



# The Hanover Bridge

## General Election is Tuesday, November 4

The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 4, at Hanover City Hall. Polls will be open 7 am to 8 pm.

Hanover residents will be voting for candidates to fill two open council seats in addition to state and federal offices. Some of the precincts will also be voting on school district seats or levies. Sample ballots are available at City Hall.

Residents have two voting options: in-person voting on the day of the General Election or by absentee ballot. In either option, residents need to be registered to vote. Residents

may pre-register online or by mail through October 14. After that date, residents may register in person on Election Day.

This year has been the first time that absentee voting does not require a specific reason. Once registered to vote, the absentee ballots may be requested online, by mail, by fax or in person starting September 19.

Most absentee voters receive their ballot by mail. Absentee voters are asked to follow the instructions carefully and to have a witness that is another registered Minnesota voter or a notary public. Then the

absentee ballot may be mailed, delivered in person or have another person deliver it.

Hanover residents that would like to absentee vote may do so at City Hall Monday through Friday during business hours; the Saturday prior to the Election from 10 am to 3 pm; or the day before the Election until 5 pm.

For information about candidates, to register to vote online, or to request an absentee ballot go to the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at [www.sos.state.mn.us](http://www.sos.state.mn.us).

# From the City Administrator's Desk: The Budget

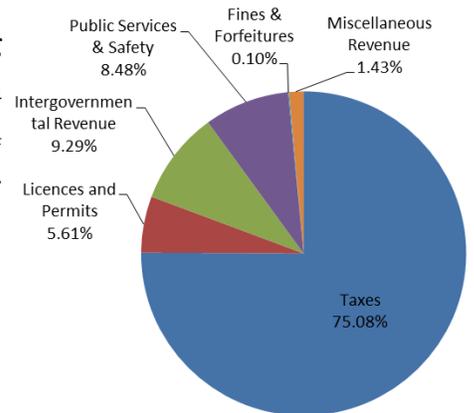
It's that fun time of year again: fall leaves, pumpkins, football. And setting the City's preliminary budget for 2015. The last several years have been difficult as cities worked to balance the increasing expenses of City operations while maintaining flat levies during years that were financially difficult for many residents. Although times are still tough for many people, there has been a slow recovery in the local economy. Hanover is primarily seeing the recovery in the form of a handful of new businesses, and quite a bit of new home construction. As the City begins to recover economically, the next task is to take on the infrastructure projects that were largely deferred during the

recession. Hanover's proposed 2015 budget is designed with the goal of improving infrastructure, and roadways in particular. In the summer of 2013, the City completed a study of the roadways in Hanover in order to set up a pavement management plan of road improvements. The City plans to implement the first of the planned improvements in 2015. As a result, the City is proposing an increase to the operating levy for the first time in several years.

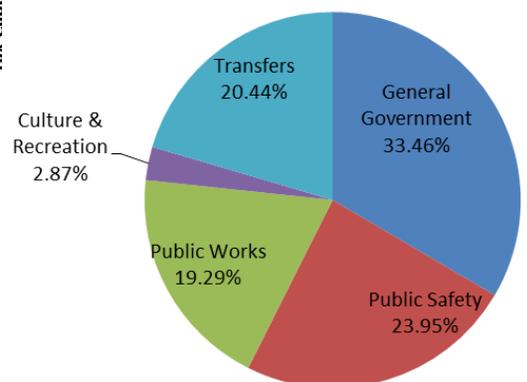
The proposed levy amount for 2015 is \$1,308,954 including levy for debt service. This is a 3.21% increase over the 2014 levy. Because of the new con-

struction within Hanover, it is anticipated that the resulting increases to the City's tax capacity will offset the proposed increase to the levy, having an overall effect of reducing City tax rates. Each individual's rates will vary. The City will hold its annual public meeting relating to the budget and levy on Tuesday, December 2, 2014, at 7:00 pm prior to final adoption. Below are some charts showing the breakdown of the City's revenues, expenditures, and tax rates compared to levy.

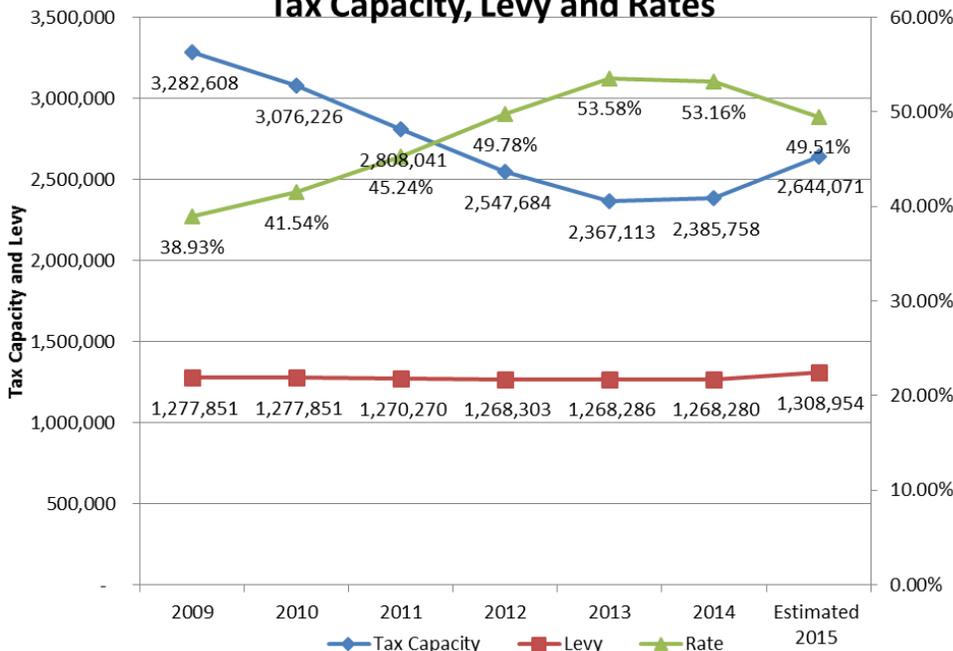
**General Fund Revenue Sources**



**General Fund Expenditures**



**Tax Capacity, Levy and Rates**





# Hanover Harvest Festival



A very special and sincere THANK YOU goes out to the 2014 committee members of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hanover Harvest Festival and all of the many volunteers that helped to make this year's festival a wonderful success! This event is solely run on the collaboration of our wonderful volunteers and the generous donations of our surrounding businesses and private parties. Many volunteer hours go into the planning of the event that begins in January of each year. Without the dedication from each and every one of the volunteers we would not be able to pull off such a successful event. We sincerely thank you all for your commitment to making this event the best that it can be each year! Committee Members: Stacy Anderson, Arlee Anderson, Scott Blasko, Mary Brown, Mary

Coons, Marc Cote, Tracy Crowser, Tom Crowser, Taylor Crowser, Carol Dixon, Dean Eckard, Brian Friede, Tracy Gutknecht, Jim Haultala, Jackie Heinz, Toby Heinz, Holly Jendro, Amanda Jendro, Joe Kaul, Stan Kolasa, Torney Marshall, Carol Moldenhauer, Natasha Paulinski, Mike Paulinski, John Vajda, Ken Warpula, Marty Waters, Vonnie Waters, and Sara Williams.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came out to help with the day of functions at the information booth and parking control.

Thank you to members from the following organizations: Hanover Historical Society, Hanover Boy Scout Troop # 563, Living Hope Church, St. Paul's Church, Crow River Senior Center, Hanover Li-

ons, and Hanover City Staff: Scott Vogel and Jason Doboszen-ski.

Thank you all for your generous commitment to continuing this tradition that was started with the wonderful vision of Abby and Dave Peterson. We continue to honor Dave's memory each year with a successful event.

With sincere gratitude,

The Hanover Harvest Festival Board Members, both present and future! Marc Cote and Vonnie Waters (retiring this year).

A Big Welcome to Jackie Heinz, John Vajda and Taylor Crowser as new 2015 board members! We encourage folks in our community to get involved to help keep this festival going for many years to come!



# Pumpkin Decorating Festival

Once the cool fall breezes arrive and the outdoors turn into fiery reds and stunning oranges, it's time to put the pumpkins on the porch. And that can only mean that the Hanover Historical Society's Annual Pumpkin Decorating Festival is fast approaching!

Gather up your creative goblins in costume and spend the afternoon on Saturday, October 18th from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Settler's Park shelter behind City Hall in Hanover. We'll be ghoulishly waiting for you.

Bring the kids and grandkids and the Society will furnish the pumpkins and art supplies. Decorating is from 3-4:30 p.m. with judging at 4 p.m. Come in your favorite Halloween costume for a chance

to win prizes. You must be present to win.

Activities include:

- ♦ Free pumpkins to decorate.
- ♦ Kids' pumpkin decorating and costume competition:



preschool, 6-8 years, 9 years and up with prizes awarded in each category.

- ♦ Bring a camera and have

your picture taken with Koshers the potbelly pig and his "master".

- ♦ Play Needle in the Haystack.
- ♦ Free refreshments.

Come in costume or not, but don't miss this fall afternoon of pumpkin decorating fun! Event goes on rain or shine.

If you have questions, contact Tim Zimmerman, event coordinator, at 763-370-7373.

The Hanover Historical Society's mission is bridging the past with the future while preserving history and enhancing a sense of community. Learn more about the Society online at [hanoverhistoricalsociety.org](http://hanoverhistoricalsociety.org).

—Contributor Mary Coons

## Caroling At the Bridge

The Hanover Historical Society is once again hosting Caroling at the Historic Bridge this year. The event will take place on Friday, December 5th, from 6-8 pm. Residents are invited to join in the caroling, bonfires and refreshments. St. Nick will be there so bring your camera!



# What's New in Hanover?

## Snowplowing Policy

It's almost that time of year again when the snowplows will be out taking care of the streets of Hanover. Conditions for plowing include over two inches of snow; drifting snow causing hazardous traveling; icing or freezing rain; and snowfall during heavy use of the streets.

The plow drivers may need to make more than one pass to completely plow the streets depending on how heavy and continuous the snowfall. Residents may wish to wait to clean their own driveways until the plows complete all of the passes in their area or plan on clearing

the snow more than once.

Starting November 1, the "Snowbird Ordinance" will go into effect. Residents may not park their vehicles on the street between the hours of 2am to 6 am. If the snowplowing cannot be completed by 6 am, the hours will be extended to the completion of the plowing. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.

The right-of-ways and easements will be used to store the snow. Residents should be aware that items that are in the right-of-ways and easements may be damaged during the winter months and may wish to

remove them if possible. The plow drivers take care not to damage any property within the City right-of-ways, however mailboxes occasionally get damaged. Mailboxes installed on streets with a curb must be 41-45 inches above the street surface. The front of the mailbox should be 6-8 inches from the face of the curb or road edge. Should a mailbox get damaged, residents should call City Hall.

A detailed description of the snowplowing policy is available on the City of Hanover's website, [www.hanovermn.org](http://www.hanovermn.org), listed under the Residents tab.

## Taking Care of Your Pet

Pets can contribute much to the lives of their "owners". In return, owners need to be taking care of their pets. The City of Hanover reminds residents that all pets need to be vaccinated regularly and be licensed if required. Licenses may be purchased at City Hall.

While enjoying the outdoors with your pet, please make sure that they are on a leash and do not run loose. The owner or person walking the animal needs to be responsible for cleaning up after the pet and properly disposing of such matter whether it is on public or private property.

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant

Residents can help the Hanover Fire Department by Adopting a Fire Hydrant this winter. Hanover has just under 200 fire hydrants. If there is a fire hydrant located close to your property, take the time to shovel 18 inches around the hydrant so that the Fire Department can gain easy access to it in case of an emergency. A tanker truck only carries so many gallons of water and if a hydrant isn't cleared, a fire can double in size. A fire can double in size in about 17 seconds, so every second counts. This would be a great neighborhood project and opportunity to show support for the Fire Department.



# Hanover Happenings



## October

- 3 FYCC Grandparent's Dinner at City Hall
- 5 Fire Prevention Week
- 13 Columbus Day
- 18 Hanover Historical Society's Pumpkin Decorating Contest 3pm at Settler's Park
- 26 Hanover Lions Pancake Breakfast 8am to Noon at City Hall
- 31 Happy Halloween! Have you been Booed?

## November



- 1 City Hall open from 10am to 3pm for Absentee Voting
- 2 Daylight Savings Time Ends—Have you changed your clocks?
- 4 General Election: Polls open 7am to 8pm at City Hall
- 10 Crow River Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner at Noon at City Hall
- 11 Veteran's Day: City Hall closed
- 21 Hanover Fire Department's Poultry Social at City Hall
- 21 Caring for Kids! Toy Drive starts: Box available at City Hall
- 27 Happy Thanksgiving! City Hall closed.
- 27 Annual Hanover Thanksgiving 5K at 8:30 am near the Fire Hall
- 28 City Hall closed

## December



- 5 Hanover Historical Society's Caroling at the Bridge
- 7 Crow River Lions Stuffed Hash Brown Breakfast from 8 am to Noon
- 12 Caring for Kids! Toy Drive ends
- 16 Hanukkah begins at sundown
- 24 Christmas Eve: City Hall closes at Noon
- 24 Hanukkah ends
- 25 Merry Christmas! City Hall closed
- 31 New Year's Eve

## January

- 1 Happy New Year! City Hall closed

## Annual Thanksgiving 5K



Share a fun, free, healthy start to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 27th at 8:30 am. It's our fourth annual free 5k fun run, walk, or maybe even bike. If you are able, please bring a monetary or non-perishable donation for the Hanover Area Food Shelf. Last year there were just over 100 people participating: Moms, dads, kids and pets are all welcome. Please park at the Hanover Elementary School. The event begins at the Hanover Fire Department. If you have questions call Martin Waters at 763-486-2606 or email [martyinminn@cs.com](mailto:martyinminn@cs.com).

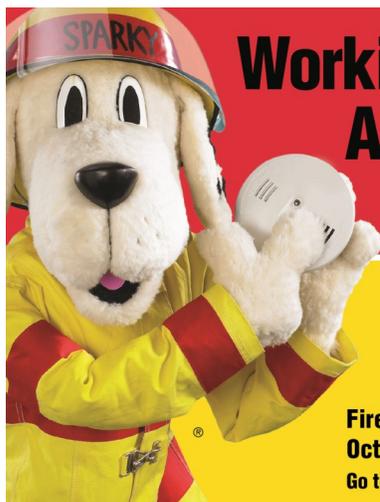
# Fire Prevention Week

This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11, is Smoke Alarms. Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. The fire burned for two days and killed more than 250 people, left more than 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures in the city. The fire changed how public officials and firefighters thought about fire

safety. They decided to use this week as a way to keep people informed about the importance of fire prevention. For more information and activities for the whole family, visit [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

The Hanover Fire Department will be visiting area schools to teach about fire safety and prevention.

The Hanover Fire Department is currently looking for dedicated members. If Hanover residents are interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter, contact Chief Dave Malewicki at 763-286-6501.



**Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives**

**Test Yours Every Month!**

Fire Prevention Week  
October 5-11, 2014  
Go to [FPW.org](http://FPW.org)



## Don't Forget!

On Saturday, November 1st, it's time to "Fall Back"! Daylight Savings Time ends as standard time returns and residents need to remember to turn their clocks back one hour.

As residents plan to turn their clocks back, it's also a good time to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Fire Department Calendar

The Annual Fire Department Calendar will be arriving at Hanover residents' homes shortly. The calendar is created each year using nature photos showcasing the area. A free will donation is requested by the Hanover Fire Department in support of the Fire Relief Association which is associated with volunteer fire departments such as Hanover's. The calendar will also be available at Tom Thumb.

## Help with Storm Water Run-off

With the leaves falling, it is important that ditches, curb/gutters and storm sewers are kept intact and free of debris. These areas are created to certain specifications so that water run-off occurs in a way that lessens the impact on each resident's property as well as their neighbors'. When raking leaves this fall, please do not rake the leaves into the ditches or streets as that will impact the storm sewers. If the storm water run-off areas become clogged with leaves and debris, flooding may occur. The City appreciates its residents' help in keeping these areas debris-free and intact.

# Trailblazer Transit Provides Service to Hanover Area

The Wright County Area Transportation (WCAT) organization was recently created by a coalition of cities in Wright County to help administer and fund Trailblazer Transit. There are 12 cities that are participating in WCAT: Albertville, Annandale, Buffalo, Cokato, Delano, Hanover, Howard Lake, Maple Lake, Montrose, Rockford, St.

Michael, and Waverly. Residents in these cities will have access to Trailblazer Transit if they are traveling to or from a participating city.

Service is available on weekdays between 6:30am and 5:30pm except on major holidays. Customers must schedule the rides with a dispatcher. The service provided is door-to-door.

Rides provided are subject to availability of resources including employees, volunteer drivers, and buses. Customers may pay when boarding the bus or by means of a billing system. Riders of any age may use the Trailblazer Transit system.

Contact Trailblazer Transit toll-free at 1-888-743-3828 with any questions.

Public Works has been using the Bobcat for tree maintenance and landscaping. A snow blower attachment, seen here, will be used during the winter season. The snow blower will help in clearing the snow quickly and more efficiently from the City sidewalks and along designated trails.



## Political Signs

Residents are reminded that any sign, including political signs, may not be posted in the public right-of-way. Signs in these areas may be distracting to drivers or interfere with projects being done by Public Works. Any signs in the public right-of-way are subject to removal by the City. The City thanks you for your cooperation.

## Preparing for the Winter Heating Season

Last winter presented challenges to homeowners heating their homes, particularly to those heating with propane. Propane prices skyrocketed and supply shortages caught many people by surprise. This year experts are recommending that those using propane lock in their rates and avoid the price spikes.

Many propane users are already filling their tanks.

There are additional avenues to help with heating costs. One such program is the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) which helps pay home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. EAP is

federally funded through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, visit the website <http://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumers/Heating-Assistance/> or call the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at 1-800-657-3710.

# Board Openings

Residents wishing to become more involved in the City of Hanover may apply for openings on the Planning Commission, the Economic Development Authority (EDA), and the Park Board. Interested residents may fill out an application found online or at City Hall. Vacant seats are filled by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Mayor. The Planning Commission has one open seat and the Park Board has two open positions.

Board members are expected to attend regular monthly meetings, any special meetings, and/or events being hosted by that particular board. Board terms vary in length.

# Mission Statements

## Planning Commission:

To review the comprehensive plan, any ordinances and any capital improvement program the Council has adopted to implement the plan; and to recommend amendments and ordinances as needed.

## EDA:

To promote private economic development in harmony with the City of Hanover's land use guidelines and to promote public infrastructure to accommodate private development.

## Park Board:

To provide a high quality of life for the residents of Hanover by protecting the natural resources, safe-guarding historic sites and developing and maintaining park and recreational facilities for public enjoyment.

# Wright County CodeRED Alert

Wright County has a new rapid emergency notification service called CodeRED®. The new system will distribute emergency messages via telephone. CodeRED® employs a one-of-a-kind Internet mapping capability for geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a high speed telephone calling system capable of delivering

customized emergency messages directly to homes and businesses.

This service can be used in case of fires, flooding, train derailment, chemical spills, nuclear incidents, evacuation, downed power lines, lost individuals, natural disasters, abductions, water system problems,

bomb threats, disease outbreaks, or other emergencies. Calls can be targeted for local incidents. If widespread, the entire county with 31,000 households can be called within 30 minutes. Wright County residents are encouraged to enter their contact information for home, business, and mobile phones. Those who do not register their address and phone number may not be notified.

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## Autumn Word Search



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| Brown   | Grain    | Pear       |
| Chilly  | Harvest  | Pumpkin    |
| Cold    | Hay      | Red        |
| Colors  | Leaf     | Rice       |
| Corn    | Leaves   | Scarecrow  |
| Country | Maple    | September  |
| Crops   | Migrate  | Sweater    |
| Fall    | November | Vegetables |
| Farmer  | October  | Yellow     |

# HANOVER RECYCLING CALENDAR



(763) 972-3335

www.randyssanitation.com

Recycling Every Other Thursday

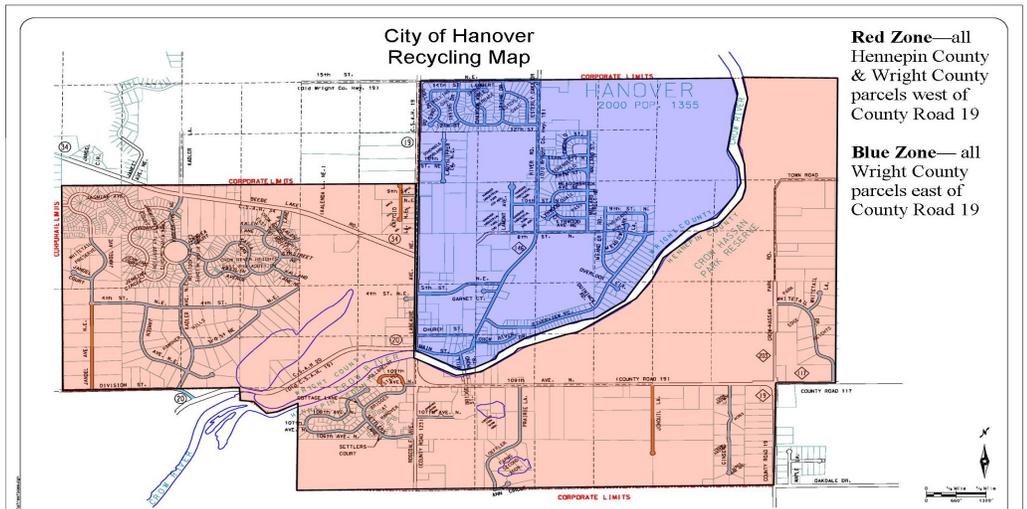
**Red = Hennepin County and Wright County**

**Red = Homes on Co Rd 19 or West of Co Rd 19**

**Blue—Wright County - Homes East of Co Rd 19**

Holiday and the rest of the week will be delayed one day

September 2014							October 2014							November 2014							December 2014						
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## Items not accepted:

- No plastic bags
- No egg cartons
- No Styrofoam
- No pizza boxes
- No food soiled paper
- No window glass
- No mirror or plate glass
- No ceramic or porcelain
- No toys, dishes,
- No plastic hangers
- No motor oil jugs
- No metal car parts
- No flower pots

## Other Recycling Options

To recycle larger items such as appliances or hazardous materials, residents may take items to one of their county's recycling centers. Wright County residents may take their items to the Wright County Compost and Recycling Center located at 505 County Road 37 NE, Buffalo. Hennepin County residents may take their items to the Brooklyn Park Transfer Station and Recycling Center located at 8100 Jefferson Highway, Brooklyn Park. A booklet from Hennepin County is available at City Hall with more information.

## City Council

Mayor Chris Kauffman

Vice Mayor Wendy Pinor

Councilor John Vajda

Councilor Doug Hammerseng

Councilor 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 Spraugel, 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 Boie

Wendy Pinor, Council Liaison

## Hanover Organizations

### 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 Historical Society

Meets at City Hall every second Tuesday 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 Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Ed Lucht at 763-497-3184.

### Hanover Youth Ball

Contact Joe Kaul at [joe@hanoveryouthball.org](mailto:joe@hanoveryouthball.org).

**Baseball:** Gar Engel at 763-234-2982.

**Softball:** Missy Thompson at 763-497-2278.

### Meals on Wheels

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

## City Staff

Annita Smythe,  
City Administrator

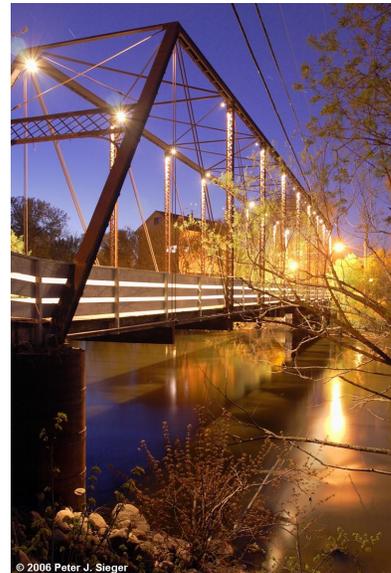
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Jason Doboszanski

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[cityhall@ci.hanover.mn.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.hanover.mn.us)

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 Friday: 8 am-3:30 pm

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## Ice Rink Hours

The Hanover Athletic Association Skating Rink and Warming House will be open once ice is established:

Monday-Friday	4 to 9:30 pm
Saturday	10am to 9:30pm
Sunday	Noon to 9:30pm



## Caring for Kids! Toy Drive

The Hanover Area Food Shelf is sponsoring its annual Caring for Kids! Toy Drive from November 21 through December 12, 2014. New toys may be dropped off at area businesses or at City Hall.

The toy drive started more than 20 years ago to help relieve some of the pressure felt by families already struggling to meet their basic needs. The toy drive is only possible with the generosity of the residents in the Hanover area.

Items to be donated may include toys ages birth to 18 years old, books, hats and mittens. All items need to be new. Financial donations will also be accepted through December 12 and may be mailed to the Hanover Area Food Shelf, Caring for Kids! Toy Drive, 11024 Church Street NE, Hanover, MN 55341.

The Caring for Kids! Toy Drive serves nearly 500 children in the Hanover area during the holiday season.