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## ELECTIONS 2014

The Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2014, at Hanover City Hall with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm for all precincts. There are no city offices on the primary ballot.

The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2014, at Hanover City Hall with polls open from 7 am to 8 pm for all precincts. There will be two vacancies for city council seats on the General Election ballot.

Candidate filing for the two open City Council seats will be July 29th through August 12th. Application

materials are available at City Hall. The filing fee is \$2 payable at time of filing and must be filed in person.

New this year is absentee voter registration online. Voters may request their absentee ballot quickly and easily by going to [mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org) and clicking on Vote Absentee. Registering online saves time and reduces errors. Once the application is submitted, the information is verified with data from the state's DMV or Social Security Administration. Once

approved, the ballot will be sent to the voter. The ballots will be mailed beginning June 27 for the Primary Election and September 19 for the General Election.

Hanover residents that will be voting in Hennepin County precincts will experience new ballot counting equipment. The equipment will be available for demonstration at City Hall prior to the Primary Election.



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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Non-permanent decorations need to be removed from the City Cemetery by July 15th.
- Harvest Festival Meetings at City Hall on July 21st and 28th.
- Harvest Festival at Settler's Park on August 2nd
- Night to Unite on Tuesday, August 5th.
- Movie in the Park on August 16th.
- Crow River Clean-up on September 20th.

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## CITY OF HANOVER NEWSLETTER

2014

### HANOVER FIRST RESPONDER RECOGNIZED

Hanover firefighter Brian Gronsberg was one of the public safety officials honored at the first annual First Responders Awards by the I-94 West Chamber of Commerce on May 19 in Rogers.

Many public safety officials in the state gathered to honor these individuals including Hennepin County Sheriff Rich Stanek and Wright County Sheriff Joe Hagerty. Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman was the keynote speaker. Mayors, city council members, legislators, business owners and others joined the honorees in showing their appreciation.

Firefighter Gronsberg was nominated for organizing a CPR training for area citizens. Gronsberg worked in coordination with Allina Health EMS Heart Safe Communities.



Minnesota Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman, right, awards Hanover firefighter Brian Gronsberg, and joined by I-94 West Chamber of Commerce representative Jeremy Bradfield of Award Sponsor Crow River News. (Sun staff photo by Aaron Brom)

### INTERVIEW WITH BRIAN GRONSBURG

Brian Gronsberg knew from an early age that he wanted to become a firefighter. Growing up in Hanover, Brian often quizzed Ed Sjolín after fire calls. Ed answered all of Brian's questions until he turned 18 and then took him down to the fire station on a call. And that was the beginning which led to Brian receiving one of the First Responder Awards.

Brian joined the fire department shortly after 9-11 because he wanted to give back to his community. He has been

with the department for 12 years. Over the years, he continued his training as an EMT and fire investigator as well as providing fire prevention in the schools. He enjoys connecting with the elementary school students and telling them that he grew up here and these were his teachers, too. His advice to those that want to become a firefighter is to "plant your feet first" by establishing your career path and then volunteering for the fire department.

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## HANOVER DAY AT THE CAPITAL

Members from Hanover's city government were invited to the State Capital by Senator Mary Kiffmeyer for Hanover Day at the Capital in March. The group toured the Capital grounds, met with area legislators and observed the legislative process.

Members also met with Representative David FitzSimmons during their visit. Representative FitzSimmons asked if there were any projects or desires he could advocate on behalf of the City. The City informed him of the rehabilitation of the Historic Bridge. Representative FitzSimmons authored a bill to request funding for the bridge rehabilitation. The bonding bill was passed and just under \$80,000 was appropriated for the bridge.

The maintenance on the Hanover Bridge will be completed in time for the 125<sup>th</sup> year celebration.



City Administrator Annita Smythe and Councilor Ken Warpula visit the Minnesota State Capital during Hanover Day at the Capital hosted by Senator Mary Kiffmeyer.

## TRAILBLAZERS REPLACES RIVER RIDER SERVICE

Trailblazer Transit has replaced River Rider Services which ceased operations June 30. The Trailblazer Transit Service officially started July 1st. To schedule rides, area residents can call the toll-free number 888-743-3828.

The bus fare is \$4 per ride per person if the total distance for the ride is less than 25 miles. Rides starting and ending in a single city will be charged \$2.



Monthly passes are available which allow residents to ride an unlimited number of rides in a calendar month for specific purposes. Call the Trailblazer office for more details or visit their website at [www.trailblazertransit.com](http://www.trailblazertransit.com).

Residents are asked to fill out the enclosed transit survey. The survey will help in future decisions regarding transit options in the area. Please mail to or drop off at City Hall.

## BRIAN GRONSBURG CONTINUED

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When asked what his favorite part of being a firefighter is, he said the overall experience. Every week the group of 30 firefighters train for different situations. This allows them to handle the approximately 140 calls a year. A comment the former Hamel fire chief once said to Brian really resonates with him: "Risk a lot to save a lot; risk little to save little; don't risk a lot to save a little."

Brian was surprised to receive one of the First Responder Awards and said the luncheon was an incredible experience. Congratulations, Brian!

**"Your growth can only be as far as your dreams."**

**—Brian Gronsborg**

### City Council

- Chris Kauffman, Mayor
- Wendy Pinor, Vice Mayor
- John Vajda
- Doug Hammerseng
- Ken Warpula

### EDA

- Todd Bartels, Chair
- Randy Whitcomb, Vice Chair
- Joe Kaul, Treasurer
- Jim Hennessey
- Keith Ulstad
- Ken Warpula
- John Vajda

### Planning Commission

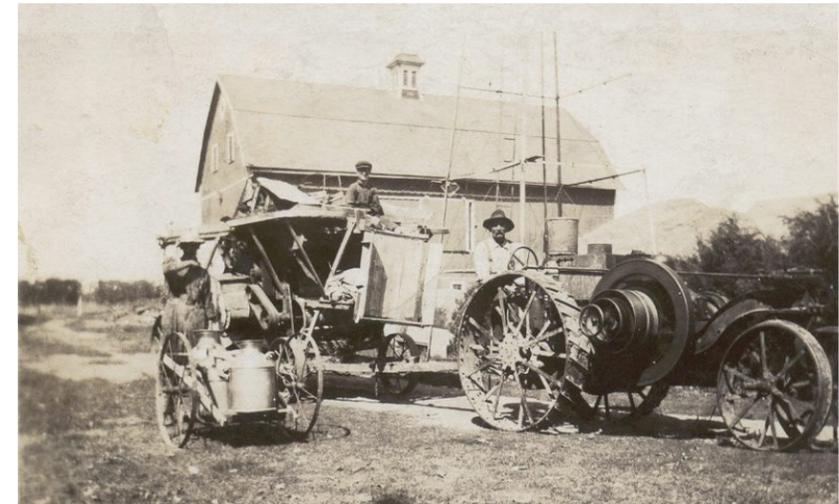
- Stan Kolasa, Chair
- Dawn Sprauengel, Vice Chair
- James Schendel
- Reid Rabon
- Michelle Armstrong
- Doug Hammerseng, Council Liaison

### Park Board

- Tom Gleason, Chair
- Arlee Anderson, Vice Chair
- Abby Peterson
- Dee Zajicek
- Mathew Boi
- Wendy Pinor, Council Liaison

### Staff:

- Annita Smythe, City Administrator
- Brian Hagen
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Hanover Historical Society

## CITY HALL CLOSED

July 4th—Independence Day	November 27th—Thanksgiving Day	December 24th—Closed at noon
September 1st—Labor Day	November 28th—Day after Thanksgiving	December 25th—Christmas Day
November 11th—Veteran's Day		

## HANOVER ORGANIZATIONS

**Hanover AA**-Meets twice weekly, Monday 6:30pm & Tuesday, 7pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church

**Hanover Athletic Association**-Meets 2nd Wednesday of every month, 7pm at City Hall; Contact Stan Kolasa 763-286-6030 [www.hanoverathleticassociation.org](http://www.hanoverathleticassociation.org).

**Hanover Fire Department**-Meets 2nd Tuesday, 8pm at Fire Hall; Chief Dave Malewicki 763-286-6501

**Golden Age Club** - Meets 1st Tuesday of every month, Noon at City Hall; Contact Al Berge 763-425-2883

**Hanover Lions Club**-Meets 2nd & 3rd Thursday of every month, 7:00pm at City Hall; Contact Ed Lucht 763-497-3184

**Crow River Lions Club**-Meets the 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 6:00pm at City Hall; Contact Al Kvistero 612-708-6753 [www.crowriverlions.org](http://www.crowriverlions.org)

**Historical Society**-Meets 2nd Tuesday of every month, 7pm at City Hall; Contact Mary Coons 763-476-8414 or Joe Kaul 763-463-8610 [www.hanoverhistoricalsociety.org/info@hanoverhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.hanoverhistoricalsociety.org/info@hanoverhistoricalsociety.org).

**Harvest Festival Committee**-Meets 3rd Monday of every month, 6:30pm at City Hall; Contact Vonnie Waters 763-497-0251 or Marc Cote 612-597-6783 [www.hanoverharvestfestival.com](http://www.hanoverharvestfestival.com)

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

**Hanover Youth Ball-Baseball** Contact Joe Kaul; [joe@hanoveryouthball.org](mailto:joe@hanoveryouthball.org) 763-234-2982 [www.hanoveryouthball.org](http://www.hanoveryouthball.org)  
**Girls Softball**-Missy Thompson 763-497-2278

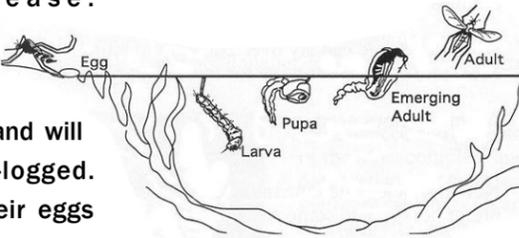
**Hanover Cub Scouts Pack #563**Contact Carl Roehl [carlroehl@hotmail.com](mailto:carlroehl@hotmail.com)

**Hanover Boy Scouts of America Troop #563** Michael Snyder [Masnyder92@yahoo.com](mailto:Masnyder92@yahoo.com)

## MOSQUITO AND TICK SEASON ARRIVE

As over 50 species of mosquitoes, along with wood and deer ticks, start to mature and make an appearance at summer events, residents can help control the environment suitable for hatching and prevention of disease.

Mosquitoes are drawn to areas that are damp and will become water-logged. Females lay their eggs on damp ground in low-lying areas or shallow containers. Once it rains, the eggs become submerged and the larvae develop. Once the larvae hatch, the pupae develops and an adult mosquito emerges. The adult mosquito lays on the water's surface until the wings are strong enough to fly. The female mosquitoes bite and draw blood in order to start the process



again. Some of the diseases that mosquitoes transmit include encephalitis, West Nile Virus, and dog heartworm. More information on these diseases can be found at the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District

(mmcd.org) and brochures at City Hall. Wood and deer ticks prefer to live in wooded areas, brush and high grasses. The deer tick season is at its peak and the deer tick is the primary transmitter of Lyme's Disease. A deer tick must be attached to a person for 24 hours to transmit the disease and not all ticks carry the bacteria. A bull's eye rash is the signature

of Lyme's Disease and can appear between three and 30 days after a deer tick bite. The rash may or may not appear. A Tick Meter is available on the MMCD website for residents to check.

There are several ways to prevent mosquitoes and ticks from ruining summer events. Residents should wear repellent when outside and preventive clothing. Light-colored clothing such as long sleeved shirts and long pants, along with socks, will help deter the mosquitoes and ticks. Empty anything that contains standing water such as tires, watering cans, and children's outdoor toys. When in doubt, pour it out!

Related links: Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (mmcd.org) and the Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/insects/diseases.com).

## REMINDER ABOUT GRASS CLIPPINGS

Residents are reminded that grass clippings or yard waste should not be put in the streets. When grass clippings and yard waste is in the streets, it easily enters the sewer system which can cause problems.

Another option for grass clippings and yard waste is to take advantage of the St. Michael Compost and Brush Site.

## ST. MICHAEL COMPOST & WASTE SITE

Hanover residents are able to bring grass clippings and yard waste to the St. Michael Compost and Waste site free of charge. An attendant will be present to check identification prior to disposal.

Materials that will be accepted include leaves, grass clippings, brush and vegetative materials.

The site is open seven days a week from 7 am to 9 pm.

As a reminder, the site also has a dump area for used oil (no charge), antifreeze (\$1 per gallon) and filters (50 cents each).



## NO WAKE ZONE ON THE CROW RIVER

Residents are reminded that there is a no wake zone on the entire Crow River within the city limits of Hanover.

Users of watercraft within the city limits are asked to slow down so a wake is not created.

Watercraft is defined as anything used or designated for navigation on the water.

With the increased rainfall over the past months, the Crow River is higher than past years.



## Sprinkling Restrictions for 2014!

### Conserve AND Save Money...

### Calendar Sprinkling is Mandatory

**May 1<sup>st</sup> through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>**

ODD addresses may water on ODD days only.

EVEN addresses may water on EVEN days only.

The day BEGINS AT MIDNIGHT and ENDS AT MIDNIGHT.

**You cannot sprinkle between 10AM and 7PM.**

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

*You live at 123 Sunflower Lane:* You may sprinkle on May 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at midnight and up until 10AM. If you prefer to water in the evening, you may also sprinkle on May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7PM and up until midnight.

Restrictions begin May 1<sup>st</sup> of every year and run through Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

New sod and seed is exempt from watering restrictions for **60 days only**. To claim this exemption, you must notify the **Water Dept. at (763) 497-3611** as soon as possible. Exemptions are **NOT** issued if you've been exempt 2 previous sprinkling seasons.

**KIDS CAN RUN IN THE SPRINKLER ANYTIME. DO NOT USE YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM** or leave the sprinkler unattended.

**A violation will cost \$75 the first time and goes up by \$25 for each additional violation.**

### Watering Tips to Save You Time AND Money

Automatic Sprinklers should have a timer and a moisture sensor.

Have your sprinkler heads adjusted so that they don't water the sidewalks, driveway, or house.

Water **ONLY** when the grass shows signs of stress (grass that is under stress doesn't spring back after you step on it.)

Watering a little heavier and less frequently will allow roots to grow deeper, and they will be more resilient and less susceptible to dryer conditions.

If you do not have an automatic sprinkler, you can purchase a hose timer for very little money at the local hardware store.

PLEASE don't sprinkle in the rain.

If you can, always water during the night hours; there is less wind, less evaporation, better soaking down to grow deeper roots.

Delay starting watering in the spring to allow the roots to grow deeper.

Keep the grass longer; it will hold water better and dry out slower.

There is nothing wrong with letting the lawn go dormant in dry weather; it will turn green when it gets wet again.

## Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to be a smart consumer!

Please call the Water Dept. Office at (763) 497-3611 if you should have ANY questions.

## HANOVER HAPPENINGS

### READING IN THE PARK

The weekly Reading in the Park begins Thursday, June 12th at 9:30am with readings most Thursdays through August 14th at Settler's Park.

### CRAFTS IN THE PARK

Each week different crafts will be available for children 4 years and older beginning Thursday, June 12th at 10am continuing through August 14th at Settler's Park.

### MOVIE IN THE PARK

The Park Board will also be hosting their annual Movie in the Park on August 16th at Settlers Park. Watch the Crow River news or call City Hall for more details.



Wright County Sheriff Joe Hagerty reads in the Park last summer.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Harvest Festival is in need of volunteers for 2014. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve your community by giving of your time & talent. No matter your talent or skill level, we invite you to join us for a meeting.

Anyone interested in helping out with the Hanover Harvest Festival, please come to the meetings at City Hall as we finalize details on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> and Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30.



## CALL TO AREA BUSINESSES

The Economic Development Authority (EDA) for the City of Hanover invites home-based businesses to register free of charge so that your business information can reach all area residents. This is a great way to advertise your business on the EDA website! Forms are available on the EDA website [www.hanovereda.com](http://www.hanovereda.com).

## CHOOSE TO REUSE!

Shopping reuse gets you great deals on quality products, plus it supports local businesses and protects the environment.

It's easy to grab a reusable mug ready for the coffee shop, so while you're at it,

take your coupons and get even more of a deal! Pick up a Choose to Reuse coupon book at participating retailers, Hennepin County Service Centers, Hennepin County libraries, and all Three Rivers Park District locations. There

is also a smart phone app available, too! Choose to Reuse is available August 1 through October 31, 2014

Why do you Choose to Reuse? Maybe you would rather rent expensive power tools than own them? Or know a teenag-

er with Project Runway style, but a babysitter's budget?

For more information, or to find reuse options using the Choose to Reuse online directory, visit [www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse](http://www.hennepin.us/choosetoreuse) or call 612-348-3777.

## ALEC WATERS SINGS AT TARGET FIELD

Alec Waters of Hanover was granted the honor to sing "God Bless America" at Target Field on Memorial Day. Alec sang to an audience of thousands of Twins fans.

Alec started the audition process last February by submitting an audio file of him singing the Na-

tional Anthem. After being selected from over 400 entries, Alec was called for an in-person audition and was chosen!

To see Alec's performance, go to [http://m.mlb.com/video/v33186709/?game\\_pk=381306](http://m.mlb.com/video/v33186709/?game_pk=381306).



## ANNUAL NIGHT TO UNITE

The City of Hanover invites neighbors here and across the state of Minnesota to fight against crime at the annual Night to Unite event Tuesday, August 5 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Each neighborhood may adjust the time frame so it best suits their neighborhood.

This is a chance for neighbors to come together to get to know one another and strengthen their neighborhood.

Each neighborhood decides how they want to

celebrate Night to Unite. Gatherings can be as simple or as elaborate as the neighborhood wishes:



block parties, ice cream socials, music, kids' games, potlucks or barbeques. Gatherings will be visited by the sheriff and/or fire

departments.

Night to Unite is an enjoyable event promoting the relationship between law enforcement and communities.

Residents interested in hosting a Night to Unite gathering may stop by City Hall to pick up an informational packet with ideas and handouts. To make sure that each neighborhood receives a visit from a city or county official, a registration form needs to be submitted to City Hall by August 1st.

## WILLS FOR HEROES

Volunteer attorneys and staff arrived at City Hall in April and emergency personnel took advantage of the free legal advice. The event was well attended with three-quarters of the appointments being filled.

Volunteers and attendees are needed for the next program in 2015. A date has not been determined at this time. If you are interested in helping with the program or taking advantage of the legal services, please contact City Hall.

## WELCOME!

The City of Hanover would like to welcome the following people to their staff:

Jason Doboszinski, Public Works

Hanna Kaufman, Public Works

Amy L. Biren, City Hall

Jacob Zimmerman, Fire Department

## BEEBE LAKE TRAIL UPDATE

The trail paving is nearing completion and seeding and fiber blankets are being placed on the slopes and yards. The next phases of the project include the concrete pedestrian ramps, repairing the driveways impacted by the construction, and then signing and striping the actual trail. Once completed, the trail will run from County Road 19 along the South side of Beebe Lake Road to Beebe Lake Regional Park.

