



The Hanover Bridge

Meet City Councilor Jim Zajicek

Elected this past November, Jim Zajicek is one of Hanover's newest Council members.

Jim Zajicek recognizes that Hanover is a unique city with a small hometown feel. He ran for Council because he wanted the opportunity to make a contribution, use his past experiences, be a positive, responsible Councilor and to represent the residents of Hanover. Jim believes in providing practical, common-sense solutions for the City.

"To achieve business expansion and increased housing development, more people need a reason to stop in Hanover. Our city needs to capture commuter traffic in the form of trade dollars. Attracting

new business, increasing foot traffic for current businesses is essential for generating new revenue for our city. Informed and common sense decision-making is vital for the development of our downtown and industrial areas without negatively affecting current businesses."

Other opportunities Jim sees for the City include pavement management with minimal assessment to residents; providing a larger facility and new equipment for Public Works to keep up with continued growth in the City; and to increase housing and services for senior residents.

Jim concluded, saying "To the Hanover residents, thank you for

the time you spent with me as I walked door to door. I appreciate the conversations and friendly smiles that welcomed me. I look forward to being your councilor."

Jim, and his wife, Dee have been residents of Hanover since 2012. He owns a small business called James Restoration and Design. In addition, he has over 30 years experience in sales and grocery retail management. Jim



volunteers at his church and serves as a leader of a Fishing Ministry.

From the City Administrator's Desk: New Ordinances

During 2014, there were several new ordinances adopted by the City Council. Here is a brief description of each ordinance:

2014-01 Amending 2014 Fee Schedule: This ordinance made a correction to the sewer rates.

2014-02 Fees for Emergency Protection: This ordinance made an amendment to Chapter 2 of the City Code. The amendment established a fee which could be charged in the event false fire alarms are consistently happening at one location. The ordinance allows the fee to be charged beginning on the third false fire alarm in a twelve month cycle (January-December).

2014-03 Regulating Grass, Weeds and Trees: In an effort to streamline the City's ability to keep the City looking clean and orderly, this ordinance was passed to give the City the ability to abate nuisance grass, weeds and trees in a timelier manner.

2014-04 Annual Update to Zoning Ordinance: Withdrawn

2014-05 Correction to Annual Zoning Ordinance Update: The City has a practice to annually update the Zoning Ordinance. This is an update which addresses sections of the ordinance that may not be effective or do not pertain to the current state of Hanover. The 2014 update included a change to the off-street parking regulations particularly to single family homes, accessory buildings, and home oc-

cupations.

2014-06 Bee Keeping: The Planning Commission has recognized the decline of the honey bee population. In an effort to give residents the ability to assist in the need of honey bees and the benefits they bring to the ecosystem, the Commission recommended approval to the City Council of an ordinance which allows honey bees to be kept in the Residential Agriculture District of Hanover. There are regulations on where the honey bees may be placed on properties in an effort to reduce to impact on neighboring properties. Please be aware of these restrictions.

2014-07 Chicken Keeping – *not adopted:* The City regulates chickens as farm animals. In order to have farm animals, certain minimum requirements must be met. The Planning Commission visited the idea of lessening these restrictions to allow chickens on smaller parcels. After several discussions, the Planning Commission made a recommendation to Council to deny an ordinance which would change the regulations on keeping chickens. Chickens continue to be regulated as a farm animal.

2014-08 Update to Sign Ordinance: Changes were made to the regulations regarding signs. These changes regulate what types of signs are allowed and for how long these signs are allowed to be displayed. Additionally, the City removed the requirement for a sign

permit when placing a temporary sign on a property. As a reminder, signs are not allowed in the public right of way. If the City sees signs that do not meet the ordinance regulations, the City may remove them without warning. It will be standard practice to hold onto the signs at City Hall for a short time in order to allow the proper owner to reclaim them.

2014-09 Adopting the 2015 Fee Schedule: Each year adjustments are made to the City Fee Schedule to cover increased expenses and rate changes for services provided to the residents.

Starting in 2015, upon the third false alarm fire call, a \$150 charge will be incurred. The false alarms need to have occurred in the same 12-month period. Additional false alarm calls will be charged sequentially \$100 per call: \$250 for the fourth false alarm, \$350 for the fifth and so forth.

Re-inspection fees were added to the building permit and escrow release processes. Staff sometimes needs to revisit building sites or newly completed construction due to compliance issues. The additional costs will be charged to the builder.

The utility rates for water distribution, sewer and storm water were increased slightly to be comparable to St. Michael. An example is located on the fee schedule on the Hanover Website.

The Wright County Sheriff fee for hall rentals involving alcohol and a dance increased \$20 for a four-hour period.

The complete Fee Schedule is located on the City Website.

Congratulations, Wendy Pinor!



Photo courtesy of Doug Voerding and the Wright County Journal-Press

Councilor Wendy Pinor received a plaque at the December 2nd Council meeting honoring her commitment to the City Hanover as a Council Member over the past several years. Councilor Pinor decided not to run for re-election this past November. Councilor Pinor served for eight years on the Council and four years on the Hanover Planning Commission.

Best Wishes, Annita Smythe!

City Administrator Annita Smythe gave the City Council her resignation December 17th after accepting the position of City Administrator in Cokato, MN. Annita will start January 19, 2015, in Cokato.

Annita leaves after almost three years of service to Hanover. During this time, Annita accomplished many things including finalizing a purchase agreement for the Greenhouse, an assisted living center for seniors; upgrading the IT system and accounting system; and working with the EDA to establish new businesses. Annita stated that all the accomplishments were made possible with the help of the talents of the staff, boards and Council.

Annita will be missed by the residents, Council members, board members and staff. Everyone wishes her the best in her future endeavors.



Visit the City of Hanover Website: www.hanovermn.org

Have you visited the website for the City of Hanover? The website is a good resource for locating events, learning about city government, and linking to other organizations in the City.

The home page of the website has links to the latest announcements relating to the City. To the left of the announcements is a table of contents. If the subject matter has an arrow, more specific options are available by hovering over the subject matter. Above the welcome message are various tabs which utilize links to additional

information. For example, if the Residents tab is clicked on, it will provide the contact numbers for businesses servicing the City of Hanover and its residents.

If residents have questions or concerns they would like to share with City Staff, the far right tab at the top will give you a form to submit via the website and it arrives in the City Hall email box. Staff will answer the questions or concerns in a timely manner.

The Links tab will connect residents to local organizations,

county websites and state-run agencies.

Residents may also “like” the City of Hanover on Facebook. The City posts events, special announcements, and more via the Facebook page.

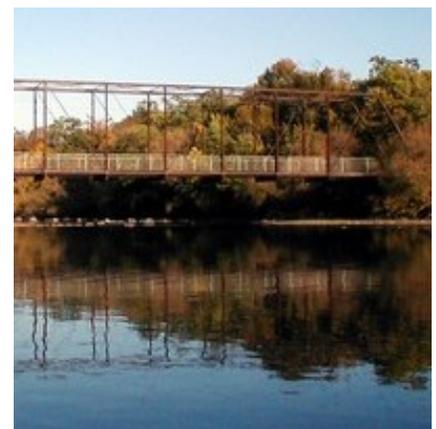


Photo by Michelle Thielen

Hanover Park Board

Providing a high quality of life for the residents of Hanover is the mission of the Hanover Park Board. The Park Board does this by protecting the natural resources, safe-guarding historic sites and developing and maintaining park and recreational facilities for public enjoyment.

There are five appointed members on the Board with a liaison from the City Council. The Board meets monthly in

addition to participating in events throughout the year. Residents may attend the monthly meetings and share their ideas.

The planned events for 2015 include the Easter Egg Hunt on April 4th; the Concert in the Park on June 18th; the Zoo Mobile on July 15th; and the Movie in the Park for August 22th. Mark these dates on the calendar! More information will be in future newsletters on each

specific event.

The Park Board also supports the Thursday Reading and Crafting in the Park hosted by Family Youth Community Connections (FYCC) during the summer months. Each week community leaders read in Settler's Park and children are invited to take home a book free of charge! After reading, a craft project is provided for children to do in the park or take it home.

Welcome to the New Board Members!

At the January 6th Council Meeting, Mayor Chris Kauffman appointed the following people to the City Boards: Tom Gleason and Abby Peterson were reappointed to the Park Board; Matt Hanson joined the EDA to fulfill a recent resignation; and Councilor Jim Zajicek was appointed as the liaison to the

Park Board.

The appointment to the Planning Commission was postponed and will be determined at the January 20th Work Session.

Resident may view scheduled meetings and minutes on the City of Hanover website.

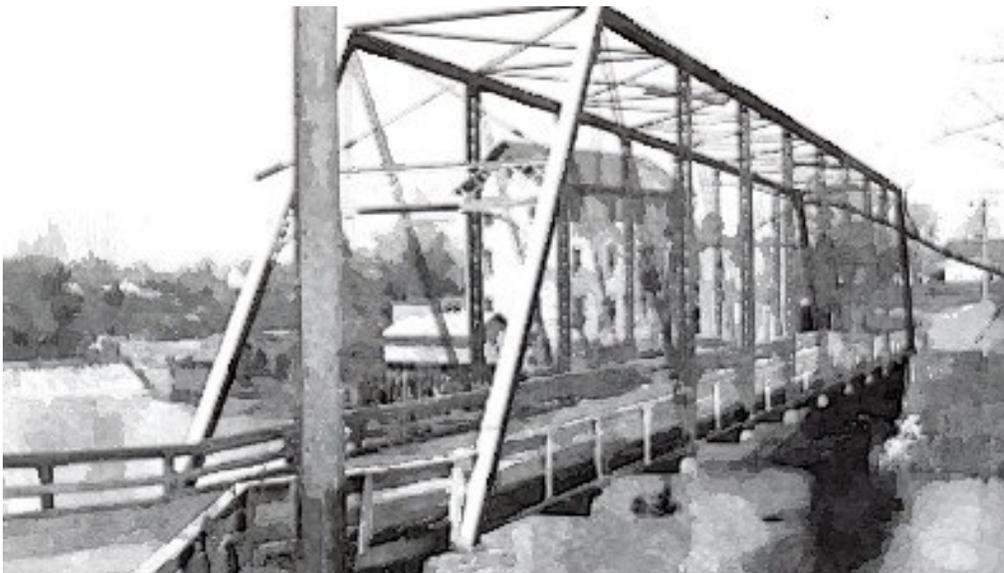
Volunteers Needed

Volunteer representatives are needed for the Northwest Hennepin League of Municipalities and the Northwest Hennepin Human Services Council. Interested residents may contact City Hall for more information and obtaining an application.

Did You Know?

At the time this photo was taken, the building pictured behind the Bridge was the former Hanover Rolling Mills. Walter Fender had purchased it after the mill closed in the late 1920s. Fender wanted to re-establish the site as a gristmill, using the Crow River and water power to replace the electric power used to produce flour. It never came to fruition.

The building is now the Mill Pond Apartments.



The Hanover Bridge and Mill circa 1935

Snowmobile Reminders

With fresh snow on the ground, the City would like to remind snowmobilers of the regulations within City limits.

Operation of snowmobiles on or across private property is prohibited without permission from the owner. Other areas prohibiting snowmobiling include sidewalks and walkways (trails), City parks, and trunk, county state-aid or county highways unless otherwise stated.

Snowmobilers need to be 14 years

old to operate a snowmobile within the City limits. Anyone under the age of 18 must wear a helmet according to Minnesota state law.

The City Ordinance requires snowmobilers not to exceed 10 miles per hour and not to operate snowmobiles between the hours of 12-7 am unless it is an emergency.

For complete details regarding snowmobiling in Hanover, visit the website: click on Hanover Code of Ordinances and scroll to Chapter 6—Traffic Regulations.

Burning Permits

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) regulates burning permits. Hanover residents may purchase a burning permit at City Hall for \$1. The permit allows for a three-day span.

A burning permit is not required when the ground is snow covered. There needs to be a continuous

unbroken cover of snow 3 or more inches deep surrounding the immediate area of the fire. This is sufficient to keep the fire from spreading.

If residents have questions whether or not a permit is needed, they may call City Hall at 763-497-3777.

Ice Safety

The Minnesota DNR would like to remind residents that ice is never 100 percent safe. Over the last few months, temperatures have fluctuated so that it is more important than ever to check ice depth.

Ice seldom freezes uniformly and is dangerous when forming over flowing water or currents. New ice is usually stronger than old ice. Snow will often insulate ice and slow down the freezing process.

Having a plan of what to do if you do break through the ice is key to survival. A pamphlet on Ice Safety is available at City Hall.



Hanover Recycling Calendar

Randy's Environmental Services

Recycling Every Other Thursday

Red = Hennepin County and Wright County - Homes on Co Rd 19 or West of Co Rd 19

Blue = Wright County - Homes East of Co Rd 19

January 2015						
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Outdoor Winter Fun

Just because it's winter, doesn't mean staying indoors is the only option.... Here are a few ideas for outdoor activities that are fun for the whole family!

Are there containers of "bubbles" left over from the past summer? Put the container of bubbles in the fridge to chill. Once it's cold outside, take the bubbles out and blow bubbles—they freeze when it's below 32 degrees! The bubbles will be more iridescent than usual and will shatter when broken.

Play a game of Frosty Toss: Create a target in the snow using a spray bottle of colored water. The target can be a single ring or it can be made up of several rings with different points assigned to each ring. Then create a pile of snowballs. Stand back a certain distance depending on the age of the participants and take turns throwing snowballs. The person with the most points wins!

It's not too cold to play tag outside during the winter, especially if it is Footprint Tag! The game is played as usual with one person being "It" and trying to tag another person, except participants can only walk and run in existing footprints! Careful strategy is needed so that you don't get caught without an escape route!

An ice cube scavenger hunt is easy to do once colored water is frozen in ice cube trays or larger recyclable containers. Have someone hide the cubes outside and then everyone goes to find them.

After playing outdoors in the winter, having s'mores or hot chocolate is a good way to warm up and relax until the next time the family heads out for a winter adventure!



Trash Collection and Recycling Schedule

Randy's Sanitation and Recycling has published its 2015 trash collection and recycling schedule for the City of Hanover.

If a holiday falls during the week prior to Thursday pickup, residents will need to delay putting out their trash by one day.

These holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

Residents that live in Hennepin County and Wright County with homes on County Road 19 or west of County Road 19 will have their recycling picked up on odd numbered Thursdays.

Those residents in Wright County whose homes are east of County Road 19 will have their recycling picked up on even numbered Thursdays. The same holiday schedule as above will apply to recycling.

Christmas Tree Removal and Recycling

Hanover residents that need to recycle their Christmas trees have two options.

The St. Michael Compost Site will accept Christmas Trees through the month of January, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7am and 3:30pm. Residents are asked to put the trees on the brush pile and to take them out of any bag.

Randy's Sanitation sent out trucks to pick up Christmas trees the week of January 5th and will be sending out trucks again the week of January 12th. Resident must call Randy's to request the collection. The trees will be picked up on the same day as garbage collection and must have decorations and stands removed and should not be in any type of bag. Randy's may be contacted at 763-972-3335.



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Jim Zajicek, Council Liaison

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.

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.

Hanover Boy Scouts Troop #563

Contact Michael Snyder at Masnyder92@yahoo.com.

Hanover Cub Scouts Troop #563

Contact Carl Roehl at 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.

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 every first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. Visit hanoveryouthball.org or contact Missy Thompson at 763-497-2278 or via the website, missy@hanoveryouthball.org.

Meals on Wheels

Contact Crow River Senior Center at 763-497-8900 or crowriverseniorcenter.com.

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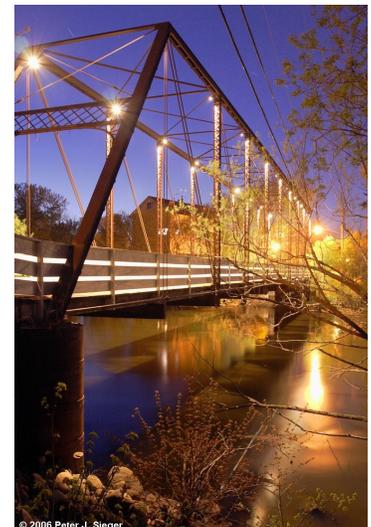
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Storm Water Management

A storm water management fee and utility was implemented in 2010 in response to funds being cut at the State and Federal level. The purpose of a separate storm water utility is to provide an alternative revenue source, other than property taxes, to fund maintenance and improvements to the City's storm water infrastructure. Every property, residential or commercial, with a structure on it pays the storm water fee. The fees collected can only be used to fund storm water utility projects.

The storm water fee includes operating and maintaining everything associated with runoff.

This may involve curb and gutters, drainage ditches, storm water retention ponds, and culverts. Others area addressed with the fee include street sweeping, cleaning storm sewers and catch basins, and equipment maintenance or replacement.

For addition information, access a video further explaining the storm water utility: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v+v17ZZMiWuPQw>.



Stay Safe!

As the winter progresses and the snow starts to accumulate along side the roadways and near mailboxes, parents are asked to remind their children that playing near the mailboxes and roadways is dangerous.

Creating snow forts in the piles of snow near the roadways is unsafe as snow plow drivers cannot see that there may be children playing. Snow plows are very large and take time to stop, and often all the driver can see is a pile of snow. Make sure that snow forts are located well away from the side of the road.

Stay tune for a snow plowing safety video on the City website.