



HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Annual Report
2024-2025

Hanover Township

2024-25 Township Board



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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.*

Township Supervisor

Brian P. McGuire

It is my honor and privilege to submit this report for the 175th Annual Town Meeting of Hanover Township. Following the completion and ribbon cutting of the Emergency Services Station, Hanover Township has been working on plans to further develop the 17.5 acres of land on the Tiknis Campus Expansion property. In fiscal year 25 (FY25), the Township was awarded \$600,000 in Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) funds from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. These funds will be used to create a walking path on the property, open space classroom, exercise equipment, gazebo, and many other features. These improvements will create spaces to be utilized for youth and senior programming as well as be enjoyed by the public.

In FY25, the Department of Aging Services' Social Services Division received new funding from AgeOptions to provide two new programs to Township residents: the Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) and the Caregiver Resource Network. The ADRN provides adults 60 and older and adults 18 - 59 with disabilities with resources and assistance in navigating state and federal programs. The Caregiver Resource Network provides services to unpaid caregivers in the Township including counseling, respite, and case management. Hanover Township has been awarded \$612,004 from AgeOptions for these two new programs and the Township's existing nutrition, social services, and transportation programs.

The Township Board established a Community Education Supports Task Force following findings from the Township's Quality of Life Index in FY24. The Task Force was comprised of key education and youth stakeholders from the community and was tasked with researching education and youth needs in Hanover Township. In FY25, Hanover Township's Community Education Supports Task Force issued its findings and recommendations to the Township Board of Trustees.

The Office of Community Health experienced increases in the number of labs, home visits, and residents visiting their clinics in FY25. 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 our 17th Annual "Just for the Health of It" Expo occurring in September of last year. Township Nurses also continued their educational outreach in U-46 schools by offering handwashing presentations and "health talks" with discussions focused on hygiene and puberty, as well as healthy choices and behaviors with students.

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 needed for the continued influx of asylum seekers entering the community. Visits to the pantry increased by nearly 10% in FY25. The department's strong relationships with area grocery stores and cafés remain a critical avenue of support in stocking the pantry shelves. Residents still have the option of shopping for pantry supplies online and utilizing curbside pickup. Home delivery of pantry orders is also available for homebound residents. Entering their fourth 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 trips continues to grow.

The Department of Youth and Family Services continued to provide their in-school Open Gym Program in FY25. The Open Gym Program provides free social, recreational, and educational activities based on a positive youth development model at five different school sites per week during the school year and during winter, spring, and summer breaks.

The department's prevention staff wrapped up its third year of operations at the Izaak Walton Youth Center. In addition to serving as an Open Gym site, the facility continues to offer drop-in teen hours providing a safe place for teen activities while giving youth opportunities to meet and interact with each other in a safe place. The annual holiday events such as Hoppin' for Hanover, Hanover Haunts, Cookies and Cocoa with Santa, and the National Night Out and End of Summer BBQ continue to be popular events for Township families.

As FY25 ended, the department saw a change in leadership with Director Tina Houdek retiring after 11.5 years of service with the Township. Hanover Township thanks Tina for her many years of service and the excellent work done by the department under her supervision. The Township is excited to welcome Erin Brumfield Grima as the new Director of Youth and Family Services.

In February, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved a resolution to dissolve the Hanover Township Committee on Youth. For many years, the committee dutifully advised the Board of issues affecting youth, and offering programs and events to educate the community on services and available assistance. In fulfilling their mission, the Board is extremely grateful for the volunteer service of current and all former committee members who served the Township.

The Department of Aging Services' Stars-N-Stripes Café provided over 50,000 meals to café diners and residents who received home delivered meals in FY25. The Home Delivered Meals (HDM) program also experienced significant demand, with the department continuing daily delivery to eight routes, and offering a weekly hot vegetarian meal choice. The Nutrition Division hosts a bimonthly advisory group to hear feedback on all the café's meals and services.

In addition to providing transportation to seniors and adults with disabilities in the Township, the Transportation Division provided shuttle service for several Township events throughout FY25, provided transportation for senior and veteran day trips, and provided regular transportation to residents living at the permanent supportive housing located in the Township, Hanover Landing.

The Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance (F&RM) 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. In FY25, F&RM staff worked with the Department of Aging Services to remodel the Senior Center lower-level conference room to build a new office space for Social Services' new Caregiver Resource Center. This new office creates a private workspace for the Caregiver Resource Specialist to meet with the program's clients.

The department is also leading the process of planning for the Rohrssen Road Bridge replacement. Located just north of 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 of 2022 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 worked closely with the county to secure \$640,000 in funding that will begin the Phase 1 Engineering in FY26.

The Office of Community Affairs coordinated the Township's second Summer Concert Series, "Music in the Reserve", at the Izaak Walton Reserve in Elgin. This allowed many new residents and families to enjoy the outdoor space and new amphitheater. The department also worked closely with other Township departments and staff to record an informational video that highlights the services available at Hanover Township. This video is on display in all the Township's public waiting spaces along with Township notices and information. The office continues to serve as the point of contact for all local government partners, county, state, and federal officials. Director Tom Kuttentberg continues to lead the statewide association of Township Communication Professionals.

The Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) Unit experienced significant increases in total volunteer hours, emergency call outs, and total details in FY25. The unit saw a record number of fires this year, responding to 147 fires in FY25. The unit's decontamination service remained popular on fire scenes as well as its drone and search and rescue team. 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 unincorporated public safety patrols on the weekends and during the week as warranted. In closing out FY25, the unit is close to boasting 44 individuals on its roster of volunteer officers.

The Township's Department of Administrative Services once again was recognized with the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, the Distinguished Budget Presentation



Supervisor McGuire with Township Trustee Gino Martinez and Village of Streamwood Trustee Nazneen Hasmi at the Township's first annual Kite Festival.

Award, and for the first time, the Popular Annual Financial Report award, making Hanover Township a GFOA Triple Crown winner. The Department's Resident Services office continues to experience high traffic for passports, vehicle stickers, hunting and fishing licenses, and handicap placards.



The Mental Health Board allocated over \$1 million in funding in FY25 to support local non-profit organizations and agencies serving Township residents in the areas of substance abuse, developmental disabilities, and mental health. The board supports five vouchers for Hanover Landing, ensuring that existing residents have a path for residency in the new facility. Hanover Township and the Mental Health Board also extend their gratitude to long-term Mental Health Board Chair and Member of the Mental Health Board, Kathy Biesiadecki. Kathy started with the Mental Health Board in 2013 and her work and dedication to the Township have been integral to the board's success.

This year, three of Hanover Township's very own were honored in Springfield at the Township Officials of Illinois conference in November. Township Trustee Alisa "Lee" Beattie received the Township Friend of Youth Award, Committee on Youth Chair Jordan Wildermuth was recognized with the Volunteer Award, both presented by the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth, and Aging Social Services Manager Diana Gomez received the Senior Staff Member of the Year, presented by the Illinois Township Senior Services Association.

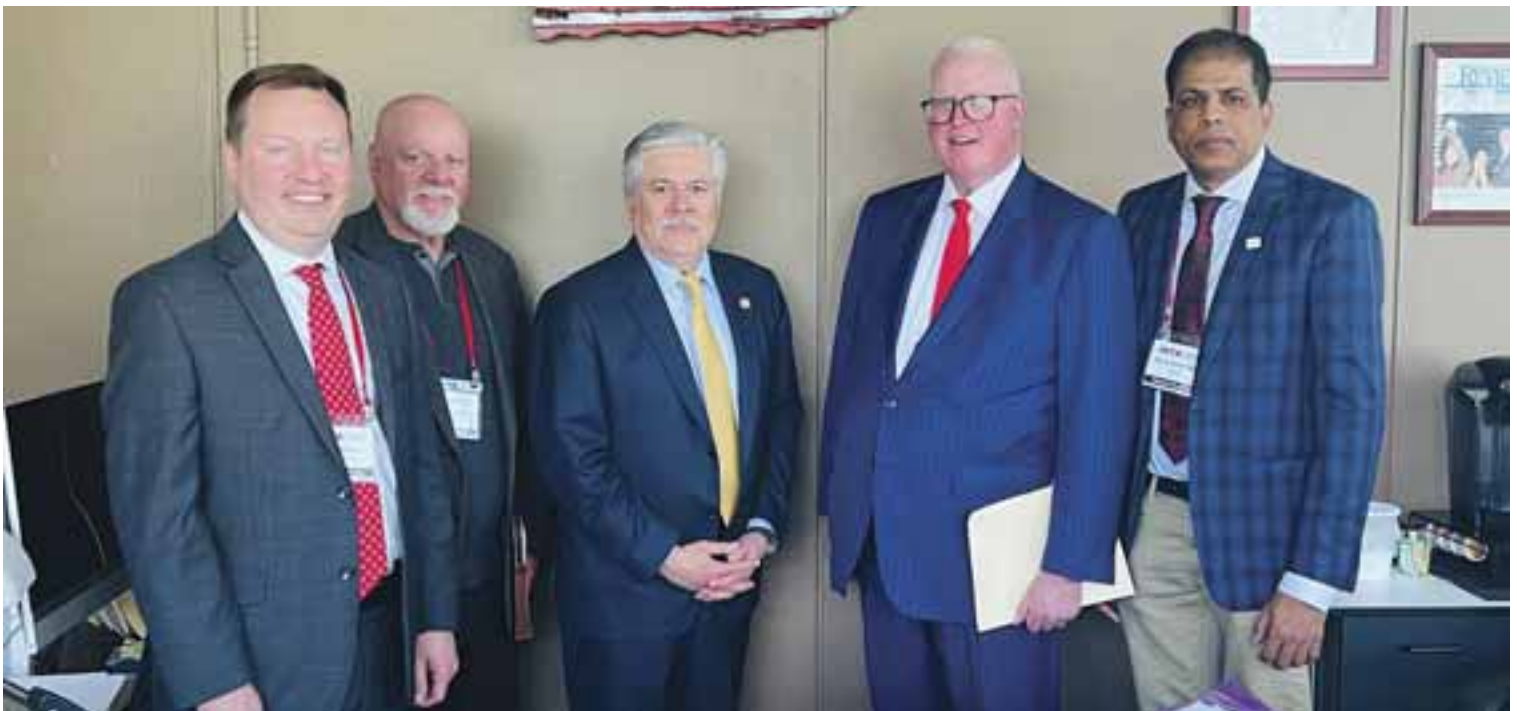
Residents should know that a group of dedicated elected officials, Township staff, and volunteers serve them daily. Their combined efforts make Hanover Township the best in the State of Illinois. Please take the time to read this annual report to learn more about the programs, services, and accomplishments in FY25.

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 with officials and staff following a meeting with Rep. Fred Crespo in Springfield.



Where great service happens!

Office of the Clerk

Katy Dolan Baumer

It has been my pleasure to serve with this dynamic and innovative Township Board, staff and volunteers in FY25! Their strong belief and passion for service to our community resonates in every action, with every service and at every event.

This year I served at the state level as president of the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division finishing out the two year term. I had the opportunity to share best practices that we have at Hanover Township with hundreds of clerks, statewide. Here in Cook County I served as president of Township Officials of Cook County, ending my two year term this coming June. There, we had the chance to effect change by better engagement with our legislators and the appointment of a legislative chairman from our membership. As vice president of the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association I was active in providing education, including hosting the new Cook County Clerk Monica Gordon who came to give the Clerks instruction on the April election. In FY2026, I will serve again as president of the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association for the second term, and as secretary of the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division — a busy schedule, but very gratifying to help my fellow clerks grow in their positions.

A resident recently asked me what is entailed in record keeping at the Township level. It was good to describe to one of my neighbors what it is all about - the story that those records tell, how we manage them, and the security of the written word that we pass down, in fact, in the case of the Hanover Township, for 174 years! Please stop by the Township to pick up your copy of the “Our Town” booklet that shares that history.

I look forward to FY26 with enthusiasm and desire to help you be glad that you live in Hanover Township!

Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerk



Whether it is attendance at a Board meeting, helping a resident out with a meal delivery, hosting a workshop or Breakfast with the Board, you can rely on your Township Board, staff and volunteers to support you with services, ideas, fun, and opportunity!



Where great service happens!

174th Annual Town Meeting

Clerk Dolan Baumer called the 174th Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. She then asked the Emergency Services color guard to present the flag and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

A nomination was made by Mr. Khaja Moinuddin of Hoffman Estates and seconded by Mrs. Heidi McGuire of Bartlett to nominate Mrs. Mary Jo Imperato also of Bartlett to the position of Moderator. On the call for a vote, Mrs. Imperato was unanimously elected. Clerk Dolan Baumer administered the Oath of Office of Moderator and turned the meeting over to Moderator Imperato.

Mr. Brian McGuire of Bartlett made a motion to approve the 174th Annual Town Meeting agenda, the motion was seconded by Ms Rayann Schiola of Elgin. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the agenda. Moderator Imperato asked for any comments from the public. Hearing none, Moderator Imperato closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

Mrs. Alise Beattie of Bartlett moved that the minutes of the 173rd Annual Town Meeting be approved as presented; second by Ms Denise Noyola of Streamwood. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Clerk Dolan Baumer presented the 2024 Annual Financial Statements for Hanover Township for review and approval. Motion by Mr. Eugene Martinez of Streamwood and second by Mr. Craig Essick of Elgin to accept the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statements for 2024. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Martinez presented the Certification of Accounts as follows: "The Board of Trustees has checked all payments and vouchers against the Township as to the available funds, the Budget and Levy Ordinances and the validity of claim. The Board has received the Supervisor's Annual Report and finds the ledgers and accounts to be in order and be available for the annual audit to be performed by a private auditing agency." Mr. Martinez moved, and Mr. Moinuddin seconded the motion that the certificate be accepted as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Department Reports were available in the form of the Township Annual Report at the door for all present and will be available online and in the Clerk's office from this date forward. A list of surplus Township property for disposition was submitted before the Township. A motion to accept the list as presented and allow disposition of the property was made by Mrs. McGuire and seconded by Mr. Essick. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motion by Mr. Essick to approve resolution #040924ATM to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell and lease property; second by Mrs. Noyola. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. A motion by Mr. Martinez to set the hour of special town meetings for fiscal year 2025 to be 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Mr. Moinuddin. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Motion by Mrs. Beattie and seconded by Mrs. McGuire to set the hour of the 175th Annual Town Meeting in FY25 for 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McGuire and second by Mrs. McGuire to pay \$250.00 to Moderator Imperato for her fine service. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Moderator Imperato thanked the residents and then asked that the payment be made as a donation to the Hanover Township Foundation.

Mr. Essick moved and Moinuddin seconded the motion to adjourn this 174th Annual Town Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**Did you know that once you request a Mail-in Ballot Application, you need never request another, as you will be put on the list and the County will mail one prior to each election?
Register to Vote or Change your Address: elections.il.gov**

Office of the Assessor

Khaja Moinuddin

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

In FY25, the Hanover Township Assessor's Office continued its commitment to providing excellent services to the taxpayers. Whether it came to filing exemptions or assisting with assessment appeals, staff's dedication to accuracy, fairness, and transparency exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence. They have truly embodied what it means to be a taxpayer advocate.

In addition to providing property tax services in the office, the Assessor's Office also partnered with Cook County Forest Preserve and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison's office to hold the first-ever Kite Fest. On May 18, over 500 people gathered at the Barrington Road Pond Forest Preserve to fly kites and enjoy the event.

The Office is excited to once again welcome taxpayers into the office for an engaged level of service. In-office staff can assist residents in filing for exemptions and appeals, researching property information, notary services, and more. The staff are fully committed to serving as taxpayer advocates for all residents in Hanover Township.

Throughout this past year, the Assessor's team has collaborated with the Cook County Assessor's Office to organize an exemption seminar in March, as well as an appeals seminar in October. Additionally, the Cook County Board of Review was welcomed by the Assessor to present an appeals seminar in early 2025. The Assessor appreciates the support of County Commissioner Morrison, who co-hosted each of these events.

The department welcomed Chief Deputy Assessor Mary Ortiz into the role in December and Assessing Specialist Faiza Rahim in March. A special thanks to former Deputy Assessor Peggy Deyne for coming out of retirement to help, part-time, at the end of FY25.

The Hanover Township Assessor's Office looks forward to providing services to the community in FY26 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Khaja Moinuddin, P.E., CIAO

Assessor



Cook County Board of Review hosted a free Property Tax Assessment Appeal Workshop in January 2025 with 90 taxpayers in attendance

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, resident services, and disability services.

The Department of Administrative Services continued to assist residents through the Resident Services office, which provides passport application assistance and acceptance, State of Illinois license plate sticker renewals, temporary handicap placards, and hunting and fishing licenses. This year, over 5,000 passport applications were accepted, bringing an estimated total revenue of more than \$215,000. Administrative Services continues to cross-train new staff in the Assessor's Office on Resident Services duties. Cross training minimizes the possibility of service disruptions for any reason. Two members of Administrative Services have been cross-trained to provide service in the Assessor's Office and in FY25, were both designated as Certified Illinois Assessment Officers (CIAO).

Administrative Services also includes a Supportive Housing Services Coordinator who assists Township residents at Hanover Landing, a permanent supportive housing facility in Elgin. Hanover Township partners with local service providers to offer services on-site at Hanover Landing. All tenants are eligible to receive comprehensive on-site services through Hanover Township, as well as through Ecker Center for Behavioral Health, the on-site service provider. Julie Kapadoukakis joined the Hanover Landing team as the Supportive Housing Services Coordinator in December and is on-site four days a week. The goal for the Township's involvement at Hanover Landing continues to be to connect Hanover Landing residents with the services they need to thrive in an independent living environment. Recurring group activities, tenant meetings, and trips to the grocery store and Food Pantry were established this year increasing overall tenant engagement.

The Township also continued the expansion of the William Tiknis Campus and applied for and was awarded \$600,000 in Open Space Land Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) funding for the William Tiknis Campus Reserve project from the State of Illinois' Department of Natural Resources. Hanover Township contracted with Hitchcock Design Group to plan this project. The William Tiknis Campus Open Space Reserve project will include a walking path, gazebo, fitness area, boardwalk, and outdoor classroom for public use. Also included is a remodel of one of the existing buildings on the Tiknis Campus expansion property into the Facilities and Road Maintenance headquarters, which will be completed in FY26. This project will include the renovation of an existing structure on the property to be used as storage for the department of Human Services.



In addition to ongoing responsibilities and new projects, the Administrative Services completed several goals, including creating a master plan for improvements to the Township's Tiknis Campus expansion property reserve, identification of potential Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development (OSLAD) grant opportunities, and applications for funding.

Administrative Services coordinated with the Township's IT provider, ProxIT, to develop a workgroup to create an information technology strategic plan for the Township; the IT workgroup has held meetings to discuss and review current IT practices and areas for improvement to create an IT strategic plan. In addition, Administrative Services worked with Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies to review and develop the new Township strategic plan.

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

Suzy Callahan, SHRM-CP, Interim Director of Administrative Services

Aging Services

Enriching Lives, Fostering Friendships, Promoting Independence

The Department of Aging Services continues to set the standard for high quality services and programs for older adults in the community. This year Hanover Township received additional funding from AgeOptions, the area agency on aging, which has led to a significant increase in the number of services offered within the department, as well as the number of older adults served. In total, the department received \$612,004 to continue providing congregate and home delivered meals, social services, transportation, and to begin offering two additional new services through the Aging and Disability Resource Network and establishing a new Caregiver Resource Center. This was an exciting opportunity for the department to expand services to provide important supportive services to older adults.

Social Services grew tremendously in FY25 as a result of additional funds received from AgeOptions. Starting in October, Hanover Township became the provider for the Aging and Disability Resource Network to Township residents. Through the Aging and Disability Resource Network (ADRN) older adults over the age of 60 receive assistance with state and government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP, and Benefit Access. Adults with disabilities ages 18-59 receive quality referrals and resources. Breda Wisniewski joined the team in June as Intake Assistant to provide coverage to the Social Services reception desk and support the ADRN administrative needs. Also in October, the Township became the provider for the Caregiver Resource Center which provides an array of services to unpaid caregivers, often a family member, such as respite, counseling, case management, and evidence-based training. Katherine Ackley joined the team in November as the Caregiver Resource Specialist. In the next fiscal year, staff plan to expand the services, offer new programs, and enhance the outreach of the Caregiver Resource Center.

The Home Care Program continues to grow and enhance its services. In July, the program went through its first on-site Illinois Department of Public Health survey. The survey resulted in the successful renewal of the home care licensure. The program has been at capacity with clients on a waitlist for much of the year. The Friendly Visitor Program added a service to include Friendly Callers. The program currently has two volunteers that check-in via phone with isolated older adults. There were also significant staff changes in FY25. Phoebe Ugalde was hired as Home Care Coordinator in January. Juna Talbot was hired as Home Care Assistant in June.

Social Services continues to provide senior mental health counseling. Trish Abbey, Senior Therapist, LCSW, meets one on one with clients and offers a monthly grief support group. Aside from the grief support group, Social Services also offers the Caregiver Support group, coordinated by Katherine Ackley, Caregiver Resource Specialist; a Memory Support group, coordinated by Melissa Endean, Social Services Specialist; and a Memory Café group, coordinated by Thalia Robles, Social Services Specialist. The MonAmi case management software system was successfully implemented in April. Staff have been utilizing the software system for case noting and reporting, which has improved efficiency and accuracy.

Nutrition Services continues to serve a record number of meals each year. In FY25, the Stars and Stripes Café provided over 20,000 meals and over 30,000 home delivered meals. As the division has continued to grow over the last 11 years, and the need to purchase and store food has increased, the Township installed a new walk-in freezer in the kitchen this year. This has dramatically increased the kitchen's capacity to store food for both Café and Home Delivered meals. The Home Delivered Meal program delivers meals through eight different routes and continues to rely on volunteers for daily deliveries.

Nutrition Manager Marilyn Perri resumed hosting a bimonthly advisory group to provide feedback on the Café's service and quality, while sharing information on nutrition guidelines and procedures. Of particular note was the addition of three new Nutrition staff that joined the department this year. Jane Aman was hired as the Food Services Coordinator in November. The Nutrition Assistant positions had turnover throughout the year, with new staff members Janay Barney joining the team in August and Debbie Panico in February.



Diana Gomez, Social Services Manager, and Volunteer and Program Coordinator Devora Murillo, coordinated a lunch bunch at Moretti's Bartlett for the Latino Group in May.

The Senior Center participated in the annual Streamwood Summer Celebration parade this summer winning Most Creative Float for the second year in a row!



This year, the Transportation Division continued to provide shuttle services for many Township events including the Sprint to Spring 5K and the Fall Food Truck Festival, as well as for the Veterans group field trips four times per year. The department purchased a 2025 Ford E-450 14-passenger bus as part of the Township's vehicle replacement program. The bus has a handicapped lift, which is necessary for the increasing number of wheelchairs the Township buses transport. Transportation staff have worked closely over the last year with the Hanover Landing Supportive Housing Services Coordinator to provide transportation services to tenants in the building. Transport for Hanover Landing residents included trips to the polls on Election Day, biweekly trips to the grocery store, visits to the Food Pantry, and rides to and from the Hanover Township Job Fair. This year, two members of the team retired: Part-Time Bus Driver Renee Stein retired in September after driving for the Township for four years, and Dispatcher Juanita Espinosa retired in February after being with the Township since 2010. Following Juanita's retirement, Myra Wilkins was promoted to Dispatcher. Myra has been a bus driver since 2019 and has also acted as the back-up Dispatcher for the last three years. Transportation Services hired a new Bus Driver, Daniel Pacheco, in April. Recruitment of a new full-time and part-time bus driver to fill the vacancies left through staff retirements is ongoing.

Enrichment Programming continues to plan new and innovative programs, events, and trips. Visual Arts Instructors Linda Kay and Mimi

Krall worked together to coordinate art field trips for participants to explore different sculpture gardens and museums that will tie into an upcoming art project. Volunteer Club Leader Steve Tucky continues to provide Diamond Art Painting. Starting with five participants, the club has quickly grown to one of the most popular with over 45 participants. A March art exhibit featuring the diamond dot art painters showcased the various projects they created.

Extended Travel continues to offer exciting travel opportunities through the Senior Center. Destinations for extended travel including Greece, Portugal, New England, and Myrtle Beach were particularly popular. The division also offered another regional travel opportunity this year with a trip to Shippshewana, Indiana. The participants were thrilled to have the opportunity to travel regionally with the Senior Center and a new trip to Springfield, at the request of the Senior Center travelers, is being coordinated for next year.

Popular day trips in the past year included destinations such as the Lyric Opera House, The Fireside Theater, Tours of Chicago, and two immersive exhibits of The Titanic and Downton Abbey. There were also several trips to sporting events including the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Cubs, Chicago Blackhawks, and Schaumburg Boomers games. A wide range of Lunch Bunch restaurants, day trip destinations, and in-house speakers and entertainers were presented throughout the past year.

Staff continued to coordinate special pop-up events throughout the year which have been extremely well received and allowed staff the opportunity to engage with participants and to share information about activities offered at the Senior Center. Special pop-ups this year included National Margarita Day, Pina Colada Day, National Hot Cocoa Day, Hawaiian Lei Day, and Grandparents Day, where participants brought in photos of themselves and their grandchildren to share and have on display for a month at the front desk of the Senior Center.

The Department of Aging Services continues to be well supported by over 200 volunteers who contribute to the Senior Center in various capacities. Without the dedication of these individuals the department could not offer the variety of programs and services it does today.

Lastly, the Department of Aging Services is currently recruiting for a new Director of Aging Services. Department staff continue to work together to ensure the older adults in the community have access to services and programs that will help them continue to thrive independently and are looking forward to another year serving the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Vana, Interim Director

Hanover Township in Your Neighborhood



William Tiknis Campus
Administration, Assessor, Clerk
Downey Hall, Resident Services
Youth and Family Services
Community Relations
Mental Health Board
250 S. State Route 59, Bartlett 60103
(630) 837-0301



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



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



Emergency Services

Bartlett Volunteer Fire Assn. Fire Barn
218 Main Street, Bartlett 60103
(630) 483-5600

Township Garage

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



Emergency Services Station

300 S. IL Route 59, Bartlett 60103
(630) 837-0301



Hanover Landing

711 E. Chicago
Street, Elgin 60120

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

Robinhood
1169 Robinhood Drive, Elgin



Community Affairs

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

The Office of Community Affairs, actively strives to communicate accurate and timely information regarding all services and events offered by Hanover Township. The annual Supervisor's Community Service Awards kicked off FY25 with Supervisor McGuire recognizing individuals, organizations and businesses who make a difference within Hanover Township through their time, dedication and service. Michael Dexter was presented with the 2024 Mel Runzel Award. This recognition was created in 2013 to honor Mel, a former Township Trustee and Welfare Services Director, for her immeasurable efforts and dedication in the community. In May, the department assisted the Assessor's Office with the Township's inaugural "Kite Fest," an event coinciding with Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The great weather attracted many people, both novice and expert, all attempting to keep their kites flying high at the Barrington Road Pond Forest Preserve. The event partners included Forest Preserve District of Cook County, Commissioner Kevin B. Morrison, and Brookfield Zoo Chicago. The free event



offered kite crafts, kite flying, nature activities, a bounce house, popcorn, and snow cones. The department looks forward to assisting the Assessor's Office at next year's event. Director Kuttenberg joined Supervisor McGuire, Trustee Essick, Assessor Moinuddin, and Township Administrator Barr, in Springfield during the Metropolitan Township Association's Capitol Day to meet with legislators to provide updates on township services and discuss the availability of state funding for capital projects and programs.

In July, Hanover Township added the Spaulding Schoolhouse to the Heritage Marker program which is coordinated by the department. Located on the intersection of Rose Lane and Spaulding Road in Bartlett, this marker commemorates one of the Township's earliest one-room schoolhouses that was established in the mid 1840's on land that is now part of the Villa Olivia Golf Course. This was the twelfth space dedicated into the program. Also in July the Township hosted a Mobile DMV event in partnership with Maura Hirschauer,

Illinois House District 49 Representative and Karina Villa, Illinois State Senator of the 25th District. Services available included driver's licenses, state ID cards, and other services.

The Township continued the "Music in the Reserve" concert series in the summer in the outdoor amphitheater located at the Izaak Walton Reserve and featured fan favorites Ginger Road, Rosie and the Rivets, and newcomers, Fuze Band. Attendees enjoyed live music with many residents walking from their homes in the surrounding community. The series will return in 2025 with larger crowds anticipated. Once again, Community Affairs coordinated the Township's annual Fall Food Truck Festival in September where ten trucks were onsite offering a wide array of foods and desserts. Attendees enjoyed live music throughout the night from local favorite Austin Hopkins, known for Country Twang, and Modern Pop, and followed by Chicago area fest-favorite band, GooRoos. Attendees enjoyed free carnival games and had the opportunity to visit Township booths promoting programs, services and events. This event has become one of the premier annual festivals in Bartlett and throughout the Township community – not to miss!

The department coordinated and participated in several Township tours, including visits from Dr. Sameer Vohr of the Illinois Department of Public Health, State Representative Maura Hirschauer, and Streamwood Trustee Jovandi Bermudez. The visits allowed for the Township to provide an in-depth briefing on its programs and services. The department continued to work closely with the Township Board of Trustees, the Township Officials of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Township Association to monitor legislation in Springfield and to work with state, county, and federal offices in advocating for grants for the Township.

FY25 was an exciting year of results and new and expanded events for Hanover Township. The Office of Community Affairs looks forward to working with staff, elected officials, and our community partners in FY26 to further improve our outreach and results to benefit the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kuttenberg, Director

Utilizing Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram, Community Affairs effectively communicates and interacts with the Township community daily.

- Facebook – the department oversees four Facebook pages for the Township, with the primary page obtaining 6,550 followers, representing a 10% increase compared to FY24.
- Instagram – the Hanover Township Instagram surpassed 1,200 followers in, and reaches 3,152 users, on average, each month.

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.

This past year has been a transformative one for the office of Community Health. With the dedicated support of department employees, community partners, and local organizations, it has made significant strides in continuing the mission to promote health and well-being for residents in the community. Collaboration with key community partners has remained a core approach in the delivery and access to affordable healthcare services. The department celebrated over ten years of partnership with local dental provider, Familia Dental, in providing low-cost dental services for uninsured residents. Community Health held its 17th annual Just for the Health of It community wellness expo, with nearly 70 participating community organizations and hundreds of residents in attendance. The annual Sprint 2 Spring 5K continues to promote healthy and active lifestyles, with over 200 runners and walkers every year, it also serves as the department's fundraiser for the Hanover Township Foundation.



The Township's nurses partnered with Senator Castro and Ascension Health to provide free heart health screenings for American Heart Month. The department welcomed Pinnacle Dermatology to offer free skin cancer screenings to residents and hosted six blood drives in partnership with the American Red Cross, collecting over 150 lifesaving units of blood.

Patient education efforts

were multifaceted and implemented by providing individual counseling, community presentations, and group-based programs. Notably, the Township nurses collaborated with U-46 elementary schools, Ontarioville, Sunnysdale, and Ridge Circle to provide puberty and hand hygiene education for over 400 students. The nurses also provided education on chronic disease management, preventative health, and nutritional education. These initiatives were aimed not only at enhancing health literacy but also at promoting healthier lifestyle choices across all age groups. A strong emphasis was placed on fall prevention education, acknowledging the impact falls can have on the health of older adults, and provided evidence-based practice programs that focused on fall prevention strategies, as well as balance, strength, and flexibility exercises.



Recognizing that some residents face barriers to accessing traditional healthcare services, Community Health has continued to prioritize the provision of home visits for homebound residents and over the past year, the Township's nurses visited individuals who were homebound, elderly, or otherwise unable to travel for essential healthcare services, such as injections, mobile laboratory services, and nursing evaluations in addition to health education and receiving assistance in managing chronic conditions.

This year Nurse James Kramer and Assistant Sarah Tyrrell left Hanover Township. In January, we welcomed a new Community Health Nurse, Jaclyn Nichols. The department looks forward to continuing its mission to improve the health of the community with Jaclyn's commitment to patient-centered care and fresh perspectives. The department will also be aiming to increase its community impact in response to a growing demand for educational programs and services. Expanding outreach efforts with schools, workplaces, local organizations as well as mobile health initiatives, and community health events will further empower residents to take proactive approaches to improve their health.

This recap highlights the department's commitment to promoting health education, preventing the spread of diseases, and increasing access to quality health services and sets the stage for another year of continued growth and progress. In the year ahead, the department will be enhancing efforts to combat diabetes through initiatives to expand screenings, increase education and outreach, and partner with referral sources to improve access to essential health services for at-risk individuals.

Additionally, the department plans to implement a new electronic health record software to increase patient engagement and reach. The Office of Community Health looks forward to another year of growth, impact, and service to residents of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,

Kirsten Smith RN, BSN, Director



Emergency Services

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

The capabilities of Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) are significant and include lighting for fire and other emergency scenes, traffic management on scenes for vehicle accidents, fires and police investigations, basement flooding pump outs, debris management and damage assessment after a passing storm, severe weather presentations, severe weather spotting, safety patrols for township unincorporated areas, drone aerial operations, firefighter air cylinder refill, large diameter hose rolling, gross decontamination, and search and rescue.

HTES has settled into the new station, completed in FY25, on the south end of the Tiknis Campus. Operationally, the unit immediately began to enjoy the benefits of a station which includes a bunk area, living space, a working kitchen, training room, communications room, and where all vehicles are under one roof - designed to support a 24-hour operation.

Recruitment efforts are ongoing at the collegiate level. HTES has been the beneficiary of several new members from the Elgin Community College Emergency Services programs, and has proven to be a stepping stone for young people wishing to begin a career in public safety.

Additionally, HTES continues to have a robust presence on Facebook and Instagram pages highlighting many of the response and training activities through the year. This year, HTES partnered with Woven Film Company of Rockford to develop a recruitment video tool showcasing the emergency services program.

The HTES training conference took place at the Hanover Township Senior Center in October and proved to be a great success, offering a wide array of classes in an all-hazards theme.

The Drone Program continued to grow this year with numerous deployments for search and rescues and multi-jurisdictional training. HTES pilots successfully located two missing persons in 2024; both were found healthy and were returned to their families.



The Cook County Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security (EMRS) presented the Hanover Township Emergency Services Department with formal Emergency Agency Certification at the Hanover Township Board of Trustees meeting in September. Certification by EMRS recognizes the department's training program, disaster planning, and emergency response capabilities.

HTES continued the relationships with the 26 partnering agencies through the monthly Mutual Aid Box Alarm System and department leadership staff meetings.

The Unit appreciates the opportunity to serve the great residents of Hanover Township and will always work to improve HTES services.

Mike Crews, Director

HTES members exited 2024 with a record year of calls of service including 142 fire calls, 47 traffic management incidents, 16 search and rescue calls, 77 events, 5 residential pump outs, and 32 other ancillary calls to service. Members collectively recorded over 25,000 hours of volunteer work effort.

Facilities and Road Maintenance

As FY25 drew to a close, the Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance would look back over the past year and see a much different department than this time last year. Over the past year, two new staff members have been hired: one is a replacement for a Facilities Associate who left the Township, and one is an added position as the new Grounds and Maintenance Associate. With the expanding open space of the 18 acres Tiknis Campus expansion property and the 1.5 acre property, formerly the Sherwood Oaks Athletic Association pool and tennis courts, the Grounds and Maintenance Associate is a vital addition to the department staff. The additional staff will allow the department to expand the in-house capabilities as well as to maintain and improve the near 60 acres of Open Space and Reserves. This includes the development of a turf management program, herbicide and fertilizer applications, tree trimming, removal and planting, improved Monarch Waystations throughout all of the Township Reserves, renovation of aging landscaping, and the planning and creation of new landscaping throughout the Township facilities and Reserve system.

All these improvements will also include a \$600,000 OSLAD (Open Space Land Acquisition and Development) grant awarded to the Township in December for significant improvements to the Tiknis Expansion property. These improvements will include paved and natural surface walking paths, discovery dock, mixed use fitness equipment, shelter, and an outdoor classroom. The Township is working with the Village of Bartlett on the approval of the phase II and III development, and the department hopes to complete both the land development and renovations of an existing structure into the Facilities and Road Maintenance Headquarters over the coming year. The department also started the process of planning for the required Rohrssen Road bridge over Poplar Creek replacement over the past year. Working closely with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, engineers for phase I design engineering were selected through a Qualification Based Selection process. The project is expected to take five years to complete, with construction beginning in 2029.

Finally, also completed this year was phase I of the Bridlewood Subdivision Road Resurfacing project. This multi-year project includes concrete curb, gutter, drainage inlet and manhole repairs along with milling and resurfacing of the road surface. Phase 2 is expected to be completed in 2026.

The Facilities and Road Maintenance department is honored to provide outstanding service to the residents and staff of Hanover Township and with the upcoming projects starting this year, the department looks forward to improving both the facilities and roads. For questions or more information on these or any other services provided by the department, please email chanson@hanover-township.org or call (630) 483-5678.

Caleb Hanson, Director



Facilities and Road Maintenance has been working closely with Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways, and has begun the process of planning for the required Rohrssen Road bridge over Poplar Creek replacement. The project is expected to take five years to complete, with construction beginning in 2029.

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 continues seeing record numbers of residents needing services. Unemployment remains steady and with rising grocery costs, food pantry visits have continued to rise. In FY25, the food pantry had an estimated 16,000 visits, an increase of 13%. With the support from the community, Hanover Township continues to meet the needs of these families. Hanover Township Human Services introduced the Home Emergency Response Program in FY25 to all fire departments within the Township. The program is designed for Human Services staff or volunteers to respond to home emergency calls for up to four units to provide shelter and resources for up to three days to displaced victims. The number of residents seeking financial assistance continues to grow, with an increase in residents needing financial assistance in both General Assistance and Emergency Assistance programs as well as a 27% increase in the number of LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) applications processed.

Human Services and State Senator Cristina Castro co-hosted the first Veteran Resource Fair in November with 40 agencies on-site, and over 100 people in attendance; this event will continue to be held annually. As the only township with Veteran Service Officers on staff, this program continues to be well utilized by Veterans. In FY25, more than 500 documents were submitted to the Veterans Administration for consideration, including included applications for compensation, pension, survivor benefits, aid and attendance, and more. Staff continue to train and maintain accreditation status. The monthly Veteran Group continues to grow and they enjoy lunches, networking and movie events, as well as trips to the Veterans Memorial Museum in Rockford, Cantigny, and the Marcus Theatre. As an alternative location to Astor Avenue Community Center in Hanover Park, Veterans residing in Hanover Township are welcome the first Wednesday of every month in Downey Hall, where satellite services are offered. Residents are encouraged to utilize Veteran services or to refer a Veteran in need of assistance to Hanover Township's Human Services Department.

Hanover Township, State Representative Fred Crespo and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison co-hosted the 13th annual Job Fair in March where over 70 employers were on-site assisting job seekers find employment. Many job seekers were offered sustainable employment opportunities.



Last summer, the Astor Avenue Community Center provided the summer lunch program to families for the 13th year. Meals were provided to families at no cost by the Northern Illinois Food Bank so no child would go hungry. Additionally, Hanover Township partnered with the Elgin Partnership for Early Learning and U-46 Early Learners Initiative which provided activities and literacy to the children. In August, Human Services distributed a record number of 2,552 backpacks filled with school supplies to children of families in need. The backpacks were provided by repeated donors Communities that Care and Essendant. Thanks to them and many other community donors, children could go to school on the first day prepared.

Volunteer staff put in countless hours at the Astor Avenue Community Center, stocking and operating the food pantry, processing energy applications, providing employment support, working special events, programs, and more. Thank you to all the Human Services volunteer staff including Judy Porto, 2024 Auxiliary Staff of the Year and Donna Petrusa, 2024 Rookie of the Year, recognized in May during the Annual Human Services Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for their dedication, hard work, and the countless hours to ensure resident needs are met.

Human Services staff Mary Jo Imperato, Director, Ryan Dickinson, Director Designee, and Lori Orozco, Human Services Coordinator, are committed to serving the residents of Hanover Township.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Imperato, Director



The 2024 holiday programs provided gifts to 795 families who registered and gifts were distributed to 1,850 children and 1,145 meal boxes were distributed. Thank you to St. John the Evangelist of Streamwood Confirmation Class and Streamwood High School Students for packing and distributing gifts to families. It is only through the support of our many generous sponsors from the community including, Immanuel United Church of Christ in Streamwood, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Streamwood, Knights of Columbus, Mary's Millennium Council 12801, Streamwood Woman's Club, Bartlett Rotary Club, Streamwood Kiwanis, as well as residents, schools, businesses, local municipalities and organizations, that we are able to meet the needs of our residents.

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 to focus on the Township's Strategic Plan goal of evaluating and prioritizing Youth and Family Services programming. The strong partnership with School District U-46 resulted in dynamic programming at community schools. One such program is Open Gym, which is offered at no charge and located at five different school sites. Open Gym provides social, recreational, and educational activities rooted in the positive youth development model. Programming runs throughout the school year and during winter, spring, and summer breaks.

The department further partnered with School District U-46 to provide Social Academic Intervention Groups (SAIG) in elementary schools. SAIG focuses on bringing clinical staff to youth at school to address social/emotional needs. Clinical staff run the groups and collaborate with the school to determine the focus for each group. This year, groups provided support for conflict resolution, problem-solving, and healthy choices.

Youth and Family's community connection is strengthened through the Izaak Walton Youth Center where Open Gym runs every weekday and teens enjoy drop-in hours. The Izaak Walton Youth Center is located on the banks of Poplar Creek and provides a



safe, community-based, and youth-focused space set in a beautiful natural landscape. The Center also hosted four family friendly events. The department invites the community to come and enjoy seasonal activities focused on fun and family, such as Hoppin' 4 Hanover in April, National Night Out and End of Summer BBQ in August, Hanover Haunts in October, and Cookies 'n Cocoa with Santa in December. Staff and youth volunteers provide fun games and activities while connecting to the Township community.

Operation Snowball returned this year after a brief hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It fosters strong youth and adult partnerships, harnessing the energy and influence of youth to create an atmosphere of positive peer support. By recognizing youth as an integral part of the solution, Operation Snowball helps cultivate an environment that supports social-emotional learning. Through this, youth develop the attitudes, beliefs, behaviors, and cognitive skills needed to grow into healthy, competent adults. The program also incorporates Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Strategic Prevention Framework, ensuring the development of a robust infrastructure that supports a community-based, public health approach to youth development and well-being.

The partnership with the Streamwood Park District included basketball, volleyball, and soccer which were offered to the youth who might not otherwise have been able to participate in sports programming due to cost or skills. Youth can register to participate free of charge and enjoy being part of a team, increasing skills, building friendships, and increasing healthy movement.

The Outpatient Family Therapy program family therapists empower youth and their families to make informed, positive decisions that not only benefit themselves, but also strengthen the broader community. Led by the new Clinical Manager, Alexis Trocki, LCSW, the team fosters a collaborative approach within local schools and plays a pivotal role in guiding youth toward making informed, constructive decisions that support their growth and well-being. Building on recommendations of the 2022 Summit on Youth Violence, the department has expanded therapy services to emerging adults (those between the ages of 18 to 26). This expansion meets the critical need identified for accessible services for emerging adults. The Youth and Family

Services Department launched the Attendance Support Pilot Program in partnership with School District U-46 to support an elementary school in the Township with high rates of truancy out of recommendations developed by the Community Education Support Task Force. Following concerning findings in Hanover Township’s Quality of Life Index, Hanover Township established the Community Education Support Task Force with several key community members and completed research to address the Index’s findings.

The department continues to provide leadership to the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth and the Alignment Collaborative for Education Operating Board.

FY 2025 brought a change in leadership for the Youth and Family Services Department. In February, the department celebrated the retirement of Director Tina Houdek, LCPC. Tina served the Township, first as Clinical Manager, and then for the past five years as the Director. The new Director, Erin Brumfield Grima, Ed. D., LCPC joined the department with many years of community mental health and prevention experience. Erin looks forward to continuing the success of the department in the next fiscal year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin Brumfield Grima, Ed. D., LCPC, Director

Committee on Youth

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

In FY25, the Committee on Youth, along with Youth and Family Services, once again welcomed and honored new principals in the community to celebrate their leadership in serving youth. The Committee recognized, honored, and celebrated leadership in young leaders and adult leaders dedicated to supporting youth at the Annual Celebration of Leadership reception, as well. The awards went to Natalie Robledo of Heritage Elementary for the Rising Star Award, Jurely Nunez-Estrada from Tefft Middle for the Junior Leader Award, and Kaleigh Allender from Streamwood High for the High School Leader Award. Jennifer Collins, an educator from Parkwood Elementary, received the Community Adult Leader Award and Catherine Fletcher, from Heritage Elementary, was named the Principal of the Year.

Committee on Youth

Jordan Wildermuth, Chairperson

Savannah Widmann,
Co-chairperson

Dr. Ariel Correa, Secretary

Nazneen Hashmi

William Henderson

Mahitha Ratakonda

Robert Wojtowicz

Trustee Alisa “Lee” Beattie,
Town Board Liaison

The Committee recommended the use of a bus to assist in transportation to Township programs. This recommendation came from the Summit on Youth Violence Final Report from 2023. Additionally, the committee moved forward with recommendations that the department offer mental health services to the young adult population. Both recommendations were approved by the Township Board. Focus was also on recommendations presented by the Hanover Township Community Education Supports Taskforce. The committee moved forward with advising the Board and recommending that Youth and Family Services continue providing Social, Academic, Instructional Groups (SAIG), and Tier 2 groups provided by Hanover Township therapists in U-46 schools, as well as establishing an Attendance Support Pilot Program with elementary schools

with high rates of truancy and highly motivated administrative staff to address chronic absenteeism. This Attendance Support Pilot Program will be implemented by the end of this school year.

A highlight for this year is that the committee chairperson, Jordan Wildermuth was the recipient of two awards due to his involvement with the Township, interest in youth and families, volunteering, and public service. Jordan was the recipient of the Adult Volunteer Service Award from the Hanover Township Supervisor’s Community Service Awards and of the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth, 2024 Volunteer Award.



Senior Citizens Services Committee

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

Throughout the year, the Senior Citizens Services Committee held monthly meetings and provided feedback on services, in addition to hosting special event fundraisers. Special event fundraisers included Apple Cider Donuts in October and Paczki Day in March. These events generated community-wide support and raised several hundred dollars for the Committee's activities. The Committee uses funds generated from fundraisers and the Ye Old Gift Shoppe to support various purchases to support the Senior Center and Department of Aging Services older adult programs and services.

Café Cruisin' is another fundraising initiative of the Committee that continues to be popular. The initiative connects local eateries with the community to raise funds for the Committee. Many thanks to the local establishments who coordinated a Café Cruisin' event with the Committee this year: My Cocina, Sweet Basil Cafe Pub, and Checkers Pancake House.

Each year the Committee provides significant support to the Department of Aging Services. This year, the Committee once again provided funds towards both the Halloween and holiday parties. Gift cards were provided to be raffled at the events and the Committee also sponsored two complimentary Stars-N-Stripes gift certificates per guest at the holiday party in lieu of a party favor. The gift certificates were well received by attendees and encouraged patrons to visit the Café. The Committee purchased a new holiday tree which provided an update to the holiday décor in the Senior Center this year. Many patrons commented on the beauty of the tree and were thankful for the Committee's contribution. Lastly, the Committee supported motor coach transportation for three different day trips, which allowed more participants to attend each trip.

The Ye Olde Gift Shoppe continued to surpass sales from preceding years. Again, this year, the Senior Citizens Services Committee provided sponsorship for the Hanover Township Fall Food Truck Festival in September and the Casino Night Township Foundation Fundraiser in October.

Naomi Walters-Lenoci, Lynn Nelles and Larry Bretz were re-appointed to the Senior Citizens Services Committee in April. New Committee Member Clint Baker was appointed to the Committee in May.

Senior Citizens Services Committee

Peggy Bucaro, Chairperson

Naomi Walter, Vice Chairperson

Peggy Deyne, Secretary

Larry Bretz, Treasurer

Clint Baker

Lynn Nelles

Thomas Lathara

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

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Faiza Rahim, Chairperson

Mary Jane Garvey, Vice Chairperson

Michelle Esquivel, Secretary

Matthew Steichmann

Heidi McGuire

Maria Wywialowski

Amanda Teachout, Manager

Trustee Denise Noyola, Town Board Liaison

In FY25, the Mental Health Board awarded \$1,100,000 in annual funding in support of various agency programs and services within the community. 47 programs from 32 agencies received funding and collectively served over 3,500 residents. The Board continues to support agency growth in the areas of staff development, capital improvements, and new programs by making available mid-year funding opportunities. It has become clear to the Board that securing funds for capital projects is a challenge for many service agencies but crucial to their operation. In FY25, the Board helped Marklund expand and renovate their Elgin location to accommodate nearly 20 more medically complex residents with disabilities. The replacement of a slippery aluminum wheelchair ramp at a group home for men with disabilities with a concrete one was also supported. Summit

Early Learning Center replaced some windows that were original to their building, and Maryland Academy Bartlett Campus replaced flooring. In total, the Mental Health Board provided \$113,500 in Capital Funds to local agencies.

In addition to Capital Funding, the Board is committed to ensuring that services received by Township residents are of the highest quality. It invested over \$12,000 in training for employees at every level at funded agencies. From physical therapists to nurses to substance use professionals to counselors, all received training through Mental Health Board funding. The Board also invested in the network of service providers by funding an ongoing non-profit management forum for funded agencies. Non-profits tend to be as strong as their leaders. The Township Mental Health Board recognized that investing in the upcoming generation of leaders within these organizations through management training would support the network and residents of the Township.

Hanover Township Human Services Coordinating Council, a meeting of human service agencies that operate within and around Hanover Township, is hosted by the Mental Health Board every quarter. It often identifies needs within the community and is used to provide resources among providers. The Council continues to grow in numbers and diversity of agencies represented and has become such a supportive and helpful resource that folks from neighboring counties and townships have begun to attend.

The Mental Health Board remains committed to supporting housing for those with mental health, substance use, or developmental disabilities by providing a subsidy for five housing units at Hanover Landing, which are currently full. The Board also supports case management services and service coordination by providing funding for staff positions at Hanover Landing. This partnership between UpHoldings, the property owner of Hanover Landing, Ecker Center, Hanover Township, and the Township Mental Health Board has provided services to all forty of the residents.

FY25 is the final year of the Board's Strategic Plan. Among the completed goals is improved community engagement of funded agencies, providing additional training to funded agencies and helping coordinate services for housing. Over the summer, the Board conducted a Request for Qualifications to find a research organization to conduct a Needs Assessment of Hanover Township. The Board was looking for gaps and barriers to service. The Needs Assessment is ongoing, and the Board is looking forward to the final report. The results of this Assessment will be used to create a Strategic Plan for the next three years.

The Hanover Township Mental Health Board is looking forward to another year of partnerships and collaboration that will provide



a safety net for some of the most vulnerable residents of Hanover Township.

In April the Mental Health Board hosted a Mental Health Fair, where 30 organizations attended and met with the public to share their services.

Hanover Township Services, Events & Programs

Youth Leadership Recognition	Emergency Services Drone Program	Senior Leisure & Skill Development
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	T.I.D.E. Transportation Program	Programming
“Just for the Health of It!” Health & Wellness Expo	PBIS Tier II Groups Programming	Family Therapy
Open Gym Program	Heritage Marker Program	Ye Olde Gift Shoppe
Affordable Care Act Navigators	Substance Abuse Prevention Programming	Mobile Drivers’ Services
Wellness Screenings	Back to School Backpack Drive and Distribution	Home Delivered Meal Program
Brush Pick-up	In-Home Care Program	Job Fairs
Circuit Breaker Program	Easter Drive and Distribution	Operation Snowball
Homeowners’ Tax Seminars	Temporary Handicap Placards	High School Voter Services Outreach
Aging Services Art Expo	Election and Voter Services	Veterans Services & Events
Veterans Honor Roll Recognition	Food Pantry	License Renewal Sticker Sales
CEDA Weatherization Program	Home Wellness Visits	Emergency Services Decontamination Program
ComEd Hardship Program	Senior Will Program	Medication Disposal
Podiatry Clinic	U.S. Passport Application Services	Fall Food Truck Festival
Access-To-Care	Lending Closet	
All-Kids Health Insurance Program	Income Tax Assistance	
Election Polling Sites and Receiving Station	Heating/Cooling Location	
Summer Lunch and After School Snack Programs	Emergency Services Search & Rescue	
Christmas Toy Drives and Distribution	Emergency Scene Lighting & Traffic Control	
Adopt-a-Senior Program	Flood Water Removal	
Adopt-a-Family Program	Severe Weather Monitoring	
Tutoring Services	Emergency Preparedness Education	
Alternatives Program with U-46	Mental Health Resources	
Dial-a-Bus Transportation	5K Run/Walk	
IDNR Hunting & Fishing License Sales	Dental Access Network	
	Stars N’ Stripes Café	
	Notary Services	



2025 Meeting Schedule

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 8 Annual Town Meeting (60 ILCS 1/30-5) 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, August 19
Tuesday, April 8 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, September 2
Rescheduled Monday, May 19	Tuesday, September 16
Tuesday, June 3	Tuesday, October 7
Tuesday, June 17	Tuesday, October 21
Tuesday, July 1	Tuesday, November 4
Tuesday, July 15	Tuesday, November 18
Tuesday, August 5	Tuesday, December 2
	Tuesday, December 16

Passport Services are available Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and Tuesday from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM.



