



The Hanover Bridge

Hanover's 125th Anniversary Approaches

The year was 1891 and a special election took place on October 9th. Having satisfied incorporation criteria of the time, city officials had petitioned the Wright County Commissioners earlier that year, asking that the village of Vollbrecht Mills become Hanover. At the election, 28 ballots were cast in favor of incorporation with one dissenting vote. The population at this time was 206 people.

William and Jacob Vollbrecht left Germany in 1856 to travel to America. Jacob made his way to Minnesota 11250 Fifth Street Northeast

via New Orleans and homesteaded land on both sides of the Crow River. His brother, William, soon followed. The new community became known as Vollbrecht Mills.

The Vollbrecht brothers built the first flour mill along the Crow River and milling became the main industry. Other businesses contributed to the local economy. A post office has been in operation since 1877. Vollbrechts were also responsible for erecting the Historic Bridge, a Pratt Through Truss Iron Pedestrian Bridge, in 1885.

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Next year will mark the 125th Anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover. A special anniversary event will take place and volunteers are needed. Residents, both past and present, are invited to help plan next year's celebration and can fill out a form at City Hall or on the City website by December 1.

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From the City Administrator's Desk

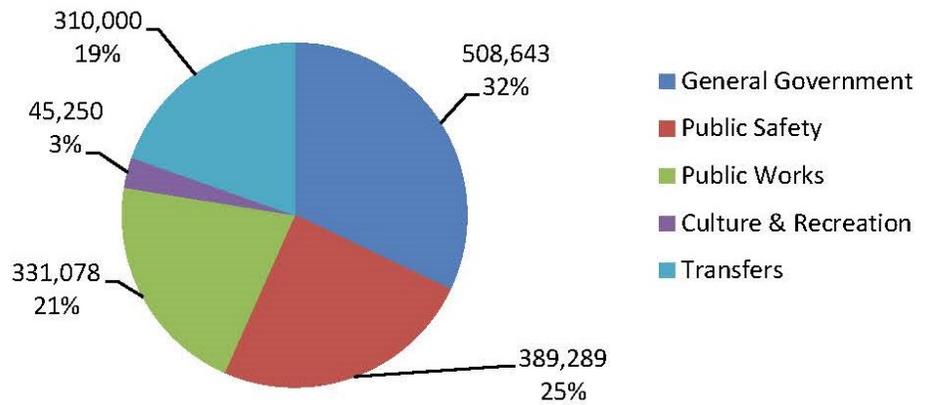
As the season changes and fall comes upon us the City cannot help but think to next year. Part of thinking about the coming year is reflecting on recent years. Hanover has been fortunate to see benefits from an economy that continues to grow. Hanover's new home construction continues to stay strong. The empty lot inventory is nearly spoken for, and builders who own the lots steadily receive permits to build new homes for families either re-locating in Hanover or new families setting roots in Hanover. All the while, Hanover's business population remains steady with limited vacant space.

Moving forward, the City Council set a goal during the 2016 Preliminary Budget discussions to complete the transition to fully focus on road maintenance. Our annual paved street maintenance budget went from \$16,000 in 2015 to \$50,000 in 2016. The additional budget will be utilized for resources to complete annual crack filling and other needed patch work. This annual maintenance will aid in the quality and overall life of the road system. Hanover will also be increasing a street capital transfer by \$15,000 from what was originally approved for 2015.

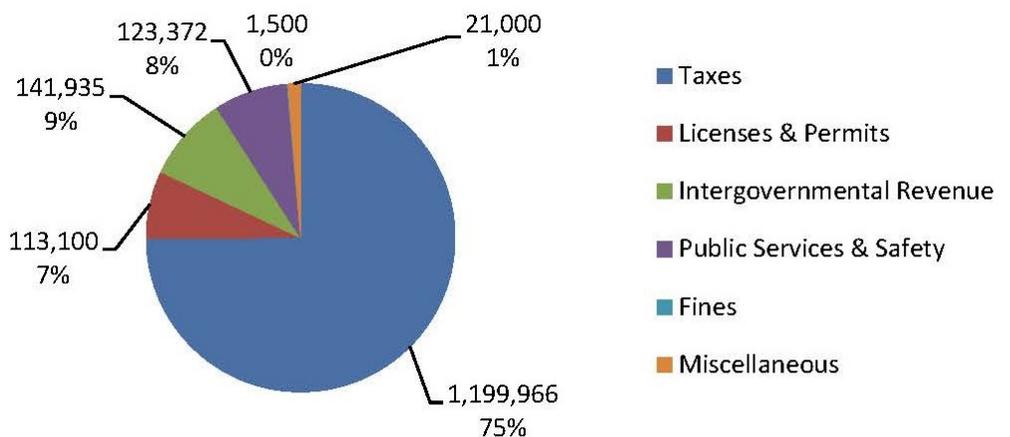
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Hanover's 2016 preliminary levy for 2016 is \$1,410,972. This is an increase of 7.79% from 2015. Because of what Hanover has seen in the growth of the economy, the City's tax capacity increased from 2015 by \$200,000. Because of the increase, the City's Tax Rate is anticipated to remain the same as last year at 49.5%. Each individual's property taxes will vary. Having the same City Tax Rate as the previous

year does not guarantee your property taxes will be the same in 2016 as 2015. Property taxes are based on taxable market value set by the County. If this has changed taxes owed may change. The City will hold its annual meeting relating to the final budget and levy on December 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. prior to final adoption. Below are some charts to reflect anticipated revenue and expenditures in 2016.



General Fund Expenditures



General Fund Revenue



Hanover Harvest Festival Thank You



The 2015 Hanover Harvest Festival Committee would like to give a sincere “Thank You” to the sponsors and participants that made this year’s event successful!

A Special Thank you to The Hanover Fire Department and ALL of the hard working volunteers for their assistance throughout the day and with the fireworks. The Wright County and

Hennepin County Sheriff’s Department, City of Hanover Public Works Scott Vogel and Jason Doboszinski, and the entire Hanover Harvest Festival Committee and EVERY Volunteer.

THANK YOU ALL!

The 11th annual Harvest Festival was made possible in part by the following generous sponsors:

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In addition, the following local businesses and organizations provided either cash, gift certificates, prizes and/or product for the Harvest Festival events:

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| Nike Factory Outlet | Snap Fitness of St. Michael-Albertville | Kind |
| Finken Water Solutions | Great Lakes Chiropractic St. Michael | Cold Stone |
| Anita Underberg | Hanover Fire Department | Culver’s |
| TNT Nutrition | Artistic Sole Dance Academy | Bi Pro |
| Cub Foods Buffalo | St. Paul’s Lutheran Church | Maynard’s |
| Theatre 18 Rogers | Great Harvest Bread Co. | Heinz Farms |
| April Kiernan | Steve & Tracy Gutknecht | Custom Cut |
| St. Michael Theatre | St. Michael Bowling Alley | Hong Thai |
| Willy McCoy’s | Cedar Creek Golf Course | Coborn’s |
| Space Aliens | DJ’s Ace Hardware | Center Cut Meats |
| Dehmer’s Meat | BMO Harris Bank | Pizza Hut |
| Sadie’s Café | D Michael B’s | Starbuck’s |



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Snowplowing Policy and Mailbox Requirements

The City is preparing for the winter season and snowplowing will begin soon. The Public Works department looks at several criteria before plowing:

- Snow accumulation of two or more inches with continual snowfall;
- Drifting snow causing travel issues;
- Icing and/or freezing rains affecting travel; and
- Time of snowfall in relation to heavy use of the streets.

The city streets are prioritized according to street function and the safety and welfare of the residents. The first to be plowed are the collector roads and the Fire Station with streets providing access to commercial businesses and high density neighborhoods to follow. Access to City Hall is also included in this group. Lower volume residential streets and opening cul-de-sacs are rated as a third level priority. After that, and usually towards the end of the snow event, curb-to-curb snow removal of the streets, cul-de-sacs, and other City parking lots will occur. Residential trails are the last to be plowed.

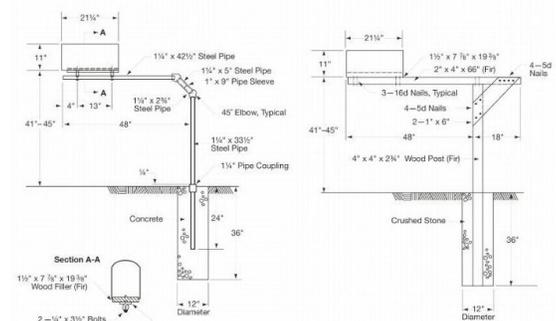
Residents should be aware that the snowplows will make several trips through the City as they work through the priority levels. This may involve clearing their driveways more than once. Items that are in the right-of-way need to be removed for the winter if possible so that damage does not occur. Hanover has a Snowbird Ordinance which

prohibits parking on city streets during the hours of 2 am to 6 am November 1st to April 1st of the following year. If it is still snowing at 6 am, parking will be prohibited until plowing has been completed.

According to Minnesota State Law, it is illegal to plow, push or blow snow from a private residence onto the street or across the street.

The complete snowplowing policy can be found on the City's website, www.hanovermn.org, under the Residents tab.

Below is an illustration from the United States Postal Service showing mailbox regulations. Properly installed mailboxes help with snowplowing.



Septic System Care to Prevent Frozen Systems

Residents in Hanover may have a septic system and fall is the perfect time to prepare it for the winter months and prevent the system from freezing.

Cold temperatures and lack of snow cover are the most common causes of a frozen system. Other causes include compacted soils from driveways or paths; traffic going over the system or near it; irregular use of the system; leaking plumbing

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fixtures; or a system failure. If the septic system is frozen, call an onsite professional immediately.

There are a variety of precautions a homeowner can take to prevent a septic system from freezing. Many place a layer of mulch such as straw, leaves, or other loose material between 8-12 inches deep over the system to provide extra insulation. Putting a thermal

blanket over the system will act in a similar manner. Letting the grass grow a little longer will provide extra insulation and help hold the snow which may fall during the winter. Fixing any leaking plumbing fixtures or appliances will also prevent freezing and help your system work better all year.

For additional information on caring for a septic system, visit <http://septic.umn.edu>.

Benches Donated in Memory of Gina Marie Elit

Hanover resident Wayne Elit donated two benches in memory of his late wife, Gina Marie (Kempe) Elit. The Hanover City Council accepted the donation at the August 3rd meeting.

The benches have been placed in Settlers Park and in Mallard's Landing Park. Gina enjoyed visiting the parks with Madelyn and Emma.

Wayne also donated benches at the Mille Lacs Kathio State Park and the Temperance River State Park in her memory.

Pictured from left to right: Councilor John Vajda, Wayne Elit, Councilor Doug Hammerseng, Councilor Jim Zajicek, and Councilor Ken Warpula.



Hear the Beep Where You Sleep!

Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10th this year with the theme of "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep: Every bedroom needs a working smoke detector."

Roughly half of home fires result from fires reported between 11 pm and 7 am when most people are asleep. A smoke alarm can help save lives by giving people time to get out of a smoke-filled house. Having a working smoke alarm cuts the chances of dying in a reported fire in half!

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound of

the alarm and understands what to do when they hear it. When the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside. Have a meeting place established and meet other members of the home there. Call the fire department from outside the home.

Replace smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or if they are not working properly. By testing the smoke alarms monthly, home owners are assured they will work in an emergency.

The Hanover Fire Department will be visiting the area schools during Fire Prevention Week.

The City of Hanover's Facebook page will have information each day of Fire Prevention Week. Have you "liked" us?

A promotional graphic for Fire Prevention Week 2015. It features the NFPA logo, the text "Hear the BEEP where you SLEEP", and a photo of Sparky the dog wearing a red hat. The text "EVERY BEDROOM NEEDS A WORKING SMOKE ALARM." is prominently displayed. Below that, it says "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 4-10, 2015" and "firepreventionweek.org". At the bottom, it notes "Sparky® is a trademark of NFPA."

Be part of the solution

Like the Loch Ness Monster or Bigfoot, the fabled poop fairy has been the stuff of legend. Flying undetected in parks, neighborhoods and schoolyards, she was said to follow close behind dogs and their owners — picking up what the dog left behind, before flying off to the next canine creation. A widespread belief that she existed seemed to reassure some that cleaning up after one's dog was sort of ... optional.

However, in response to a growing number of poop piles, and a growing number of citizen complaints, the City of Hanover and the Public Works Department bring residents this public service announcement:

There is no poop fairy.

Here are the facts:

Dog Poop Doesn't Biodegrade Like Wild Animal Poop

Because dog food is very different from the food wild animals eat, dog waste does not biodegrade quickly like wild animal waste. And because of the sheer number of pets in suburban neighborhoods and in local parks, this hardy dog waste accumulates.

Dog Poop Contains Harmful Bacteria and Parasites

Dog waste can contain harmful organisms like E. coli, giardia, salmonella, roundworms, hookworms, and cryptosporidium. These can be passed on to the dog owner or the pet, and may cause health problems.

Dog Waste Pollutes Groundwater and Water Bodies

Bacteria in dog waste can harm water quality in creeks and rivers, and alter the ecosystems of these stream corridors. Humans who come in contact with this water can also face health hazards.

City Ordinance Requires Cleanup

The owner of any animal or person having the custody or the control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of such feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property, on the property of others or on public property.

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Recycling in Hanover

Randy's Sanitation single sort recycling program allows an easy and efficient means to handle recycling. Recycling is picked up every other week (see below).

Items Accepted:

- Newspaper and magazines
- Mixed mail and office paper, including faxes and envelopes
- Box board: cereal, cracker, shoe boxes
- Aluminum beverage cans
- Metal food cans
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Plastic containers and lids (#1-7) such as pop, juice, milk and water bottles
- Aseptic and gable-top containers, including juice/milk cartons and drink boxes

Items NOT Accepted:

- Plastic bags
- Egg cartons
- Styrofoam
- Pizza Boxes
- Window Glass
- Mirror or plate glass
- Ceramic or porcelain
- Toys, dishes, or hangers
- Motor oil jugs
- Metal car parts
- Flower pots
- Plastic or metal household items

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Christmas Tree Recycling

Hanover residents have two options when it comes time for the tree to be recycled after the holidays. Residents may take their tree, without decorations, to the St. Michael Compost Site during the month of January. The site is open 7 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Place trees on the brush pile and remove from any type of bag.

Randy's Sanitation may also be called to request a pick up early in January. They may be contacted at 763-972-3335.

Let's Turn Plain Pumpkins into Ghoulish Creatures!

Creative goblins wanted! After all, there's no better combination than little goblins and pumpkins.

Bring your costumed children and grandchildren to spend the afternoon at the Hanover Historical Society's 5th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Festival on Saturday, October 17th from 3-4:30 p.m. Historical Society members will be waiting at the Settler's Park Shelter behind City Hall in Hanover with free pumpkins and craft supplies.

The pumpkin decorating competition has different age categories: Preschool, 6 to 8 year old, and 9 years and older.

Prizes are awarded in each category. The kids' costume contest is judged and prizes are awarded for the same categories. Judging begins promptly at 4 p.m., and you must be present to win.

Snap keepsake photos with Kosh Kosh, the potbelly pig, and Rowdy the Scarecrow, then join in a fun game of Needle in the Haystack! Free cookies and orange drink for all.

Whether costumed or not, don't miss out on a fall afternoon of pumpkin decorating fun! Event goes on rain or shine.

For more information, contact Tim Zimmerman at 763-370-7373.

This free event is sponsored by the Hanover Historical Society, whose mission is bridging the past with the future while preserving history and enhancing a sense of community. Learn more about us online at hanoverhistoricalsociety.org.



You've been BOO'ed!

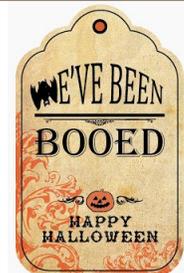
"You've been BOO'ed" is a fun neighborhood activity similar to leaving a May Day treat on the neighbor's doorstep. It began in the 1990s as a way to treat neighbors during the fall, particularly near Halloween.

Someone in the neighborhood starts the chain of events with preparing a treat basket along with directions of what to do next and a "BOO'ed" sign to hang on the door alerting the neighbors that they have to find another house to BOO. There are many ideas on the Internet. Who will be BOO'ed in your neighborhood?

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Here is an example of the poem accompanying the BOO:

The air is cool, the season fall,
Soon Halloween will come to all.
Ghosts and Goblins, Spooks galore,
Tricky Witches at your door.
The Spooks are after things to do,
In fact a Spook brought this "Boo" to you!
The excitement comes when friends like you,
Copy this note and make it two.
We'll all have smiles upon our faces,
No one will know who "Boo'ed" who's places!
Just two short days to work your spell,
Keep it Secret, Hide it well!
Please join the fun, the season's here
Just spread these Boos and Halloween Cheer!



Place the BOO sign on your front door or in a window. Within two days, make two copies of this note, make two treats and two BOO signs. Secretly deliver to two neighbors without a BOO. Watch to see how far and how fast it spreads by Halloween!

Thanksgiving 5K Run-Walk

Share a fun, free, and healthy start to the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 26th at 8:30 am. It's the fifth 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 Marty Waters at 763-486-2606 or email martyinminn@cs.com.



**Run Now
Gobble
Later!**

Lawn Reminders

Hanover residents are reminded that it is illegal to put grass clippings or leaves in the street according to Minnesota State law. The City has received complaints about this and offenders will be notified.

Residents are also reminded that grass clippings and leaves are not to be deposited in ditches. The ditches are part of the storm water control program and if the ditches contain debris, it inhibits the runoff of storm water. This could then cause flooding.

The City appreciates the cooperation of its residents in this matter.



Compost Site in St. Michael open to Hanover Residents

Hanover residents may use the compost site at St. Michael Public Works to recycle brush, small trees, leaves, grass and other vegetative materials. Contractors are not allowed to use this site.

New this season is the requirement for residents to show identification in order to enter the compost site. Also a new surveillance system will be installed.

Areas at the compost site are designated for specific types of materials. The Brush Pile will have tree branches, brush and shrubs added to it. Items not

allowed include stumps, landscape timbers and lumber of any kind. No power or heavy equipment may be used at the site.

The DNR has a quarantine in effect which prohibits tree debris from Hennepin County due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Vegetative matter will go on a separate pile and includes grass, leaves, and vegetables. A garbage can is provided for leaf and garbage bags, but the plastic planters and twine must be taken off-site.

Rock, concrete and blacktop is accepted at the compost site in

the designated area.

The compost site is open daily from 7 am to 9 pm during the months of April through November. Winter months of December through March, the compost is open Monday through Friday from 7 am to 3:30 pm.

Compost is available to residents starting in June until it is gone. The compost must be shoveled by hand.



Caroling at the Historic Bridge

Christmas traditions haven't changed very much in the last two centuries. Whether you blame or praise the Victorians for commercializing Christmas with parties, trees, family feasts, caroling and decorating, we're thankful for the door-to-door caroling they popularized.

The Hanover Historical Society seeks to recreate the spirit of cherished holiday traditions by uniting our community in this upcoming season of love, celebration and joy. Family memories and Christmas traditions rank high with us!

Please join us on Friday, December 4 at the historic Hanover pedestrian bridge for our 11th annual Caroling at

the Bridge. The event runs from 6-8 p.m. with free refreshments.

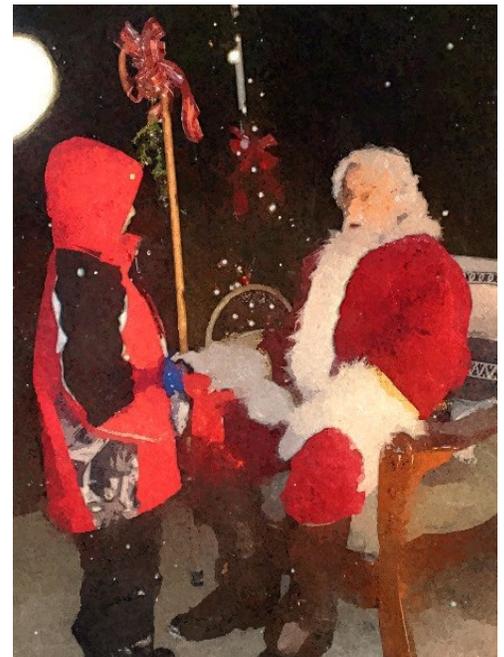
Bring the family to enjoy uplifting holiday music by area choirs, audience sing-alongs, meet and greet old and new friends around a warm, crackling bonfire, immerse yourself in the silent beauty of our old bridge decked out in sparkling lights with festively-lit trees on either side. But wait; there's more!

Kids can meet Old St. Nick one-on-one and share their wish lists, and the entire family can have their photos taken in an authentic one-horse open sleigh featuring Moonlight Mystique, a purebred Arabian who lives

at Regent Arabians in Rogers. Hanover's Royalty will also be on hand assisting St. Nick.

Help us welcome in the holiday season family style with lots of old-fashioned fun!

Questions? Please email marycoons@usinternet.com.



Caring for Kids! Toy Drive

The Hanover Area Food Shelf is sponsoring its annual Caring for Kids! Toy Drive from November 20 through December 11, 2015. 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.

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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 11 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.



More Hanover Harvest Festival Pictures



Thank you to Jim Hautala for all of the 2015 Hanover Harvest Festival photos!



Prescription Drug Drop-off

The Wright County Sheriff's Department provides many valuable services to the residents of Wright County. If residents have prescription pills that are no longer needed, there is a drop off at St. Michael City Center. This provides residents with a safe way to dispose of prescription pills. The pills need to be put in a Ziploc bag for disposal and residents may come to the City Center during library hours: Monday and Wednesday, 10 am—8 pm; Tuesday, 10 am—6 pm; Thursday, 1—8 pm; Friday, Noon—5 pm; and Saturday, 10 am—1 pm. Liquids and needles are not accepted.

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Need a Job?

Trailblazer Transit is looking for hard-working people to become part of their team. Please contact them at 1-888-743-3828 or at trailblazertransit.com.





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



October

- October 4-10** Fire Prevention Week
- October 12** Columbus Day
- October 17** Hanover Historical Society's Pumpkin Decorating 3pm at Settler's Park.
- October 25** Hanover Lions Pancake Breakfast 8am-Noon at City Hall.
- October 31** Halloween

November

- November 1** Daylight Savings Time ends: Fall back!
 - November 9** Crow River Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner at City Hall.
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November

- November 11** Veterans Day: City Hall is closed.
- November 20** Caring for Kids! Toy Drive starts.
- November 20** Hanover Fire Department Poultry Social at City Hall from 7pm until done. Get there early to get a seat!
- November 21** Toy Show at City Hall from 8am to 4pm.
- November 26** Fifth Annual Thanksgiving Day Fun Run: 8:30am start at the Fire Station.
- November 26** Thanksgiving: City Hall is closed.
- November 27** City Hall is closed.



December

- December 4** Caroling at the Historic Bridge 6-8pm
- December 6** Crow River Lions Hash Brown Breakfast at City Hall from 8am to Noon.
- December 6-14** Hanukah
- December 11** Caring for Kids! Toy Drive ends.
- December 19** Caring for Kids! Toy Distribution at St. Paul's.
- December 24** Christmas Eve: City Hall closes at Noon.
- December 25** Christmas: City Hall is closed.
- December 31** New Year's Eve
- January 1** New Year's Day: City Hall is closed.