



HANOVER TOWNSHIP

*Annual Report
2025-2026*

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



Izaak Walton Youth Center
George Rosner Youth Center
Community Activity Room
Outdoor Amphitheater
866 Jay Street, Elgin 60133
(847) 888-8329



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

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

Hanover Township

2025-29 Township Board



Brian P. McGuire

Brian P. McGuire has served as Hanover Township Supervisor since 2009, following six years as township clerk, where he gained state recognition for supporting veterans and established the Community Health Nurse office. Previously, he was a Township Trustee (1993-2003), contributing to programs like open gym, tutoring, and nutrition services. McGuire is also a former Captain with the Bartlett Fire Protection District, chaired fundraising for the Bartlett Veterans Memorial Foundation, and is president of the Metropolitan Township Association. He lives in Bartlett with his family, graduated from Southern Illinois University and St. Edwards Central High School, and works as President of Associated Equipment Distributors.



Eugene N. Martinez

Craig Essick became Trustee in February 2015, bringing extensive military and law enforcement experience. He served over 31 years in the military, reaching Colonel and holding major leadership positions at the Pentagon. Craig also spent 21 years as a Police Sergeant for Streamwood. He actively contributed to Hanover Township, serving on youth and public safety committees, and led Emergency Services before becoming Trustee. He lives in Elgin with his wife Anne, their two daughters, two granddaughters, and one grandson.



Craig Essick

Eugene “Gino” N. Martinez has over 25 years of experience in printing, serving as Project Manager for two decades before moving into sales at RR Donnelley as an Account Executive. He attended Wilbur Wright College and schools in Chicago. Gino lives in Streamwood with his wife Letty and twins, Alyssa and Gabriel. He is involved in St. John’s Parish Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus, and Boy Scouts, formerly leading Pack 49. Elected as Hanover Township Trustee in 2017, again in 2021 and re-elected in 2025, Eugene enjoys serving his community and looks forward to continued engagement with local residents.



Denise Noyola

Alisa “Lee” Beattie has been a Hanover Township Trustee since May 2019 and was elected to a full term in 2021 and reelected in 2025. She worked in Streamwood High School's athletics office and spent 20 years with School District U-46. Lee is a member of the Bartlett Lions Club and has served as its president, she is a former Hanover Township Foundation President, and previously chaired the Supervisor's Community Service Awards. She managed the Bartlett Fire Barn for 12 years and has been active on several local foundation boards. Lee lives in Bartlett with her husband and two daughters.



Alisa “Lee” Beattie

Trustee Denise Noyola, elected in 2021 and again in 2025, brings enthusiasm for youth and community service to the Board. A Streamwood resident, she has over ten years of experience as a mortgage loan processor. Previously, she served on the Township’s Committee on Youth, focusing on youth leadership and public education regarding youth services. As a lifelong Township resident and Streamwood High School graduate, she looks forward to engaging with the community.

Serving is a habit with Katy Dolan Baumer, who believes that we can only better ourselves through service to others. As Clerk, accurate records maintenance and filing is the number one priority and one that Katy has the experience and ability to tackle. Elected in 2025, this marks

Katy's 16th year as township Clerk! She previously served as Township Board Trustee 2005-2009 and was part of a team that insured a stable financial environment. Katy currently serves as

President for the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association, Secretary for the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division, Director for the Township Officials of Illinois, Commissioner on the Village of Streamwood Blood Commission, and member of the Elk Grove Village Lions Club and Palatine Lions Club.



Katy Dolan Baumer



Khaja Moinuddin

Khaja Moinuddin was elected as Township Assessor in April of 2021, and reelected in 2025. He served as a Hanover Township Trustee 2016-2021. He served on the Township's Mental Health Board, the Diversity & Engagement Task Force, and the Finance Committee. Previously, he served as a Trustee for the Poplar Creek Public Library District and on the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Village of Streamwood. As Township Assessor he is serving the residents with professionalism and integrity, while providing the best possible assistance. He is a licensed Civil Engineer (P.E.) with over 29 years of experience, and a Certified Illinois Assessing Officer. Throughout his career with INDOT and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, he has worked with federal, state, regional governmental agencies, on various capital improvement projects. Khaja has been a resident of the Township for 22 years and currently resides in Hoffman Estates with his wife, Viqar, and children.

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.



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Department Leaders



Township
Administrator
James Barr



Human Services
Director Ryan
Dickinson



Community Health
Director Kristen
Smith

**Youth and Family
Services**
Director Erin
Brumfield Grima



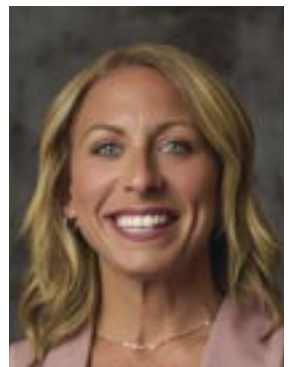
Aging Services
Director Allison
Stamp



Emergency Services
Director Mike Crews



Facilities and Road Maintenance
Director Caleb Hanson



Chief Deputy Administrator
Director Kristin Vana

Community Affairs
Director Tom Kутtenberg



Township Supervisor

Brian P. McGuire



Supervisor McGuire and Emergency Services Director Crews spoke with new Bartlett Mayor Dan Gunsteen during his tour of the Tiknis Campus.



Congratulations, Vida Luzadder! Trustee Essick and Supervisor McGuire recognized Vida as "Most Versatile Volunteer" during the Volunteer Appreciation luncheon last April.



It was a cold, but beautiful winter evening with the Supervisor assisting with traffic control during the 2025 annual Christmas toy distribution.

It is my honor and privilege to submit this report for the 176th Annual Town Meeting of Hanover Township.

Following an extensive review process with the Village of Bartlett, improvements to the 17.5-acre expansion property of the Tiknis Campus are moving forward in fiscal year 2026 (FY26). In fiscal year 2025 (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 being enjoyed by the public. Work on the property also includes improving an existing structure which will house the Township's Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance.

In May 2025, the Township welcomed Allison Stamp as the new Director of the Department of Aging Services. With over 15 years of experience working with older adults, Allison's energy and passion for the Township community has been well received and the board looks forward to her leadership in working with her team in carrying out the department's mission. In FY26, the Transportation Division of Aging Services reduced unmet ride requests by 98% compared to last fiscal year while increasing ridership by more than 20%. For many residents, the Township's transportation fleet is their only resource for dialysis and medical appointments, grocery shopping, and prescription pickups.

As a result of the Township's ongoing legislative outreach, the Township received two appropriations in the state's FY26 budget passed in May 2025: one for \$600,000 from State Representative Maura Hirschauer for improvements to the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve and another for \$500,000 for capital improvements from State Senator Cristina Castro. The Township is currently working with the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity on the funding agreement for the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve appropriation.

The Office of Community Health was restructured in FY26 allowing for the creation of a Community Health Specialist and afternoon receptionist. Both positions have greatly improved the department's outreach by advancing health education initiatives, coordinating and planning community events, and providing CPR training, as well as providing bilingual front desk support. Following years of investigation and review, the department implemented its electronic health record software program, resulting in streamlined documentation, enhanced data tracking, increased efficiency, and improved patient engagement. The impact of the software has also resulted in a significant increase in both service and program delivery. The department experienced nearly a 50% increase in total clinic visits compared to FY25. Laboratory services also grew by over 40%, reflecting both increased demand and improved service capacity.

In FY26, the Township said goodbye to two of our most tenured employees, Human Services Director Mary Jo Imperato and Human Services Coordinator Lori Orozco, with 22 and 21 years of dedicated service, respectively. Both were instrumental in expanding the department's services, programs, and food pantry renovations, over the years. Ryan Dickinson was appointed Director Designee of Human Services in February of 2025 and spent six months training under Mary Jo before her retirement in August of 2025. Well familiar with the Township, Ryan previously served as the Prevention Services Manager in the Department of Youth & Family Services (YFS). Taylor Burke transitioned into the role of Human Services Coordinator after also transferring from her role with YFS. During the October 2025 government shutdown and temporary federal pause of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, the Township Food Pantry experienced a significant increase in utilization as well as an increase in donations and support from the community.



Thank you to State Senator Cristina Castro, Meridian of Illinois, and State Representative Fred Crespo who donated turkeys to the Township food pantry last fall.

The Department of Youth and Family Services celebrated 30 years of offering the Open Gym program in the Township. Since 1995, countless youth and Township families have benefited from the free social, recreational, and educational afterschool activities at Township facilities and U-46 schools. Open Gym also continues to be offered during the winter, spring, and summer breaks. The department also launched its new Attendance Support Pilot Program. The program is designed to support youth who are struggling with school attendance. The initiative was inspired by the Township's Community Education Supports Taskforce that submitted its recommendations in FY25. The department's prevention staff wrapped up its fourth 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. 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.



Supervisor McGuire with former Bartlett Park District Commissioner Ted Lewis and Township Trustees Lee Beattie and Craig Essick and Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer during the November unveiling of the Township Heritage Marker for Theodore J. Lewis Park.

The Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance (F&RM) remained very active in FY26 overseeing capital projects, conducting in-house cleaning, and maintaining the Township Reserves and unincorporated roadways. The Phase II and Phase III development applications were approved in February of 2026 for improvements to the Tiknis Campus Reserve. In 2025, the Township was awarded a \$600,000 non-matching Open Space Land Acquisition and Development Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop the 18-acre green space on the Tiknis Campus on IL Route 59 in Bartlett. Phase II improvements include the renovation of an existing structure on the property for F&RM's new headquarters with Phase III addressing the installation of the walking trails, outdoor classroom and fitness spaces, a pavilion and boardwalk Discovery Dock, funded by the OSLAD grant. Both phases are intended to be completed in 2027.

The department is also continuing 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.



Supervisor McGuire and Director Stamp provided a tour of the Senior Center for Streamwood Village Clerk Aris Garcia.

The Township worked closely with the County to secure \$640,000 in funding that will complete Phase I Engineering in October of 2026 and is actively applying for funding for Phase II Design Engineering.

The Office of Community Affairs coordinated the Township's third Summer Concert Series, "Music in the Reserve," at the Izaak Walton Reserve in Elgin with three free concerts for the enjoyment of Township families. The department also coordinated the planning for the Township's 8th Annual Fall Food Truck Festival on the Tiknis Campus in Bartlett. With a record number of sponsors and attendees, crowds enjoyed three live musical performances and patronized 11 food vendors all while learning about the Township's programs and services. Director Kuttentberg continues to lead the statewide association of Township communication professionals.

The department coordinated the Township's outreach and advocacy regarding Senate Bill 2504. Introduced in February of 2025 with the support of Governor Pritzker, the legislation would make it easier for Townships to be abolished or consolidated in Illinois. Officials and staff spent many hours educating residents on the potential harmful effects of the bill in addition to

meeting with Township legislators to share feedback and concerns. In June 2025, the legislation was determined to be dormant and has not advanced as of March 2026.

The Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) unit experienced significant increases in total volunteer hours, emergency call outs, and total details in FY26. The department launched a new candidate training academy in November that resulted in 11 new members taking the oath of service. The department's second class of candidates began in February this year.

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 FY26, HTES boasted a roster of 54 volunteer officers including 16 probationary members, and one cadet.

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 Award, and for the third 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 FY26 to support local non-profit organizations and agencies serving Township residents in the areas of substance abuse, developmental disabilities, and mental health. In FY26, Amanda Teachout left her position as Mental Health Board Manager and Hailey Matich, of the Township's Administrative Services, stepped into the role of Administrative Services Manager to support the Mental Health Board, along with Brianna Jagers, hired in 2026, in the newly created role of Administrative Specialist.

This year, two of Hanover Township's very own were honored in Springfield at the Township Officials of Illinois conference in November. Youth and Family Services Therapist Maurissa Murakami was presented with the Staff Member of the Year Award by the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth (AITCOY). Resident Victoria Antczak was also recognized by AITCOY with the Youth Leadership Award.

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 FY26.

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

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 FY26! 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 secretary of the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division for the first year of a two year term. I had the opportunity to share best practices that we have at Hanover Township with hundreds of clerks, statewide. Recently, I was able to discuss the Annual Town Meeting protocols and procedures, and guidelines for clear and concise minutes. Here in Cook County I served as a director and immediate past president of Township Officials of Cook County. We are excited to have offered elected officials, staff, and residents some very interactive and informative training during our Spring Conference and we look forward to sharing more this spring to ensure our elected officials stay current with new legislation and ideas.

As president of the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association I was active in providing education, including hosting the Cook County Election department. In FY2027, I will serve again as president of the Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association for the second term, and as director of the Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division — a busy schedule, but very gratifying to help my fellow clerks grow in their positions.

The Township records are secured in a fireproof and waterproof cabinet and are catalogued for easy reference and access. All Township ordinances, resolutions and proclamations are recorded on the Township website, as are the minutes, agendas, and board packets, again for easy access whether it is for a research project, a FOIA request or for general interest.

In FY25, I had the opportunity to administer the oath of office to many new members appointed by the Supervisor and Board of Trustees to the Mental Health Board, to the new Chief Deputy Assessor, and graduate cadets of the Emergency Services unit. I am honored each time I administer an oath knowing that these people are going to do their best to serve my neighbors and all of the communities we reach out to.

I look forward to FY27 with enthusiasm and desire to help you be glad that you live in Hanover Township!

Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerk



Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer with the Clerks and Deputy Clerks from 16 townships from Cook County during the St. Patrick's Day Township Officials of Cook County Clerks Association meeting. Clerk Katy had the opportunity to discuss board meeting minutes, executive session minutes, and committee meeting minutes with the group.

175th Annual Town Meeting

Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and introduced Hanover Township Trustees Gino Martinez, Lee Beattie, Denise Noyola, and Craig Essick, and Supervisor Brian McGuire, and Assessor Khaja Moinuddin. A nomination by Mr. Eugene Martinez of Streamwood, and seconded by Mr. Brian McGuire of Bartlett to nominate Ms Alyssa Martinez of Streamwood to the position of Moderator. On the call for a vote, Ms Martinez was unanimously elected. Clerk Dolan Baumer administered the Oath of Office of Moderator and turned the meeting over to Moderator Martinez. By motion by Mrs. Alisa Beattie of Bartlett to approve the 175th Annual Town Meeting agenda, and second by Mr. Martinez was made. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to accept the agenda. Mr. Craig Essick of Elgin moved that the minutes of the 174th Annual Town Meeting be approved as presented; second by Mr. Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Clerk Dolan Baumer presented the 2025 Annual Financial Statements for Hanover Township for review and approval. Motion by Mr. Martinez and second by Mrs. Heidi McGuire of Bartlett to accept the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statements for 2025. 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. Essick moved, and Mrs. McGuire 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. Beattie and seconded by Mr. Martinez. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion by Mrs. McGuire to approve resolution #040825ATM to delegate authority to the Township Board to purchase, sell and lease property; second by Mrs. Denise Noyola of Streamwood. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Martinez to set the hour of special town meetings for fiscal year 2026 to be 7:00 p.m. was seconded by Mrs. McGuire. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

A motion by Mr. Essick and seconded by Mrs. Beattie to set the hour of the 176th Annual Town Meeting in FY26 for 7:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion by Mr. McGuire and second by Mrs. McGuire to pay \$100.00 to Moderator Martinez for her fine service. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Moderator Martinez thanked the residents.

**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 fiscal year 2026, the Hanover Township Assessor's office continued its commitment to providing excellent services to the taxpayers. Whether it comes to filing exemptions or assisting with assessment appeals, the staff's dedication to accuracy, fairness, and transparency exemplifies what it means to serve with excellence. The staff have truly embodied what it means to be a taxpayer advocate.

In addition to providing property tax services in the office, the Assessor partnered with Cook County Forest Preserve and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison's office to hold the second-annual Kite Fest. On May 10, over 500 people gathered at the Carl R. Hansen Woods Forest Preserve to fly kites on a perfect spring day.

The office of the Assessor is excited to once again welcome taxpayers into the office for a more 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 and the Cook County Board of Review. With the Cook County Assessor's the Township organized an exemption seminar in March with approximately 30 attendees, as well as an appeals seminar in November with approximately 150 taxpayers in attendance. Additionally, the Cook County Board of Review was welcomed by the Township Assessor to present a Board of Review appeals workshop in early 2026 with approximately 75 taxpayers in attendance. The Assessor appreciates the support of Commissioner Morrison's office, who co-hosted these events.

The department welcomed Faiza Rahim into her new role as Chief Deputy Assessor in October and Assessing Specialist Marypaz Fragoso in November.

The Hanover Township Assessor's Office looks forward to providing services to the community in fiscal year 2027 and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Khaja Moinuddin, P.E., CIAO

Assessor



Assessor Khaja Moinuddin, and Trustees Lee Beattie and Gino Martinez handed out FREE Township kites to the children. Brookfield Zoo Chicago brought animals for a special visit, giving residents the opportunity to interact with them up close.



Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services ensures the effective implementation of Township Board policies through the professional and efficient management of Township operations. Under the leadership of the Township Administrator, who serves as Chief Administrative Officer, the department oversees the administration, coordination, and delivery of all Township services while providing comprehensive support to Township employees. Core functions include financial management, human resources, information technology, risk management, strategic planning, resident services, and support services for permanent supportive housing.

During the year, the department underwent several internal transitions and assumed administration of the day-to-day operations of the Hanover Township Mental Health Board. Hailey Matich was promoted to Administrative Services Manager and assumed responsibilities previously performed by the Mental Health Board Manager, including serving as primary staff liaison to the Board. She continues to oversee front office operations, information technology coordination, special projects, and intern supervision. To support this transition, the Township welcomed Administrative Services Specialist Brianna Jagers. In this role, Ms. Jagers provides daily administrative support to the Mental Health Board, assists with meeting coordination and financial reconciliation, contributes to special projects, and is cross trained to provide operational support within both Resident Services and the Assessor's Office. In addition, the department also welcomed Resident Services Specialist Veronica Alanis in March. Ms. Alanis will primarily assist residents through the Resident Services Office where the department provides passport application assistance and acceptance, State of Illinois license plate sticker renewals, temporary handicap placards, and hunting and fishing licenses.



Administrator Barr received a donation on behalf of Hanover Township from the Bartlett Volunteer Fire Department. Thank You so much!



Administrative Services has continued to prioritize cross-training among staff supporting front office operations including the front desk, Resident Services, and the Assessor's Office. This approach has strengthened operational flexibility, improved service continuity, and enhanced the overall resident experience at Town Hall. Currently, six staff members are certified passport acceptance agents, and two staff members hold the Certified Illinois Assessing Officer (CIAO) designation. An additional three employees are expected to complete CIAO certification by the end of the year, further expanding the department's capacity to deliver knowledgeable, high-quality service to the community.

The department continued its support of Hanover Landing, the Township's permanent supportive housing facility in Elgin, by providing a dedicated Supportive Housing Services Coordinator. In collaboration with local partners, the Township delivered comprehensive support services available to all tenants. These efforts included referrals to Township programs, coordination of tenant information and referrals to community agencies, and communication of behavioral health services provided through the Ecker Center for Behavioral Health. The Township remains committed to helping residents access the resources necessary for successful independent living. This year, tenants benefited from the introduction of new recurring group activities, regular tenant meetings, educational seminars, and scheduled trips to the grocery store and food pantry. Additionally, a community garden initiative was launched for the first time. With staff guidance, tenants established and maintained an onsite garden, fostering collaboration and shared responsibility among residents. The Township continues to pursue innovative strategies to strengthen engagement and support long-term stability for tenants at Hanover Landing.

In addition to its core responsibilities, the department also worked closely with the Township's information technology vendor, ProxIT, Inc., to enhance cybersecurity protections. The Township implemented a dark web monitoring system designed to identify potential threats before sensitive information is compromised. Additional security measures will be introduced in the coming year following the completion of a comprehensive information technology strategic plan, reinforcing the Township's commitment to safeguarding resident and organizational data.

Hanover Township's elected officials, staff, and volunteers remain dedicated to meeting the evolving needs of the community and enhancing the quality of life for residents. The Department of Administrative Services is proud to provide continued leadership in advancing these goals and supporting the Township's mission of responsive, effective, and accountable local government.

Respectfully submitted,,

James C. Barr, MPA
Township Administrator

Kristin Vana
Deputy Township Administrator



Aging Services

Enriching Lives, Fostering Friendships, Promoting Independence

The Department of Aging Services has had an exciting and busy year full of celebrations and changes as it continues to be a leader in providing a wide range of services to older adults. On April 2, 2025, the Senior Center celebrated its 20th anniversary and over 200 patrons came by during the day to share memorable moments they had experienced in the Senior Center, view a photo montage of each year's highlights, and to enjoy cake. In May, Allison Stamp joined the department as the new Aging Services Director. With over 15 years of experience working with older adults in a variety of settings, Allison has been excited to work with the staff, volunteers, and patrons at the Senior Center. Allison has spent time developing an understanding of the programs provided by Aging Services and the Township as well as identifying areas for enhancement while additionally working alongside the divisions to grow services.

Our group of over 200 volunteers was celebrated at our annual volunteer appreciation lunch at The Seville. The years theme was "We're Un-BEE-lievably thankful for you!"

The Transportation Division continued to grow and meet requests of riders throughout the township.

Dispatcher Myra Wilkins and Dino Kazeos Transportation Manager worked diligently to accommodate ride requests. Unmet ride requests have been reduced by over 98% this year and this was accomplished while increasing ridership by more than 20%.



Where great service happens!



Dino Kazeos, Transportation Manager, coordinated a Men's Social Circle outing to lunch at Portillo's and a trip to the St. Charles Motorcycle Museum in September.



Thank you to all who supported the Adopt-A-Senior event this year, including the Village of Bartlett, Fellowes Brands, Rydin, First Eagle Bank, Bartlett Police Department, and Immanuel United Church of Christ.

Where great service happens!

During the year over 450 residents have depended on transportation for services including dialysis, medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other important errands. Providing transportation to residents for these essential services allows older adults to remain living in their homes independently for longer. The Transportation Division also welcomed Kathleen Buckner and Steve Nelson to the team in last spring.

The Caregiver Resource Center launched in October 2024 and completed the first full year of providing a variety of support services to caregivers of Township residents. This program is one of the several services the Social Services Division offers to older adults in the Township.

The overall goal of the Caregiver Resource Center is to help prevent caregiver burnout by connecting these individuals with counseling, education, respite funding, and gap filling (purchasing of self-care items that have a financial barrier to purchase). By providing this support, residents are able to remain in their homes longer. Caregiver Resource Specialist Katherine Ackley received specialized training and hosted two new educational series during the year: Powerful Tools for Caregiving and Stress Busting Program for Family Caregivers. These popular series will be offered at least annually on an ongoing basis as part of the program.

The annual Adopt-A-Senior program coordinated by the Social Services Division Manager Diana Gomez and team was able to provide holiday care packages to all 135 older adults in the community who applied. This is due to the generosity of many individual sponsors in the community as well as corporate sponsors.

The Nutrition Division has experienced several changes in staff over the last year, the first being the retirement of long-time Nutrition Manager Marilyn Perri in September. Shortly after, Mary Krick, Line Cook, also left the department. Jane Aman, former Food Services Coordinator, was promoted into the Nutrition Manager role. Since her promotion, Jane has been focused on training new staff, streamlining kitchen operations, and meeting patrons.

Tony Di Paolo joined as the Food Services Coordinator in September and Denise Christofalos joined as a Food Services Assistant in October. The Nutrition Division has rolled out two exciting new programs. The first is a Birthday Dessert and Card Program for recipients of Home Delivered Meals. This has been well received and ensures those clients in the community are celebrated on their birthday. The second program is the Nutrition Advisory Group, run by the Nutrition Manager and a group of regular diners. This group meets once a month and provides feedback on the Congregate Dining Program.

The Programming Division has been busy during the year planning a variety of programs to meet the interests and needs of older adults in the community.

A group of 53 patrons attended a three-day trip to Springfield coordinated by Program Manager Lisa Perrone. The Township included tours of both Capitol Buildings and the Abraham Lincoln Museum. Other programs that are new to the Center include Zumba Gold, new presenters and entertainers, quarterly themed potluck programs, and series documentaries that allow for reminiscence and discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Stamp
Director



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 strives to communicate accurate and timely information regarding all programs and events offered by Hanover Township, as well as overseeing community engagement and government relations.

The annual Supervisor's Community Service Awards kicked off fiscal year 2026 (FY26) with Hanover Township Supervisor Brian McGuire recognizing individuals, organizations, and businesses who make a difference within the Township through their time, dedication and service. Following 16 years of dedicated volunteer service Jay Olriksen was presented with the 2025 Mel Runzel Award. This recognition was created in 2013 to honor Mel, a former Township Trustee and Township Welfare Services Director, for her immeasurable efforts and dedication in the community.

Through the department's ongoing legislative outreach and coordination with the Supervisor and Board of Trustees, the Township received two appropriations in the state's FY26 budget, one for \$600,000 from State Representative Maura Hirschauer for improvements to the Izaak Walton Youth Center & Reserve and another for \$500,000 for capital improvements from State Senator Cristina Castro. The Office of Community Affairs remains in close coordination with Township legislators and their staff in Springfield and in their district offices.

In May, the department assisted the Assessor's office with the Township's second annual "Kite Fest," an event coinciding with Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. 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 in May 2026.



Trustee Gino Martinez serving a resident at the Township's stop during the Village of Bartlett's 2025 Cocoa Crawl.

In February, Governor Pritzker supported a legislative initiative that would make it easier to abolish or consolidate Illinois Townships. In FY25 and FY26, the Office of Community Affairs, in coordination with Supervisor McGuire and Administrator Barr, developed a strategic approach for conducting outreach and educating residents, funded agencies, and community and government partners on the effects of the legislation. Director Kuttentberg met with Township committees and volunteers to provide information on the legislation and answer questions. The department also created handouts that were placed at department front desks explaining the bill and offering opportunities for residents to share feedback with their legislators. Director Kuttentberg worked closely with the Township Officials of Illinois, the Township Officials of Cook County, and the Metropolitan Township Association to coordinate advocacy efforts with the groups and their members. In June, the legislation was determined to be dormant and has not advanced as of March 2026.

The department continued the "Music in the Reserve" concert series last summer in the outdoor amphitheater located at the Izaak Walton Reserve and featured fan favorites: Fuze Band, Rosie and the Rivets, and newcomers, Focal Point. Attendees sat on blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy live music with many residents walking from their homes in the surrounding community. The series will return in summer 2026 with larger crowds anticipated.

Once again, the Office of Community Affairs coordinated the Township's annual Fall Food Truck Festival in September. Eleven trucks were on-site 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, iPOP, known for their covers of classic and trending hits. Attendees also enjoyed free carnival games while having the opportunity to visit Township booths promoting programs, services and special events. The event has become one of the premier annual festivals in Bartlett and throughout the Township community – not to miss!

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



In July, the Hanover Township Senior Center hosted a Mobile DMV event in partnership with Maura Hirschauer, Illinois House District 49 Representative and Karina Villa, Illinois State Senator of the Illinois 25th District. Services available included the obtaining of driver's licenses, state ID cards, vehicle registration stickers, organ/tissue donor, and voter registration.

- Facebook – Community Affairs oversees four Facebook pages for the organization, with the primary page obtaining 8,131 followers, representing a 24% increase compared to FY25.
- Instagram – the Hanover Township Instagram account surpassed 1,400 followers in FY26 and garnered 106,490 views.

FY26 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 FY27 to further improve our outreach and results to benefit the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas W. Kutenberg, Director

Rosie and the Rivets performed for Hanover Township neighbors last summer. Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 16 for their next performance at the Izaak Walton Reserve



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.

In fiscal year 2026 (FY26), the department experienced significant growth and advancement, marked by the addition of new staff, the implementation of an electronic health record (EHR) system, and the strengthening of partnerships with community organizations. These strategic enhancements in personnel, technology, and collaborative outreach have enabled the expansion of programs and services to more effectively address the evolving needs of the community.

The Office of Community Health underwent strategic restructuring in FY26, resulting in the creation of two new part-time positions, a Community Health Specialist and an afternoon Receptionist. In May, Katherine Prestin joined the department as Community Health Specialist. With a background in oral health education, she has focused her efforts on advancing health education initiatives, coordinating and planning community events, and providing CPR training. In September, Alexandria Calderon joined the team as afternoon receptionist. She brings extensive experience as a bilingual medical receptionist, enhancing the department's ability to effectively serve a diverse community. The addition of these key team members has strengthened the department's capacity and significantly expanded its outreach and impact.

A major milestone this year was the long-anticipated adoption of an electronic health record (EHR) software. This transition was a transformative step forward for the Office of Community Health. The new software has streamlined documentation, enhanced data tracking, increased efficiency, and improved patient engagement.

By modernizing health documentation records and workflows, the department has been able to increase the capacity of residents served and improve coordination and communication with patients and other healthcare providers.

Where great service happens!



Knock, knock - Community Health Nurse Jaclyn Nichols conducts a home visit.



Katherine Prestin, Community Health Specialist, distributed free radon test kits to residents in 2025.

The impact of these changes has resulted in a significant increase in both service and program delivery.

The department experienced nearly a 50% increase in total clinic visits compared to the previous fiscal year. Tuberculosis screenings increased by 45%, demonstrating expanded outreach and an increased awareness of this service. Laboratory services also grew by over 40%, reflecting both increased demand and improved service capacity. These increases highlight the growing demand for affordable and accessible health services in the community.

The department celebrated a record-breaking year for its annual health expo, expanding collaboration with new vendors and community partners to provide a comprehensive array of health screenings, educational information and vital community resources to residents. In addition, the department proudly marked the 10th anniversary of the Sprint 2 Spring 5K, with event proceeds benefiting the Hanover Township Foundation to support residents experiencing financial hardship in accessing essential medical and dental services. The department looks forward to another successful event this coming spring on May 2, 2026. In FY26, Community

Health continued to have its footprint in the community by delivering a wide range of health education, screenings, and prevention programs to residents of all ages. Township nurses provided diabetes education, Alzheimer's education, sun safety presentations, and puberty education in several U-46 elementary schools. Additionally, hands-on safety trainings included CPR, first aid, bloodborne pathogen, and EpiPen administration equipping community members with lifesaving skills. The department conducted dozens of wellness, memory, and fall prevention screenings at Streamwood Park District, Poplar Creek Library, senior living communities, health fairs, and community centers, reaching a broad number of residents. Outreach included participation in Bartlett's National Night Out, hand hygiene education in several elementary schools, oral health education, and the distribution of radon and colon cancer screening tests to promote early detection and disease prevention.

Collectively, these efforts demonstrate the department's ongoing commitment to improving access to preventive services and health education throughout the community.

FY26 marked another year of meaningful growth, collaboration, and expanded service capacity. The Office of Community Health looks ahead with enthusiasm and remains committed to building on this momentum to further serve and support residents in the coming fiscal year.

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 Hanover Township Emergency Services (HTES) Unit is trained to respond to a wide range of emergencies and non-emergency events to either assist primary emergency responders or operate independently in times of natural and man-made disasters. This dedicated group of professional volunteers exists to provide a properly equipped, trained and ready unit to assist Hanover Township residents and the public safety agencies that serve them.

Every day, HTES supports local communities, public service agencies, police departments, and the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System partnering fire departments. The capabilities of HTES are significant, including 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 members ended 2025 with a record year of calls of service which included: 149 fire calls, 70 traffic management incidents, 19 search and rescue calls, five residential pump outs, and 53 other ancillary calls to service.



Hanover Township Emergency Services offer decontamination services to fire safety personnel

The hub of HTES operations is located in the station on the south end of the Township Campus. The HTES station houses all response vehicles, a bunking area, living space, training room, communication room, and working kitchen – all designed to support a 24-hour operation.

HTES continues recruitment efforts at the collegiate level and beyond. HTES is the beneficiary of several new members from the Elgin Community College Emergency Services programs. HTES 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 their Facebook and Instagram pages highlighting many of the response and training activities through the year. HTES routinely runs a recruitment video on social media showcasing the Emergency Services program.

The HTES training conference took place at the Hanover Township Senior Center building in October and proved to be a great success, offering a wide array of classes in an all-hazards theme. The HTES Drone program continued to grow this year with numerous deployments for search and rescues, event safety, and multi-jurisdictional training.

Due to the increase in members, HTES developed and implemented an academy approach to onboarding new members. Prospective candidates receive eight weeks of instructor-led classes to learn the HTES position.

HTES continued the relationships with the 28 partnering agencies through monthly Mutual Aid Box Alarm System meetings and department leadership staff meetings.

HTES appreciates the opportunity to serve the great residents of Hanover Township and will always work towards improving and refining services.

Mike Crews, Director



Facilities and Road Maintenance

George Bernard Shaw once said, *"Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."* This year, the Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance has certainly lived up to the quote. These changes have allowed the department to reevaluate processes, procedures, and functions, giving the department added flexibility and responsiveness to its changing and expanding role.

One of those significant changes included the retirement of long-standing Operations Manager Rick Nelson who had been with the Township for 19 years. Taking the opportunity to progress, the department was reconfigured and replaced the Operations Manager position with a Facilities Manager position, better aligned with the two divisions within the department. Maintenance Technician Dave Enzenbacher received a well-deserved promotion into the Facilities Manager position, bringing fresh ideas and a fresh viewpoint into the Facilities Division.

Fiscal year 2026 has seen new projects added, such as the start of the \$5.7 million necessary replacement of the Rohrssen Road Bridge over Poplar Creek. Due to changes in the flood maps, the original 1958 bridge, already having been renovated twice, needed to meet the new flood levels which requires raising the bridge height over the creek. The Township, through the Qualification Based Selection process, awarded the Phase 1 Design Engineering contract to V3 Group Engineering, who will complete the Phase 1 engineering on schedule in October 2026. With construction scheduled to begin in 2029, the new bridge will serve residents and area commuters for years to come.

The department also made a significant step forward in the development of the Tiknis Campus Open Space Reserve, the 12 acres south of the main Township campus, with the approval of the Phase II and Phase III development application by the Village of Bartlett. In 2024, Phase I, containing the new Department of Emergency Services station, was completed. Phase II includes the renovation of the existing residential structure into the Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance headquarters, and in spring 2025, the Township was awarded a \$600,000 Open Space Land Acquisition and Development or OSLAD grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to develop walking



trails, outdoor classroom, fitness spaces, a pavilion, and boardwalk Discovery Dock as planned in Phase III. In the permitting phase now, both Phase II and III are intended to be completed in 2027. Both will offer significant resources and room to develop services and programs to benefit the residents and staff of Hanover Township.

The Department of Facilities and Road Maintenance is excited to see the progress these changes will lead to in the upcoming year and years to come.

Caleb Hanson, Director

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.



This past fiscal year the Department of Human Services experienced significant turnover. The two previous long term Human Services employees began their retirement. The department welcomed Ryan Dickinson, former Youth and Family Services Prevention Services Manager, into the role of Director Designee until her appointment as Director upon previous Director Imperato's retirement. This was a unique opportunity for Director Dickinson as there was a six month overlap to learn and train with then Director Mary Jo Imperato. During that time Director Imperato assisted and taught Ryan Dickinson all aspects of General and Emergency Assistance, Food Pantry operations, and Veteran Service Programming, as well as all crucial event programming for the department. Director Imperato was also thorough in introducing Director Designee Dickinson to local and statewide community partners. The department also gained a new Human Services Coordinator, Taylor Burke, who joined the department from her previous role as Youth and Family Services Prevention Specialist. Taylor also received training from the previous Human Services Coordinator, Lori Orozco, before her retirement, ensuring that the department did not experience any pause in service delivery. After a few months the department was given the opportunity to hire another employee, Human Services

Coordinator Burke then took the position as Human Services Case Coordinator and the department hired Renee Guerrero as Human Services Coordinator, making the department fully staffed.

The department experienced continued growth among its auxiliary-volunteer staff over the past year. During this time, long-serving Human Services auxiliary staff Jay Olriksen concluded his dedicated volunteer service, marking the end of his valued time with the department. In response to operational needs, the department successfully recruited three new food pantry drivers. This enabled an increase in donation pick-ups and facilitated the development of new partnerships with local grocery stores. As a result, the department strengthened its food recovery efforts and enhanced its ability to meet the growing demand for pantry services.

Over the past year, the department's Home Emergency Response Program experienced significant growth, responding to a record 31 emergency callouts. This increase reflects both heightened community need and expanded awareness of the program's role in supporting families displaced by residential fires. Through the coordinated efforts of department and

auxiliary staff, timely assistance was provided to affected households, helping to stabilize families during periods of crisis and immediate displacement. The program continues to serve as an essential component of the Township, ensuring that residents receive prompt and compassionate support in the aftermath of a traumatic event. In May, Director Designee Dickinson met with fire chiefs representing the villages and cities within Hanover Township to further strengthen collaboration and provide additional education on the program's services.

In October, the department experienced a significant increase in Food Pantry utilization as a result of the temporary federal SNAP funding pause. During this period, the department also received a substantial influx of food donations from the community. In response to the heightened demand, the department launched an Amazon wish list, conducted targeted outreach through social media, and reengaged previous donors and local school programs to communicate the urgent need for both monetary and food donations. The community's response was exceptional, enabling the department to expand the quantity of food distributed to each family on a weekly basis and better meet the growing needs of those served.

The Veterans Program also continues to demonstrate steady growth. The department provides comprehensive support to Veterans, including assistance with the preparation and submission of VA claims, facilitation of group programming, and oversight of the Township's Veteran Honor Roll. Over the past year, Director Dickinson successfully completed all required Veterans Affairs training and is now an accredited Veterans Service Officer. In addition, both full-time staff of the department are actively pursuing accreditation, further strengthening the department's capacity to deliver guidance and support efforts to the Veteran community.

During a transition in leadership, the Human Services Department has continued to deliver high-quality, reliable services across its many programs. This past year, in partnership with State Representative Fred Crespo and Cook County Commissioner Kevin Morrison, the department proudly hosted its 14th Annual Job Fair. The event welcomed more than 70 employers who were on-site to connect directly with job seekers and support local employment opportunities. The department also continued its annual Backpack Giveaway, distributing more than 1,800 backpacks filled with essential school supplies to residents in need. In addition, the Township Toy Drive, the department's largest annual event, provided holiday gifts to more than 1,648 children throughout the community.

Human Services looks forward to another successful year of assisting residents in all the various aspects of the department.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Dickinson, 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.

Youth and Family Services strives to meet the mission of the department through the depth and breadth of services offered. Programing focuses on improving the lives of Township youth and families through Prevention Services such as Substance Use Prevention, Operation Snowball, Alternative Supports Program, Open Gym, and launched this year, the Attendance Support Pilot Program. Additionally, the department provides mental health services to youth, young adults and families, social emotional groups in school partnerships, and tutoring to students.



The department celebrated 30 years of offering the Open Gym program to Hanover Township. Youth and families joined staff and Supervisor McGuire in celebrating 30 Years of Safe Spaces and Smiling Faces. Cotton candy, games, and cake were enjoyed by all. The Youth Program Assistants from Open Gym created a wonderful video of the participants talking about what Open Gym means to them.

Operation Snowball returned last year after a brief hiatus caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Operation Snowball fosters strong youth and adult partnerships, harnessing the energy and influence of youth to create an atmosphere of positive peer support. Teens from Streamwood and Bartlett High Schools work collaboratively to plan the Operation Snowball event for elementary students. For the first time, this year the Operation Snowball event will be held at Tefft Middle School, bringing the 5th and 6th graders from feeder elementary schools together at the middle school they will attend. The goal of Operation Snowball is to create a positive peer atmosphere which will be enhanced by

fostering connections the youth will have as they come together next school year for the first time in a 6th through 8th grade model of middle school.

Youth and Family Services launched the above-mentioned new program Attendance Support Pilot Program. The program is designed to support youth and families who are struggling with school attendance. The design of the program came from the Community Education Supports Task Force recommendations. The unique pairing of school and Youth and Family staff collaboration to meet families and assess the barriers they are experiencing getting their student to school has been inspiring to see. Youth meet during school for group support around school connection and building their support networks with peers and Youth and Family Services staff help connect families to services and resources to decrease attendance barriers.

Individual, family, and couples counseling continues to be a key service of Youth and Family Services. As community stress increases, more people reach out to gain insight and support for their youth and families. Township therapists are trained professionals with extensive experience in providing high quality therapy to young adults and adults. The department continually accesses areas of education to increase staff expertise, focusing in FY26 on increasing couples therapy knowledge, and interventions specific to youth, like Play Therapy. The clinical staff is honored to be able to provide a critical service to the residents and to see the growth and development that clients achieve.

Tutoring continues to be offered at affordable rates by Youth and Family Services. Tutors are all certified teachers who are passionate about helping students improve their academic performance. Tutoring is available for second graders through high school students. High school tutoring is available for math which is frequently a challenging class for high school students. What may begin as frustration or reluctance can gradually shift as concepts become clearer and more manageable with the support of a skilled tutor. Students often gain not only stronger academic skills but also renewed confidence and a more positive outlook on learning. That steady encouragement and personalized guidance can make a meaningful difference in overall academic growth and long-term success.

Mike Novak, longtime YFS Volunteer Tutor - sharing his knowledge.



The department provides leadership to the Association of Illinois Township Committees on Youth and the Alignment Collaborative for Education Operating Board. This year also saw the Director of Youth and Family Services take on the co-facilitator role for the Cook County Health Department Regional Behavioral Health Collaborative Northwest Workgroup meeting for Behavioral Health Services for children, youth, and families. This work has allowed Youth and Family Services to be on the frontline of collaborative initiatives to address system challenges in providing Behavioral Health Services for youth and families.

Fiscal year 2026 saw many successes with programs providing needed services and looks forward to the rewarding work to come in the next fiscal year. This year reflects the dedication and professionalism of our staff, whose expertise and commitment continue to strengthen the quality of Township services. Their thoughtful work, paired with the support of an engaged and caring community, creates meaningful opportunities for those served. Together, we look ahead with optimism, confident in a shared ability to build on this momentum and make an even greater impact in the year to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Erin Brumfield Grima, Ed. D., LCPC
Director

The Office of Community Health sponsors a Red Cross blood drive several times a year. Donations save lives!



The 2025 Township Shred was supported by the Streamwood High School students. Thank you for your work!

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.

The committee meets monthly to provide feedback on services provided. In addition, the committee organizes and hosts two special event fundraisers: an Apple Cider Donut Fundraiser in October and Paczki Day Fundraiser in February. These events attract community support and provide several hundred dollars of revenue which is utilized for activities supported by the committee. The committee also sponsored two annual events: the Fall Food Truck Festival and the Hanover Township Foundation Casino Night.

The committee directly oversees the Ye Olde Gift Shoppe, located in the Senior Center building. The gift shoppe has hours Monday through Saturday and is run solely by volunteers and based off donations. The committee thanks those who have provided donations over the past year. All proceeds from the gift shoppe are managed by the committee and go towards programs as directed by the committee.

Café Cruisin is a regular monthly fundraising program organized by the committee. This program promotes local restaurants who provide a percentage of proceeds back to the committee on a selected day. The committee is thankful for the partnerships with local restaurants who have supported the committee in their efforts: 120 Live, My Cocina Grill, I Smell Bacon BBQ, Briana's Pancake House of Hanover Park, and TL's Four Seasons.

Senior Citizens Services Committee

Naomi Walter, Chairperson

Clint Baker, Vice Chairperson

Peggy Deyne, Secretary

Peggy Bucaro, Treasurer

Larry Bretz

Thomas Lathara

Lynn Nelles

Trustee Craig Essick, Town Board Liaison

The committee graciously has supported many programs and special projects at the Senior Center over the past year. This includes seven new laptops to support technology programs, new chairs for the volunteer office, water-proof jackets for the Transportation Division drivers featuring the Township logo, repair of the art room kiln, and several items for the Nutrition Division including a new hand-washing sink, upright freezer, and ice packs to keep Home Delivered Meals cool in the summer months during delivery. The committee also supports the themed holiday parties of the Senior Center and provided Stars-N-Stripes Café gift certificates in lieu of favors at the winter holiday party and financial support for gift cards at three of the larger parties during the year. The committee also provided generous monthly funds to help offset the cost of charter buses utilized in day trips. The Aging Services staff is grateful to have such a wonderful committee with whom to work with and support.



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. 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. The Mental Health Board is made up of nine volunteer residents of Hanover Township who are appointed by the Township Supervisor. This Board works with local substance use, developmental disability, and mental health organizations to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of program delivery.

The Mental Health Board welcomed three new members to the board in fiscal year 2026 (FY26) - Jordan Wildermuth, Tarah McShane, and Liz Eyas. Each individual brings valuable experience and a strong commitment to serving Hanover Township residents and collaborating with partner agencies. Additionally, FY26 marked the expansion of the Mental Health Board's administrative team. Administrative Services Manager Hailey Matich and Administrative Specialist Brianna Jagers both joined the staff, further strengthening the Board's capacity to support its mission and funded agencies.

In Fiscal Year 2026, the Mental Health Board awarded \$1,150,000 in annual funding in support of various agency programs and services within the community. Forty-seven programs from 38 agencies received funding in FY26 and collectively served over 3,500 residents in need. In addition to annual funding, the Mental Health Board continues to support agency growth in the areas of staff development, capital improvements, and new programs by making available mid-year funding opportunities throughout the year.

It is clear to the Mental Health Board that securing funds for capital projects is a challenge for many service agencies but crucial to their operation. During the past year, Hanover Township Mental Health Board Capital Funds were used to install a nurse call system at the Marklund Wasmond Center's Residential Program. The nurse call station enhances communication, improves response times, and maintains the safety, well-being, and dignity of residents with disabilities in a skilled nursing facility. The Mental Health Board also provided Capital Funds to the Ecker Center for Behavioral Health to support the agency's office expansion. This funding helped the agency relocate administrative staff to a different building in order to open up and add additional clinical services in the main building. In total, the Mental Health Board provided \$57,000 in Capital Funds to local agencies.

Beyond capital funding, the Board remains dedicated to ensuring that Township residents receive the highest-quality services. This year, the Board invested nearly \$8,000 in professional development for employees at all levels within funded agencies. Physical therapists, nurses, substance use professionals, counselors, and others benefited from training made possible through Mental Health Board support. The Board also strengthened the broader provider network by sponsoring the second Non-Profit Management Forum for funded agencies. Recognizing that non-profit organizations are only as strong as their leadership, the Board prioritized developing the next generation of leaders. By supporting management training, the Board reinforced its commitment to both the service network and the well-being of Township residents.



Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer administered the oath of office to new Mental Health Board members Jordan Wildermuth and Tarah McShane.



Clerk Katy Dolan Baumer administered the oath of office to new Mental Health Board member Liz Eyas.

The Mental Health Board also brings together the Hanover Township Human Services Coordinating Council every quarter. This council is made up of human service agencies working in and around Hanover Township. It is a space where providers can talk about community needs and share resources with one another. The group keeps growing in both size and the diversity of agencies involved. It has become such a supportive and useful network that people from nearby counties and townships have started joining in as well.



Manager Hailey Matich received a certificate naming the Hanover Township Mental Health Board “Community Partner of the Year” by funded agency, Gigi’s Playhouse.

The Mental Health Board remains committed to supporting housing for those with mental health, substance use, or developmental disabilities by providing a subsidy for housing at Hanover Landing. All five units are currently full. The Mental Health 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 Mental Health Board has provided services to all 40 residents of Hanover Landing.

The 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.

Hanover Township Mental Health Board

Mary Jane Garvey, Chairperson

Matthew Steichmann, Vice Chairperson

Liz Eyas

Michael Kondrath

Heidi McGuire

Tarah McShane

Jordan Wildermuth

Hailey Matich, Administrative Services Manager

Brianna Jagers, Administrative Specialist

Trustee Denise Noyola, Town Board Liaison



Hanover Township Services, Events & Programs

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



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.

Back Cover Photo: Runzel Reserve, named after Mary Ellen “Mel” Runzel dedicated in 2009. Mel was a former Township Trustee and Welfare Services Director. The reserve has a pavilion, walking path and gardens. Located just north of the Township Senior Center.

2026 Hanover Township Board 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 Senior Services Center, 240 S. Route 59, Bartlett, Illinois 60103 and are open to the public.

Tuesday, April 14	Tuesday, August 18
Annual Town Meeting	Tuesday, September 1
(60 ILCS 1/30-5) 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, September 15
Tuesday, May 5	Tuesday, October 6
Tuesday, May 19	Tuesday, October 20
Tuesday, June 2	Tuesday, November 3
Tuesday, June 16	Tuesday, November 17
Tuesday, July 7	Tuesday, December 1
Tuesday, July 21	Tuesday, December 15
Tuesday, August 4	

Recognition



During the Thanksgiving Turkey Meal distribution, Supervisor Brian McGuire thanked a volunteer for his support to our residents.



Trustee Gino Martinez and Trustee Lee Beattie signing resolutions during a Board meeting.



Whether Supervisor McGuire recognizes the efforts of Hanover Township Volunteers, the Board recognizes, by resolution, significant events and times in our Township, or the staff having a picnic - Hanover Township serves and recognizes our community!



