

# The Hanover Bridge

## Another Election Nears

This year marks a presidential election along with all of the federal, state, and local seats that are open for election.

For Hanover residents, this year's election will see little change in the voter experience. Both Hennepin and Wright County residents will have City Hall as their polling place. Polls will be open from 7 am until close at 8 pm. The primary election will take place on Tuesday, August 9th, and the general election on Tuesday, November 8th.

This year marks the first year Hennepin County is utilizing an electronic sign in process by using e-poll book sign in. This process allows voters to sign in at either

table instead at an alphabetically assigned table. Election judges will be present to assist with the new process.

A key resource for both new and experienced voters is a link from the Office of the Secretary of State (Minnesota): [www.mnvotesinfo.soso.state.mn.us](http://www.mnvotesinfo.soso.state.mn.us). This website provides information on voter registration, polling place finder, absentee voting, election dates and other valuable information. More information for Hanover residents will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

At the local level, Hanover residents will be voting for the mayor and two council members.

## Traffic Change at CR 19 and CR 117

Starting April 12th, there will be a traffic change at the intersection of County Roads 117 and 19. **Traffic from the north and south WILL NOT be required to stop.** Only traffic going east and west will have a stop sign. Please use caution as residents and commuters get used to this change.



Check the City's website for a larger photo of the area involved.

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## Only Rain Down the Drain!

It appears that spring has come early to Minnesota and homeowners will want to start working in the yard. How people care for the yard affects the health of the rivers, ponds and wetlands of the area. The rainwater that runs off of the property into the street storm drains can carry soil, nutrients, bacteria and other harmful materials into the waterways.

### Yard Care Tips for Cleaner Water

**Dump no waste!** Never use the storm drains to dispose of engine oil, antifreeze or cleaners. Even washing the car or cleaning lawn equipment and allowing it to run down the drain causes problems.

**Rake up and sweep up!** Grass clippings, tree leaves and seeds are sources of phosphorus which promotes the growth of algae when it enters the waterways. Mow the lawn so that the grass is directed back on the lawn and not into the street. After finishing, sweep sidewalks, driveways and streets clean of grass clippings—into the yard, not the street!

**Keep soil in place!** Silt from eroding soil can fill the wetlands and clog river bottoms. Silt can destroy wildlife habitat and carry phosphorus. Cover bare areas of soil with mulch and plant a suitable cover. If there is a landscaping project occurring, keep the piles covered with tarps to prevent erosion.

**Soak up the rain!** Hard surfaces, also known as impervious surfaces, include roofs, roads, and parking lots. These hard surfaces prevent rainwater from being absorbed into the earth and can carry pollutants. Direct the downspouts onto vegetated areas so that it can soak in rather than be washed down the

storm drain. Rain gardens also help collect the rainwater and save it from the drains.

**Follow the law!** Minnesota's new law requires the use of phosphorus-free lawn fertilizer unless seeding a new lawn. In addition, follow the directions on pesticides so that you, your neighbors, the water and land is protected.

For more information visit [www.cleanwatermn.com](http://www.cleanwatermn.com).



## Do You Scoop the Poop?

Animal waste might not seem like a stormwater issue, but this small source of pollution adds up to big water quality and human health issues.

Animal waste contains nutrients and pathogens that are pollutants. When it enters the local waters, it decomposes slowly and releases nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. The pathogens cause bacteria and viruses that make local waters unfit to swim or fish, and cause illnesses.

Be prepared to pick up after pets. Carry a plastic bag when walking pets and remove it by using the plastic bag.

## Pollinator Primer

Almost 90 percent of the world's flowering plants rely on pollinators. These pollinators—bees, butterflies, other flying insects, and the wind—help carry pollen from one area of the plant to another.

One wouldn't think that something so tiny would carry such a big impact on the world. The pollinators help humans and wildlife enjoy well-balanced diets and provide healthy ecosystems. The plants used by pollinators help provide stabilization for soil and prevent erosion from happening. In addition, plants provide habitats for other wildlife and a buffer to waterways.

Over the past few years, pollinators have been in decline due to various reasons. Destruction of natural habitats and disease are only a few reasons.

Homeowners can help reverse the decline of pollinators through a variety of means. Pollinators, particularly bees, need sources of season-long food. By providing a variety of blooming plants throughout the growing season, bees that overwinter will have enough nectar saved to prevent starvation in the spring. Plants attractive to bees include calico asters, wild lupine, wild geranium and herbs such as oregano and thyme. Butterflies enjoy flowers on which they can perch such as coneflowers and zinnias. Pollinators need a source of water similar to birds. Eliminating the use of pesticides and finding alternative methods of pest control will also prevent harming or killing pollinators.

More information can be found on numerous websites: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources; the University of Minnesota Extension Service; the Bee Lab at the University of Minnesota; and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. There is a handout with a list of bee friendly plants available at City Hall.



## Grass, Weeds, and Tree Ordinance

Residents are reminded that Hanover has a maintenance of private property ordinance that governs lawns, weeds and trees. The complete ordinance can be found under the Hanover City Code, Chapter 8, Section 20. Visit the website to view it: [www.hanovermn.org](http://www.hanovermn.org).

Property owners are required to have turfgrasses established within the property boundaries. Established turf prevents erosion and the growth of noxious weeds. Vegetation needs to be regularly cut so it does not exceed eight (8) inches in height. If the property does not yet have a home built on it, the property owner is still responsible for maintenance, erosion control and regular mowing of the property.

Residents are also reminded that it is against both City ordinance and Minnesota state law to put grass clippings, leaves, or other vegetation in the streets. Doing so causes issues to the storm water system and add pollutants to the area's waterways.



If violations occur, the property owner will be notified in writing by the City and be given a schedule in which to comply.

## Grass Damage by Snowplowing

While snowplowing happened infrequently this year, the plows may have caused some grass damage within Hanover.

If the area near the street was only lightly scraped by the plow, it should regrow quickly once the frost is out and the weather warms up.

If the grass was actually rolled back by the plow, unroll the sod and put it back in place in order to start the regrowth.

Residents may report any damage to City Hall at 763-497-3777. The reported areas will be reseeded once the threat of snow has passed.

# Expressions of Gratitude

Each year, the Crow River Senior Center Director, Vonnie Waters, compiles volunteer numbers for United Way funding with Senior Community Services. Last year, the Crow River Senior Center, with the support of its 225 wonderful volunteers, was able to serve 3,375 individuals. A total of 6,710 meals were served over the course of the year and volunteers put in a total of 15,975 hours.

When asked about the 2015 numbers, a grateful Waters replied, “A very special thank you to the fabulous people who volunteer their time and talents that contribute to the wonderful community here at the Crow River Senior Center.”

Waters was also very excited to look at the year ahead and share the upcoming events and volunteer opportunities. April is National Volunteer Appreciation month. The Crow River Senior Center will be taking advantage of this time to show their gratitude for all of their volunteers during a morning volunteer appreciation event, which will be held at 10 AM on Monday, April 25th. Also coming up in April is the Spring Fling Fashion Show and Salad Luncheon. Enjoy fabulous spring salads, bread and dessert while getting a special private show and shopping event of the latest spring fashions. The Luncheon will be held at the Center at 12:00 PM on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. On Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, the Center will host their 5<sup>th</sup> annual Senior Expo from 9 AM – 1 PM. Registration is now being taken for local businesses with a focus on seniors. If you are interested in participating, please contact Vonnie Waters at (763) 497-8900 or [vwaters@crowriverseniorcenter.com](mailto:vwaters@crowriverseniorcenter.com).

Ongoing volunteer opportunities include the Readers Theatre Group, which reads to school children and Senior Living homes, the Crow River Senior Center Choir, which stays busy entertaining Senior Living and Nursing Homes, Meals on Wheels drivers and opportunities for local business support with Meals on Wheels as well. Please inquire about these opportunities further at the Crow River Senior Center located on Town Center Dr. in St. Michael.

The Crow River Senior Center serves the communities and surrounding areas of Albertville, Hanover and St. Michael.



## Election Judges Needed

It is a presidential election year and election judges are needed for the primary and general election with polling taking place at Hanover City Hall.

If you have been an election judge in the past, a letter will be sent out shortly asking for your service once again. Currently, two election judges are needed in addition to those who served in 2014. Election judges are required to go through formal training before serving as a judge. The judges work the entire day of the primary and general election.

Residents interested in becoming an election judge should stop by City Hall.

# Spring Clean Up Day is May 14th—Rain or Shine!

The Hanover Lions Club will, once again, be providing the Hanover residents the convenience of getting rid of miscellaneous “junk” all at one place. The Hanover Lions Club members and other volunteers take care of sorting the items as they are dropped off AND coordinating the disposal of all items. Any fees charged to the residents at the time of drop off are a ‘pass through’ of what it actually costs to dispose of the items.

Residents may bring their “junk” to City Hall on Saturday, May 14th from 8 am to Noon. See the enclosed flyer for accepted items and costs.

## Earth Day is April 22

In 1970, Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day as a way to recognize that there were no legal or regulatory mechanisms to protect the environment. Twenty million Americans demonstrated on April 22. Later that year, Congress authorized the creation of a new federal agency to handle environmental issues: the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Earth Day has since been celebrated yearly on April 22.

Hanover residents can participate in Earth Day by taking simple steps throughout the year.

**Review your garden supplies:** Check the herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers and determine if they are old or almost gone. Don't pour them down the storm sewer, toilet or sink, nor dump them on the ground or throw them in the trash. These can be disposed of at a

hazardous waste facility in Wright or Hennepin County.

**Composting:** Yard trimmings and food scraps make up a sixth of the average household's garbage. Try composting to convert organic waste into a dark, crumbly mixture used to improve garden soil and reduce the use of fertilizers and water.

**Recycle unusual materials:** Take advantage of the Hanover Lions Clean Up Day and recycle those items that cannot go in the curbside recycling. Learn more about what the Lions are accepting and the costs on the enclosed flyer.

**Develop a reusable bag habit:** More energy is used to produce paper bags than plastic bags—production requires more water and more trees. Plastic bags made from oil are environmentally unsound. Take the challenge

and see if you can carry—and use—a reusable bag on your next five shopping trips!

**Reduce runoff:** Runoff from driveways and yards can carry pollutants to the area streams, rivers, and lakes. By reducing stormwater runoff, these waterways stay clean. Try a rain garden to allow rainwater to soak into the ground rather than running off of it. Or use a rain barrel to capture rainwater for watering gardens and lawns. The CROW, Crow River Organization of Water, has a rain barrel sale each year. Check out the ad on the next page.



## Pond Maintenance Scheduled

Hanover residents may see employees from Public Works working on maintaining the City's pond system over the spring and summer. Hanover has 21 ponds and 51 outfalls which need inspection prior to maintenance. An outfall is a discharge point from a drain, storm sewer, pond or other water body.

Each pond will be inspected. Public Works will look at the area where water flows in and out of the pond as well as the sediment and vegetation present. The type of maintenance needing to be done will be determined during the inspection.

During maintenance repairs, employees will enter the area via the drainage and utility easements of neighboring properties. Some repair work will require the use of a mini excavator. Employees will take care during repairs to minimize any damage to neighboring properties and if any should occur, the damage will be repaired.

## Buffalo Area Rain Barrel Sale

Available **April** 2016

Preserve, Protect, and Restore!

Quantities are limited!

To pre-order, contact CROW at 763-682-1933 x3



### Key Features:

expandable, debris screen, durable, easy assemblage, flat back, & 54 gallons

### Where:

311 Brighton Avenue  
Buffalo, MN 55313

505 County Rd 37 NE  
Buffalo, MN 55313

**CROW** Joint Powers  
CROW RIVER ORGANIZATION OF WATER

## Antiques and "Old Stuff" Wanted

Were you cleaning out your basement or garage over the winter? Come across hand-me-downs from grandparents or others that you don't know what to do with?

You can help us out! The Hanover Historical Society is hosting an Antique Appraisal Fair in April and part of the program features a Silent Auction. Watch for details coming soon.

If you are interested in donating any old items, antiques or artifact, or need information about what we are looking for, please contact Claudia Pingree at 763-498-8435.

## Antiques Appraisal Fair

Presented by The Hanover Historical Society

Saturday, April 16th, 2016 • 10 am – Noon  
at Hanover City Hall

Appraisals will be performed by Appraisal Specialists Midwest's  
**Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan**



Doors open at 9:00 a.m. First-come, first-served. Silent auction throughout the event.

\*\* Discounted Appraisal Fees offered for Pre-Scheduled Appraisals with Appraisal Specialists Midwest on the day of the event. Email [bonnie@asmw.net](mailto:bonnie@asmw.net) for more info!

**\$5 appraisals for up to 2 items.**  
**\$1 admission fee without items.**

**Free refreshments for all.**

No firearms, dolls, fine art, jewelry or large furniture please.



Please consider donating items for our Silent Auction!

Call ASM - 952-926-0225 or email [bonnie@asmw.net](mailto:bonnie@asmw.net) to schedule your private appraisal

Contact Claudia Pingree for event and donation info.

763-498-8435 or [claudia@hanoverhistoricalsociety.org](mailto:claudia@hanoverhistoricalsociety.org)



*Bridging the past with the future while preserving history and enhancing a sense of community.*

## City Council

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## Hanover Happenings

**Crow River Lions Club**  
Meets at City Hall the first and third Wednesday at 7 pm. Contact Al Kvistero at 612-708-6753 or [crowriverlions.org](http://crowriverlions.org).

**Hanover AA**  
Meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Mondays at 6:30 pm and Tuesdays at 7 pm.

**Hanover Athletic Association**  
Meets at City Hall every second Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Stan Kolasa at 763-286-6030 or [hanoverathleticassociation.org](http://hanoverathleticassociation.org).

**Hanover Boy Scouts Troop #563**

Contact Michael Snyder at [Masnyder92@yahoo.com](mailto:Masnyder92@yahoo.com).

**Hanover Cub Scouts Troop #563**

Contact Carl Roehl at [carlroehl@hotmail.com](mailto:carlroehl@hotmail.com).

**Hanover Fire Department**  
Meets at the Fire Hall every second Tuesday at 8 pm. Contact Chief Dave Malewicki at 763-286-6501.

**Hanover Golden Age Club**  
Meets at City Hall every first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am. Contact Al Berge at 763-425-2883.

**Hanover Harvest Festival**  
Meets at City Hall every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact John Vajda at 763-657-0763.

**Hanover Historical Society**  
Meets at City Hall every first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Mary Coons at 763-476-8414 or Joe Kaul at 763-463-8610 or [hanoverhistoricalsociety.org](http://hanoverhistoricalsociety.org).

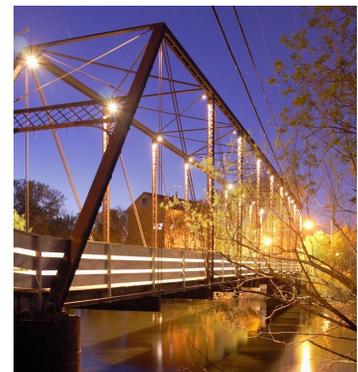
**Hanover Lions Club**  
Meets at City Hall every second and third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Ed Lucht at 763-497-3184.

**Hanover Youth Ball**  
T-ball, Coach Pitch, Girls Softball, and Boys Baseball. Meets at City Hall. Check website for dates and times. Visit [hanoveryouthball.org](http://hanoveryouthball.org) or contact Missy Thompson at 763-497-2278 or via [missy@hanoveryouthball.org](mailto:missy@hanoveryouthball.org).

**Meals on Wheels**  
Contact Crow River Senior Center at 763-497-8900 or [crowriverseniorcenter.com](http://crowriverseniorcenter.com).

## City Staff

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Monday, Wednesday &  
Thursday: 8 am-4:30 pm  
Tuesday: 8 am-5:30 pm  
Friday: 8 am-3:30 pm

## Volunteer Opportunities

### 125th Anniversary Celebration

Residents and past residents are invited to help plan and carry out the 125th Anniversary of the City of Hanover's Incorporation. The group meets regularly each month. For more information contact Joe Kaul at 612-703-5609 or [joe@hanoverkauls.com](mailto:joe@hanoverkauls.com).

### Hanover Harvest Festival

The Hanover Harvest Festival committee meets every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm in City Hall. Contact John Vajda at 763-657-0763. Everyone is welcome and any volunteering is appreciated.

### Crow River Senior Center

Area residents of any age are welcome to volunteer at the Crow River Senior Center in St. Michael. Areas in need of volunteers include the kitchen, bingo calling, special event and Rotary set up, and the newsletter. Contact Vonnie at 763-497-8900.

