Mr. Chambers to stand ready at the back of the room.

During the meeting, the minutes from the 171st Annual Town Meeting were approved. In addition, Clerk Dolan Baumer presented the Supervisor's Financial Statements for the Township and they, too, were approved by the residents with a motion by Mr. Martinez and second by Mrs. McGuire, then followed by a voice vote. The Board Trustees certified all accounts and presented the certificate to the Clerk for the file. A booklet with the FY22 Annual Reports was made available to all present.

A list of surplus Township property for consideration for disposition was submitted before the Town; a motion to accept the list as presented and allow disposition of the property was made by Mr. Kramer and seconded by Mrs. Cathy Thompson of Streamwood; the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution to Delegate Authority to the Township Board to Purchase, Sell and Lease Property: Motion by Mr. Craig Essick of Elgin to approve resolution #ATM04122221 to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell and lease property; second by Mr. Khaja Moinuddin of Hoffman Estates. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Resolution to Offer Premiums to Induce the Planting and Cultivation of Trees Along the Highways in Hanover Township and to Authorize the Township Board to Expend Funds to Purchase, Plant, Cultivate, Protect, and Preserve Trees along or on Highways in Hanover Township: Motion by Mrs. McGuire to approve resolution #ATM0412222 to offer premiums to induce the planting and cultivation of trees along the highways in Hanover Township and to authorize the Township Board to expend funds to purchase, plant, cultivate, protect, and preserve trees along or on highways in Hanover Township; second by Mrs. Thompson. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Martinez to set the hour of special town meetings to be 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. A motion to set the hour of the 173rd annual Town Meeting for 7:00 p.m. was made by Mr. Kramer and seconded by Mrs. McGuire; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Moinuddin and seconded by Mr. Martinez to set the Moderator's pay at \$100 for his fine service, and that he be paid; motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

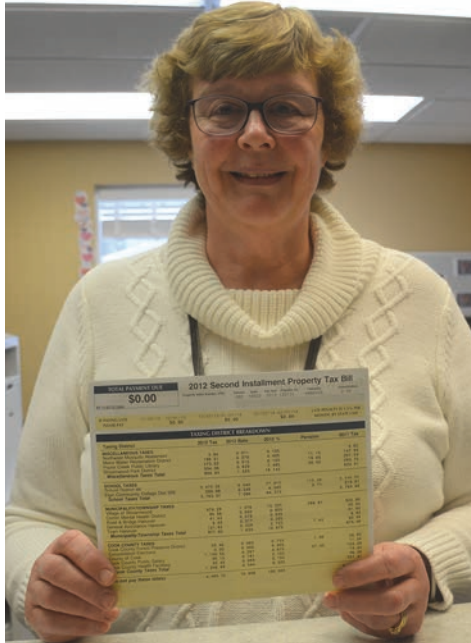
Finally, Moderator Beattie thanked the residents and asked that the meeting be adjourned. Motion was made by Mr. Moinuddin, seconded by Mr. Martinez, and carried at 7:19 p.m.

Office of the Assessor

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

The Assessor's office saw some staffing changes this year. Peggy Deyne retired after 15 years with the Township and will be greatly missed by staff and residents, alike. The Assessor's office welcomed two new employees: Simeren Silverstein in April and Jeanette Cedillo in November.

2022 was a reassessment year in Hanover Township. The median assessed value change showed a total average increase of 35%. Residential assessed values went up an average of 35% and commercial/industrial assessed values went up an average of 39.66%.



Assessor Appeals ended August 8, were certified November 29, and published December 8, 2022. The Board of Review Appeals was from December 12, 2022 to January 10, 2023. Appeal seminars were held for both Assessor and Board of Review appeals, respectively. The office averaged 16 taxpayer visits per day, during the Assessor appeal session.

Last fall, the State Legislature approved an extension of the due date for the first installment tax bills for Cook County to April 3, 2023. The Governor signed this into law on December 21, 2022, in order to provide more time to taxpayers in between real estate tax bill payments.

Respectfully submitted,

Khaja Moinuddin, CIAO
Assessor

Chief Deputy Assessor Patty Glascott shows a tax bill for the record!

OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR						
FYTD:	2017	2018	2019*	2020	2021	2022
Number of Taxable Real Estate Parcels	34,299	34,414	34,416	34,279	34,280	34,281
Equalized Assessed Valuation	\$2,344,751,111	\$2,294,093,237	\$2,620,101,440	\$2,619,442,466	\$2,086,373,004	N/A
Township Governmental Unit Tax Rates (Total Rates)						
Highest	14.248	14.851	13.202	13.371	14.533	N/A
Lowest	7.426	7.745	7.331	7.571	8.411	N/A
Average	11.49	11.85	10.75	10.93	11.778	N/A
Building Permits Processed	5,509	5,486	7,001	5,804	5,234	4,561
Incoming Calls	2,639	2,807	3,305	3,535	3,046	3,216
Office Visits to the Assessor's Office	4,939	5,453	6,228	3,448	2,026	2,385
Appeals Filed in Assessor's Office	871	1,388	1,245	819	298	987

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

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Administrative Services

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

A number of accomplishments occurred within FY23 as Resident Services continues to serve thousands of visitors each year.

Resident Services is responsible for operating as a passport acceptance facility, processing State of Illinois license plate sticker renewals, temporary handicap placards, and hunting and fishing licenses. Administrative Services continued focusing on increasing revenue through the passport acceptance program. This year, staff accepted over 4,000 passport applications bringing an estimated revenue of \$180,000. Passport services continued to be the most utilized service in the office. As a result, two additional staff members have been cross-trained and have become certified passport agents to assist in the office.



Administrative Services worked on several projects throughout the year including replacing the electronic marquee on Route 59 in November to provide more visually pleasing Township information, reviewing and updating all full-time and part-time job descriptions, and evaluating and updating the Hanover Township Personnel Policy to ensure it is all encompassing of appropriate laws and procedures. Administrative Services staff anticipates job descriptions and the Personnel Policy to have final revised versions distributed soon. The department also received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Award for the eleventh consecutive year. Hanover Township is the second Township in Illinois and among approximately two percent of local governments in the United States that receive this distinction.

The Township began construction on the Emergency Services Station, to the south of the main offices on the William Tiknis Campus, utilizing a \$2,000,000 grant. Hanover Township has completed a remodel of one existing structure on the property which has become the headquarters for Emergency Services. The second phase of the Emergency Services Station project is underway, including a pre-engineered building that will house an apparatus bay with six overhead doors for vehicles. Future plans for the 17.7 acre site include a remodel of the second existing structure on the property to house the department of Facilities and Road Maintenance, the potential creation of a Township cemetery, and enhancing the natural ponds and wetlands with a public walking path.

In February, the Township held its first Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency meeting. In 2022, the State of Illinois passed the Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act (50 ILCS 70) requiring governmental units to form a Decennial Committee to study local efficiencies and gather recommendations for increased accountability and efficiencies to the County board. The committee members consist of seven Township elected officials and two Hanover Township residents and will meet monthly through the summer.

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

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Barr, MPA, *Administrator*

Kristin Vana, *Assistant Administrator*



Aging Services

Enriching Lives, Fostering Friendships, Promoting Independence



The department of Aging Services resumed more activities and programs in FY23 and added many new offerings. The community and participants shared how thrilled they were to return to the building, to off-site parties, and to day trips.

After the successful launch of the Home Services Program Pilot in October 2021, the Board ensured the ongoing continuation of the program by passing a resolution in May. A new Home Care Coordinator, Sarece Mitchell, was hired in January 2023. The program continues to provide essential, non-medical services to older adult residents by helping with activities of daily living, laundry, meal preparation, and more. The department applied for and received funding of \$40,000 from the Mental Health Board for the program which lessens clients' feelings of loneliness and helps reduce cognitive decline. The program also successfully onboarded three volunteers to provide in-home friendly visits on a weekly basis.

Enrichment Programming increased both day trips and in-house programs; day trips were to destinations such as the Chicago Blackhawks, Cantigny Park, the

Fireside Theater, and Lake Geneva. Exciting day trips to sporting events, museums, performances, themed day tours, and restaurants were added to the calendar resuming to pre-pandemic levels of at least one per week.

Programming Specialist Tammy Cambra offered over 12 new extended travel opportunities, including trips, ranging from Texas to New York City, and international destinations such as Italy and Costa Rica. The division has added technology, "paint and sip" programs, Saturday speakers, and documentary and discussion classes. A new book club through a partnership with the Bartlett Public Library launched in October. Visual Arts Instructor Linda Kay offered new classes including marble-dyed scarves, Hygge, and summer art camps. Two field trips with the art program were added to Cantigny Park for the Alebrijes sculpture exhibit and WNDR museum in Chicago. Ceramics Instructor Mimi Krall offered a very



popular hand building with clay class and offered field trips to a ceramics shoppe and wool felting farm.

Enrichment Programming also resumed off-site parties with the holiday party in December at Hoosier Grove Barn, Valentine's Day at Villa Olivia, and St. Patrick's Day at Bartlett Hills. A special program for International Women's Day was held in March in partnership with the American Association of Retired Asians (AARA) featuring a panel of local women leaders. The department was especially pleased to offer the in-person Volunteer Recognition event at the Seville after a three-year hiatus. The luncheon recognized the incredible support of our in-person and virtual volunteers over the past two years.

Nutrition Services continues to provide increased numbers of meals per day.

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The Stars n' Stripes Café added several entrée options in including a deli bar with assorted sandwiches, special meals to celebrate holidays, and desserts on Wednesdays. While many diners opt to take their meals to go, in-person dining continues to grow each month as people resume pre-pandemic activities. Due to the growth of the Home Delivered Meals program, a seventh route was added in April, increasing capacity to 120 meals delivered daily. The Nutrition Assistant position saw some turnover in the past year; Manny Carrillo, Jr. was hired in February and has completed initial training.

Transportation expanded services to include residents with a disability, 18 years old and over, who apply with doctor's signature. This will allow for enhanced utilization of the service and aligns with best practices. Two new Bus Drivers were hired, Brett Solesky in June and Elizabeth Craig in December. Long-time Bus Driver Mark Buthman retired in July after 14 years of service.

Social Services resumed hosting the Adopt-A-Senior holiday reception including live entertainment. The celebration welcomed 55 attendees while the program served over 160 low-income older adults. This program was made possible through the generous contributions and sponsorships of the Hanover Township community, Village of Bartlett, Fellowes, Rydin, McKesson, and Ahmadiyya Muslim Woman's Auxiliary of Chicago. In addition, Social Services was awarded a grant from AgeOptions for \$40,000. The grant will expand mental health service to older adults by offering the Program to Encourage Active Rewarding Lives (PEARLS). PEARLS is an evidenced-based program that addresses depression in older adults. Recognizing an unmet community need, the C-HOPE program launched a monthly Grief Support Group in November. The Memory Café support group launched field trips in July which provide people with dementia and their caregivers with the opportunity to participate in safe, structured activities together. Social Services received the following grants in the past fiscal year: Memory Café (\$7,500), Senior Health Insurance Program (\$10,558), and C-HOPE Mental Health Services (\$55,000).

Training and professional development are a priority for the department. A new in-service training opportunity was launched in December to offer staff on-site team building and skills development. Volunteer and Program Coordinator Devora Murillo and Receptionist Charlene Thomason attended a Volunteer Management Seminar through Volunteer PRO. Director Megan Conway attended the American Society on Aging Annual On Aging conference in New Orleans in April. Valuable sessions on innovative housing options, intergenerational activities, caregiving, economic security, equity and inclusion, and dementia friendly communities were provided. Florie Sposito was promoted to Administrative Specialist as a reflection of her increased responsibilities with Nutrition Services as well as numerous grant reporting requirements.

Director Megan Conway was re-elected President of the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committee (ITASCSC). ITASCSC also presented Hanover Township with the Innovative Program of the Year award at the annual education conference for the Township Officials of Illinois in November. ITASCSC recognized the Home Services Program as an innovative, cost-effective, and replicable program which can greatly enhance the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Conway

Director



Where great service happens!

Hanover Township Leaders



Professional, Experienced, Knowledgeable, Award - Winning, and Dedicated to Service

Back row from left:

Amanda Teachout, Mental Health Board Manager
Megan Conway, Aging Services Director
Mary Jo Imperato, Human Services Director
Tina Houdek, Youth and Family Services Director
Caleb Hanson, Facilities & Road Maintenance Director

Front row from left:

Thomas Kuttnerberg, Community & Government
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Not pictured:

Suzy Callahan, Human Resources Manager
Mike Crews, Emergency Services Director



Hanover Township in Your Neighborhood



William Tiknis Campus

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



Senior Center

Library, Craft Room, Activity Rooms
Billiards, Computer Room
Veterans Hall
Stars n' Stripes Café
Trish Lynn Simon Center
for Health & Wellness
Lending Closet
Ye Olde Gift Shoppe
240 S. State Route 59
Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600

Community Center

Township Food Pantry
Veteran Services, Human Services
Senator Castro's Satellite Office
7431 Astor Avenue
Hanover Park 60133
(630) 540-9085

Izaak Walton Youth Center

Youth Services
George Rosner Youth Center
Community Activity Room
866 Jay Street, Elgin 60133
(847) 888-8329

Hanover Landing

711 E. Chicago Street, Elgin 60120

Township Garage

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

Emergency Services

Station #1

Bartlett Fire Barn
218 Main Street
Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600



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Izaak Walton Reserve

866 Jay Street, Elgin 60120

Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve

735 Stowell Avenue, Streamwood

Runzel Reserve

Located between

Tiknis Campus Admin offices
and the Senior Center

The Bridlewood Reserves of
Hoffman Estates

Central Bridlewood Drive
East Shoe Factory Road
Northeast Morningview Drive

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



Community & Government Relations

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

FY23 – when one project wraps up, another begins!

Work was finally completed at the Izaak Walton Reserve for the Township's master plan of the property. In January of 2020, the Township was awarded a \$400,000 Open Space Land Acquisition Development Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to create a loop trail system in the eight acres of undeveloped wooded property on the east side of Poplar Creek, a challenge course, and an amphitheater. Light landscaping and installation of native plantings occurred last spring with a ribbon cutting ceremony held last August. Many local officials, state legislators, residents, and representatives of the Izaak Walton League of America – Elgin Chapter joined the Township for this momentous occasion. A summer concert series will be held at the reserve for residents to enjoy music.



The Township's long-awaited permanent supportive housing initiative with UPholdings, Hanover Landing, finally broke ground last September. Community Affairs has been working with the developer, local government officials and agencies, as well as Township staff to bring this 40-unit development to fruition. Located at 711 E. Chicago Street in Elgin, once opened, the facility will serve residents living with disabilities—all of whom will live independently and retain all rights of tenancy. The Township is looking forward to a September 2023 ribbon cutting.

The department regularly provides information to engage with members of the community using social media, press releases, and other mediums. Utilizing several platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, Community Affairs staff effectively communicates and interacts with the Township community daily.

- Facebook: the department oversees four Facebook pages for the organization, with the primary page obtaining 5,931 followers, representing a 21% increase compared to FY22.
- Twitter: the Twitter account reached, on average, 5,843 impressions per month.
- Instagram: the Township Instagram surpassed 1,000 followers in FY23 – the most of any Illinois Township, and reaches 3,321 users, on average, each month.

Community Affairs staff also coordinated the Township's annual Fall Food Truck Festival in September. Eleven trucks were onsite offering an array of foods while attendees listened to classic rock hits from Take Back Chicago. Attendees enjoyed free carnival games and having the opportunity to visit Township booths promoting programs, services and events.

The department continued to work closely with the Township Board, the Township Officials of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Township Association to monitor legislation in Springfield and to work with Cook County officials in advocating for grants for Township services. It coordinated visits with two new Township legislators in FY23, Senator Karina Villa and State Representative Maura Hirschauer. Both of their districts were drawn into the Township boundaries following the recent remap.

FY23 was an exciting year of results for the benefit of the residents of Hanover Township. We look forward to working with staff, elected officials, and our community partners in FY24 to further improve our work and begin new initiatives.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kuttentberg

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.

Community Health had a productive and exciting year as it resumed several programs and events with the easing of COVID restrictions and improvement of transmission rates. After a two-year hiatus, the department once again held its Sprint 2 Spring 5k at the Izaak Walton Youth Center in Elgin. Nearly 200 participants attended to run or stroll through the neighborhood streets for 3.1 miles, promoting healthy and active lifestyles. Proceeds from the event went to the Hanover Township Foundation to assist residents experiencing financial hardship with accessing medical and dental services. This year, the department was able to assist residents with over \$3,500 of financial assistance for various medical needs from the funds raised at the 5k event.

While COVID outcomes and transmission rates improved significantly in the past year, the department still had significant involvement in the monitoring, screening, education, and prevention of the ongoing COVID pandemic. The department coordinated and hosted two COVID vaccine clinics for residents in partnership with Jewel Osco and Walmart pharmacies. Township nurses provided COVID antigen testing for nearly 100 employees and volunteers, in addition to providing education, guidance, and contact tracing for those who tested positive or were exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID. Additionally, in partnership with the Cook County Department of Public Health and Greater Family Health, the department was able to acquire 300 COVID antigen tests to provide to residents.

The department had a very collaborative year, working with an array of agencies and organizations to partner on various health initiatives. The department's continued partnership with the American Red Cross for blood donations has resulted in the collection of over 150 units of lifesaving blood. Community Health Nurse Kramer worked with over 700 kindergarten through fifth grade students at Parkwood, Hanover Countryside, Sunnydale, and Glenbrook Elementary Schools to provide hand hygiene education and stress the importance of preventing the spread of disease and illness during cold and flu season. Township nurses also continued to work with U-46 elementary schools to provide puberty education for over 250 4th and 5th grade students. Director Smith and Community Health Nurse Kramer provided CPR classes for employees, residents, and students in Hands Only, Heartsaver, and BLS CPR. Community Health staff focused on increasing access to preventative health screenings and was proud to provide free wellness screenings throughout the community in partnership with the Bartlett Police, The Oaks, Poplar Creek Public Library District, the Village of Bartlett, and Streamwood Park District.

Community Health staff wearing red for Heart Health Awareness.



Community Health Nurse James Kramer taught students about hand hygiene.

The department was excited to continue work with Aging Services on the Township Home Care Program. Community Health nurses accompanied the Home Care Coordinator for 22 in-home assessments to evaluate residents and identify their medical needs, as well as assist with the intake for home care needs and referrals. The Township nurses aided in the onboarding, training, and support of the Home Care Coordinator and Home Care Aides. The department looks forward to the continued collaboration between departments to support and grow this program.

Community Health looks forward to the year ahead and implementing new health initiatives to improve the lives of residents. The department will be focusing on increasing access to dental resources, improving cognitive health for aging adults, and increasing health literacy through the provision of health educational presentations.

Respectfully submitted,
Kirsten Smith RN, BSN,
Director



Hanover Township Sprint to Spring resumed after a two-year hiatus. We look forward to even more participants in FY24!

Emergency Services



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

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

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

The gross decontamination program HTES offers to the fire service continues to flourish. Firefighters experience consistent exposure to environments that contain chemicals, carcinogens, diseases, and toxins. Due to these, firefighters are more susceptible to contracting certain illnesses and cancers than the general population.

Decontamination of turnout gear and equipment is vital for protecting the health of our firefighters and reducing unnecessary exposure to dangerous substances. As a result, turnout gear decontamination should be so prevalent that it becomes second nature. HTES has adopted best practices and follows procedures and guidelines for decontamination to better ensure the safety and health of their firefighters.

Work continues on the new emergency services station at the south end of the Township campus. This facility will greatly improve the emergency services' response and operations capabilities. In 2022, HTES responded to a record number of incidents including fire responses, search and rescues, weather spotting, and traffic management incidents.

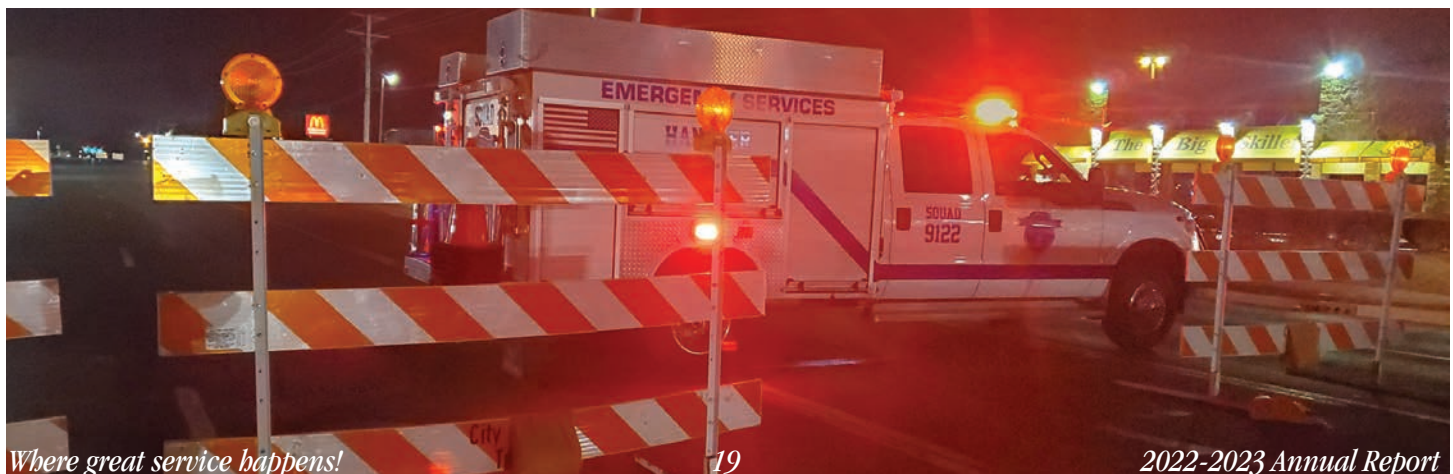
HTES was honored to receive the Village of Bartlett Community Spirit Award. The unit continued recruitment efforts at the collegiate level, attending the College of DuPage Career Day and the Elgin Community College emergency services programs. HTES continues to have a robust presence on their Facebook and Instagram pages highlighting many of the response and training activities throughout the year.

The HTES training conference proved to be a great success this year with a wide range of classes and participants from around the region. The HTES Drone Program continued to grow this year with numerous deployments for search and rescues and multi-jurisdictional trainings. HTES operates a fleet of three drones, serving our law enforcement and fire service partners.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Crews
Director



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Facilities and Road Maintenance

From asphalt to butterflies, this past year has been a variation of interests and commitments for the Facilities and Road Maintenance department. Staff completed the 2022 road resurfacing project with milling and resurfacing of Berner Drive, Dale Drive, and Wolsfeld Road, west of Rohrsen Road. Also completed during the project were significant stormwater management improvements, including mitigation of a long-standing flooding issue on Dale Drive, and the reestablishment of shoulder stone along the full length of the project. The shoulder stone is necessary to reenforce the road edge, prolonging the life of the road surface, as well as providing erosion control and reducing salt kill-off of vegetation and grasses within the right of way. These project elements will be continued throughout future road resurfacing projects including the 2023 resurfacing of Glen Echo Drive, Circle Drive, and the Township portion of Chestnut Drive.



Facilities and Road Maintenance has also been extremely active in the seven reserves throughout the Township. The Izaak Walton Reserve in Elgin, saw the completion of an \$800,000 Open Space and Land Acquisition and Development Grant from the State of Illinois and included the addition of a quarter mile paved and boardwalk path through eight acres of forested wetlands, a pavilion, baggo courts, challenge course, and improvements to the existing Izaak Walton League archery range. Nine trees, two memorial benches, and a storyboard

dedicated to the namesake were installed in the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve. All seven Township reserves now contain monarch butterfly way stations through the MonarchWatch.org organization. Specific areas within each of the way stations were planted with varieties of milkweed, a plant vital to the reproduction of the butterfly, as well as pollinator and shelter plants. The monarch way stations have been registered with MonarchWatch.org and designation signs will be installed in this spring.

The department of Facilities and Road Maintenance invites all the residents of Hanover Township to visit and enjoy the open spaces, playgrounds, and natural areas that are offered in the Township reserve system. The department takes great pride in keeping these spaces clean, accessible, and available to the residents for year-round enjoyment.

Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance looks forward to providing open green spaces and smooth well-maintained roadways for residents safety and enjoyment.

Yours in Service,

Caleb Hanson
Director



Hanover Township honored Naomi Walters-Lenoci with the unveiling of her storyboard at the Naomi Walters-Lenoci Reserve this past summer. Naomi's family, Township staff, local officials, and the Township Board were enthusiastic in recognizing the commitment to the community that Naomi has and has had throughout her life.

Human Services

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

Human Services experienced many accomplishments and faced many challenges in FY23. Rising inflation resulted in higher costs at the grocery stores and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for residents decreased, returning to pre-pandemic levels and contributing to a significant increase in food pantry usage. The increase in visits, coupled with rising grocery costs, has made it challenging to keep the food pantry stocked with healthy foods. The pantry operates solely through donations and with the help of volunteers. 35 to 50 volunteers work in the pantry weekly. Poverty in the community continues to be present and the number of families facing food insecurity and financial hardship is growing. Food pantry visits increased over 40%, while energy assistance applications including LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) increased over 70% from last year. Emergency Assistance for rental and utility assistance has increased 110% and these numbers continue to grow weekly. It is only with the support of the community and volunteers that the needs of residents are met.

In February, long serving volunteer, Jay Olriksen, received Hanover Park's Humanitarian of the Year award. Jay has been a senior lead volunteer with the department since 2010. The food pantry continues to offer three service models for residents to utilize which include delivery to homebound seniors and disabled residents, online ordering, and in-person client choice. As a result, Jay's volunteer work at the pantry is critical. Jay picks up food at many locations daily, so residents can have fresh fruits and vegetables from which to choose. He delivers food to homebound seniors and disabled residents and assists in picking up school supplies and backpacks, toys for families struggling during the holidays, and meals so every family in need has a warm meal. The dedication Jay shows as a volunteer is exceptional and Human Services staff are proud to congratulate him on his award.



Humanitarian of the Year - Jay Olriksen here with Director Imperato and Village of Hanover Park President, Rod Craig



Veteran Services continue to grow at Hanover Township. Veteran Service Officers Lori Orozco and I completed over 70 appointments with Veterans this year and successfully processed applications for compensation, pension, survival benefits, and more. A Veteran group

meets monthly for lunch and movie, and organized day trips throughout the year. Veterans residing in Hanover Township are able to apply for available benefits at the Astor Avenue Community Center.

Hanover Township, State Representative Fred Crespo and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison co-hosted the annual Job Fair with over 80 employers on-site assisting job seekers. Many job seekers were offered sustainable employment opportunities after the event.

Last summer the Hanover Township Astor Avenue Community Center



hosted the summer lunch program to families for the eleventh year through the Northern Illinois Food Bank so no child would go hungry. Human Services also distributed 1,285 backpacks filled with school supplies to children. New backpacks filled with school supplies were provided by Communities that Care and Essendant, allowing children to attend the first day of school fully prepared. The Holiday Programs were strongly utilized. 758 families registered and gifts were distributed to 2,009 children. 1,203 meal boxes were also distributed.

The department could not meet the needs of the community without the on-going support of community partners and it is through the support of generous sponsors including Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Knights of Columbus, Mary's Millennium Council 12801, Streamwood Woman's Club, Bartlett Rotary Club, and Streamwood Kiwanis, as well as residents, schools, businesses, local municipalities, and organizations, that we are able to meet the needs of our residents experiencing hardships.

Volunteer staff put in many hours at the Astor Avenue Community Center, stocking and operating the food pantry, processing energy applications, providing employment support, working special events, and more. The department is grateful to the volunteer staff for their dedication and hard work to ensure residents' needs are met.

Coordinator Lori Orozco and I are committed to serving the residents of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Imperato
Director

Youth and Family Services

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



This year, the department of Youth and Family Services continued establishing and growing programs. With the opening of the Izaak Walton Youth Center, the department continues to offer free drop-in teen hours, providing a safe place for teen activities while giving youth opportunities to meet and interact with each other. The department has been able to provide transportation, picking up teens at several middle and high schools located on the east side of the Township. This has made the Youth Center more accessible for youth. For the first time, the department offered a free summer camp program at the Izaak Walton Youth Center. The camp was

offered in two four-week sessions. The first session included youth from kindergarten through 3rd grades, and the second session for 4th through 6th grades. The camps were limited to 40 participants per session and both sessions were filled within weeks of open registration, with a waitlist for each session. The camp included themed weeks and field trips. Some of the themes included outdoor education, sports week, animal week, and STEM week. Field

trips included Kane County Cougars baseball games, Cantigny Park, the DuPage Children's Museum, as well as Friday Pool Day at a local pool.

A goal that Youth and Family Services has had for many years is to grow the volunteer program in the department.



The volunteer program has grown to over fifty volunteers. With the increase in volunteers, the department wanted to do something to recognize all the volunteers. With April being volunteer appreciation month, the department hosted the first ever Volunteer Appreciation reception at the Izaak Walton Youth Center in April. All volunteers were invited to the evening reception where volunteers were recognized in various categories. This included assisting with the tutoring program, volunteering at various department special events, teen nights, and township events. The department will be hosting this volunteer appreciation reception annually to show appreciation for all that the volunteers do.

Youth and Family Services debuted "Hanover Haunts" at the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve. Youth were invited to participate in games and crafts. Additionally, staff and volunteers transformed the reserve and the boardwalk on the property into a haunted trail. Dressed in costumes, they led youth through the haunted trail where spooky stories were shared. This family-friendly event was free to all. The department is looking forward to continuing to offer this fall event.

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly impacted the mental health of adults and children, and as a result, the department's therapists experienced an increase in the number of clients served. The department has also seen an increase in symptoms of anxiety and depression in many of those seeking services. The impact of the pandemic has affected the family unit in many ways. The department continued to offer Parent Map in FY23, a parent education course providing parents and/or guardians with skills and tools needed to parent effectively and develop positive relationships with their children.

Youth and Family Services received three awards at the annual Township Official of Illinois Conference in November. The department is proud to have received the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY) Youth Organization Award, recognized for making a significant contribution to the youth in the community. Tee Willey, a Youth and Family Services volunteer, received the 2022 AITCOY Volunteer Award for all his contributions to the department. Tee is a sophomore from Streamwood High School and was the impetus in launching "Hanover Haunts." He has been actively volunteering for various department events. Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McGuire won an award this year; he was selected as the 2022 AITCOY Township Friend of Youth Award for his outstanding commitment to youth.

In November, the department hosted the Summit on Youth Violence. Hanover Township wanted to engage the community in having a discussion on youth violence and more specifically focus on what Hanover Township can do to address youth violence in the community. Hanover Township Supervisor McGuire convened the Hanover Township Summit on Youth Violence. The Summit was a place where local experts from law enforcement, juvenile justice, mental health, education, and human services came together to have a dialogue on youth violence in Hanover Township. State's Attorney Bob Berlin from DuPage County was the keynote speaker for the event. Additionally, Myles Castro, Program Manager from Sinai Urban Health Institute, presented on risk factors for youth violence and holistic approaches and opportunities to address these factors. A report is being generated that will compile the findings and recommendations regarding what can be done in the community to address youth violence.

FY23 was a successful year and we look forward to the work in FY24. The department looks forward to the ongoing partnerships with School District U-46, Streamwood Park District, and other community organizations. With the creative, professional, and engaging staff and volunteers of Youth and Family Services, the department will continue to assist and address the mental health needs of the Township community. Youth and Family Services is looking forward to continued growth and development of youth programming.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Houdek, LCPC

Director

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Committee on Youth

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

In FY23, the Committee on Youth was able to resume the annual Celebration of Leadership reception that had not occurred in person during the past years due to the pandemic. The committee was excited to be able to recognize, honor and celebrate leadership in the community. The purpose of these awards is to recognize young leaders and adult leaders who pour their passion into youth in the community. The awards were given in several categories.

The Rising Star Award went to Lily Flores, 3rd grade from Parkwood Elementary. She was nominated for her great skill of asking just the right questions to bring other students “out of their shells.” She is a student who does not give up or let obstacles get in her way. Dharthi Bezawade won the Junior Leader Award for her constant source of positive energy and her ability to include others in whatever discussion is occurring. She shows great leadership skills for inspiring others to be kind, patient, and to achieve their goals. The High School Leader award went to Tee Willey for his ability to keep a positive attitude even when things are difficult. He goes above and beyond when helping others as well as volunteering his time.

The Community Adult Leader Award went to Jeff Janda, Executive Director of Streamwood Park District, for his partnership and collaboration with Hanover Township Youth and Family Services, giving teens the opportunity to participate in activities that they would not be able to afford otherwise. He is passionate about working with the department and truly cares about the youth in the community and providing them with accessible affordable programming. All the winners enjoyed refreshments with their family, mentors, friends, teachers, and community leaders.

The Committee meets monthly and has discussions about positive youth development, community services, programming, and the vision from the Committee. The Committee continues to be involved in the community and participates in various Township events. Continuing to do this gives the members easier access to the community, promoting the Committee on Youth, and allows them to become more familiar with needs. At these events the members had the opportunity to talk about the Committee on Youth, and its benefits and purpose, along with their mission.



Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer administered the oath of office, as directed by the Board of Trustees, to Jordan Wildermuth and Dr. Ariel Correa.

Committee on Youth

Jordan Wildermuth, Chairperson
Savannah Widmann, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary

Nazneen Hashmi
William Henderson
Robert Wojtowicz
Trustee Alisa “Lee” Beattie, Town Board Liaison



Senior Citizen Services Committee

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

The Senior Committee was extremely active in the past year. The members hosted three special event fundraisers including Eli's Cheesecakes in July, Apple Cider Donuts in September, and Paczki Day in February. The three events generated wide community support and raised several hundred dollars for the committee's activities. In addition to the special events, the Café Cruisin' program held monthly fundraisers and encouraged people to support local restaurants.

The Committee provided significant support to Aging Services by replacing the 18-foot Christmas tree, and replacing a commercial coffee maker. In July, the Café experienced an urgent need when the high temperature commercial dishwasher stopped working. The Committee quickly moved to replace the dishwasher from the contingency funds.

The Committee also supported the Senior Halloween and Holiday parties, which resumed in 2022 after a three-year hiatus due to COVID-19, and sponsored gift card raffles at both events, as well as providing an umbrella favor for the holiday party. The raffles and favors added an additional enhancement to both events.

Sales at the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe increased during the past year thanks to the volunteers' dedication for stocking, pricing and staffing. Community donations and special promotions helped to increase sales. The volunteers also staffed a table at the annual Fall Food Truck Festival in September, which brought in additional revenue and visibility of the Committee's activities.

Committee member Carla Fruhauf stepped down from her position in July. Carla's service was greatly appreciated.



The Gift Shoppe Girls helped out during the Food Truck Festival 2022.



Senior Citizens Services Committee received the Township Board resolution recognizing May as Older Americans Month.

Senior Citizens Services Committee

Larry Bretz, Chairperson

Peggy Bucaro, Vice Chairperson

Thomas Lathara, Secretary

Lynn Nelles, Treasurer

Naomi Walters-Lenoci

Walter Gramiak

Peggy Deyne

Trustee Craig Essick, Town Board Liaison

Mental Health Board

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

Fiscal year 2023 was an exciting year for the Hanover Township Mental Health Board. It provided \$1,000,000 in Annual Funding to 29 separate agencies that offer mental health, substance use and developmental disability services to Township residents. This funding resulted in over 10,400 residents receiving services they would not have been able to access otherwise. This means that just under 10% of Hanover Township utilizes Mental Health Board funding to access mental health, substance use, or developmental disability services.

While annual funding is important, the Board is also charged with working with others to ensure the most efficient delivery of mental health, substance use and developmental disability services. This year, the Mental Health Board conducted ten site visits to various agencies that receive funding to discuss barriers to treatment and ways to collaborate. These visits resulted in increased staff development and funds for capital needs. The Mental Health Board also hosted the Human Services Coordinating Council, a group made up of many of human service providers in Hanover Township. Just like many other industries, the human services industry is experiencing a serious workforce shortage. Many agencies in the area have identified longer wait lists for services due to a lack of staff. The Mental Health Board has worked to connect these agencies with Judson University's Human Services Department to connect recent graduates of all levels with local agencies.

The Mental Health Board collaborates with a local taxi business to provide rides to adults with disabilities to their workplace. This is a valuable service, as it is door to door, and relieves caregivers of driving. This year, the TIDE Program, as it is known, increased the number of rides by 70%. People with disabilities who live in the Township are finding employment and keeping those jobs. People with developmental disability tend to be happier when socially engaged. The TIDE Program allows social engagement, autonomy and a paycheck.

Hanover Township Mental Health Board also works with providers to fill some of their individual needs. The Mental Health Board has provided over \$66,000 in capital funds to local agencies in need. This includes an accessible and inclusive playground for the children living at Marklund Wasmond Center and a hearing measurement device for disabled children at Easterseals. The Board has provided nearly \$16,000 in staff development funds for local agencies to ensure their clinicians are properly trained and at the "top of their game." These types of funds are provided to ensure the residents of Hanover Township receive the highest quality of service.

In the past year, the Hanover Township Mental Health Board has participated in some larger conversations. The Board was invited by the Illinois Department of Public Health to advise on the rollout of the Community Emergency Services and Supports Act. The Mental Health Board has also been a part of Senator Villa's Mental Health Advisory Committee and has taken a role in the leadership of the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities of Illinois. It has also worked with several of the newly formed 708 mental health boards in the region as they begin their work.



"Thank you, Amanda, for going above and beyond for older adults!" Mental Health Board Manager Teachout received a recognition certificate presented by the Senior Citizens Services Committee.

As the Mental Health Board works to achieve its mission, to ensure services in the area of mental health, including developmental disabilities, addictions, and substance abuse are available to all residents of Hanover Township, it becomes clear that the need is great. The Mental Health Board will continue to provide leadership for the betterment of the community.

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Kathy Biesiadecki, Chairperson

Kristen Cruthers, Vice Chairperson

Faiza Rahim, Secretary

Mary Jane Garvey

Matthew Steichmann

Michelle Zajac Esquivel

Amanda Teachout, Manager

Trustee Denise Noyola, Town Board Liaison

Hanover Township

Services, Events & Programs

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

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



