



The Hanover Bridge

City Council Seats

The residents of the City of Hanover will be voting for mayor and two council member seats in the November election. Each seat has a term of four years. Council members attend meetings the first and third Tuesday of each month along with being appointed to another committee or board to serve as liaison.

The filing period will take place August 2nd to August 16th at 5 pm. Candidates will file an affidavit of candidacy and pay a filing fee of \$2. Requirements of the candidate include:

- Be eligible to vote in Minnesota.
- Have not filed for another office.
- Be 21 years old or more upon assuming the office.
- Have maintained residency in Hanover at least 30 days prior to filing.

Candidates may contact City Hall with questions or to file for office. A campaign guidebook will be given to each person who files for office.

11250 Fifth Street Northeast

Election Judges Needed!

Being an election judge is a great service to the community and the City of Hanover is accepting applications.

An election judge must be eligible to vote in Minnesota and be able to read, write, and speak English. Relatives cannot serve together in the same precinct at the same time. Election judges are required to attend training prior to participating in the elections.

VOTE 2016
Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State

Election judges will work both the Primary Election, August 9th, and the General Election, November 8th. The typical schedule on Election Day is from 6 am to 9 pm. There may be a possibility of a half-day work schedule if there are plenty of trained judges.

If interested in becoming an election judge, please stop by City Hall.

www.hanovermn.org

cityhall@ci.hanover.mn.us



Voter Registration and Absentee Ballots

Registering to Vote

In order to vote in the upcoming primary and general elections, residents need to be registered.

To vote in Minnesota, one must be a United States citizen; at least 18 years old on Election Day; a resident of Minnesota for 20 days; and have finished all parts of any felony sentence.

Registering to vote is easy! To register online, visit www.sos.state.mn.us and click on Elections and Voting at the top of the page. The process goes through each step to ensure that residents are registered correctly. If access to a computer is not readily available, a resident may also register via the mail. Forms are available at City Hall and at each of the County election offices. The paper registration

form must be mailed for it to be processed.

Voter registration closes 20 days prior to the election and will open again on election day. To register at the polling place, a resident needs to bring proof of residency. This may be an ID with current name and address; a photo ID and a document with current name and address on it, such as a bill, a bank or credit card statement, a lease/rental agreement, or a current student fee statement; or registered voter from the same precinct who will vouch for the person registering—sign an oath confirming your address.

If a voter has moved, but still lives in the same precinct, just tell the election judge the previous name and address.

Absentee Ballots

Voters may also register to vote via absentee ballot without having a specific reason. Starting 46 days prior to Election Day, one can vote using an absentee ballot and return it via mail. Voters can apply online and an absentee ballot will be sent. One can also apply for an absentee ballot in person at City Hall or at one of the County election offices. Be sure to allow enough time when applying so that the ballot may be received and mailed back before Election Day. The ballot will not count if it is received after Election Day. A witness is needed for absentee voting: either a Minnesota registered voter or a notary. Instructions will be included with the ballot.

FYCC Reading in the Park: A new theme each week!

FYCC Reading in the Park kicked off with 120 readers attending the first program on June 16th. New to the program this year is a weekly theme along with guest readers and book selection. The first week's theme was Healthy Foods and then followed by Mental Health and Well-being the next week. Readers also receive a book bag donated by this year's sponsors.

Reading in the Park happens every Thursday at the Settler's Park Shelter starting at 9:30 am. In case of rain, the event will be moved into City Hall.

June 30th I Love to Read

July 7th Big Trucks

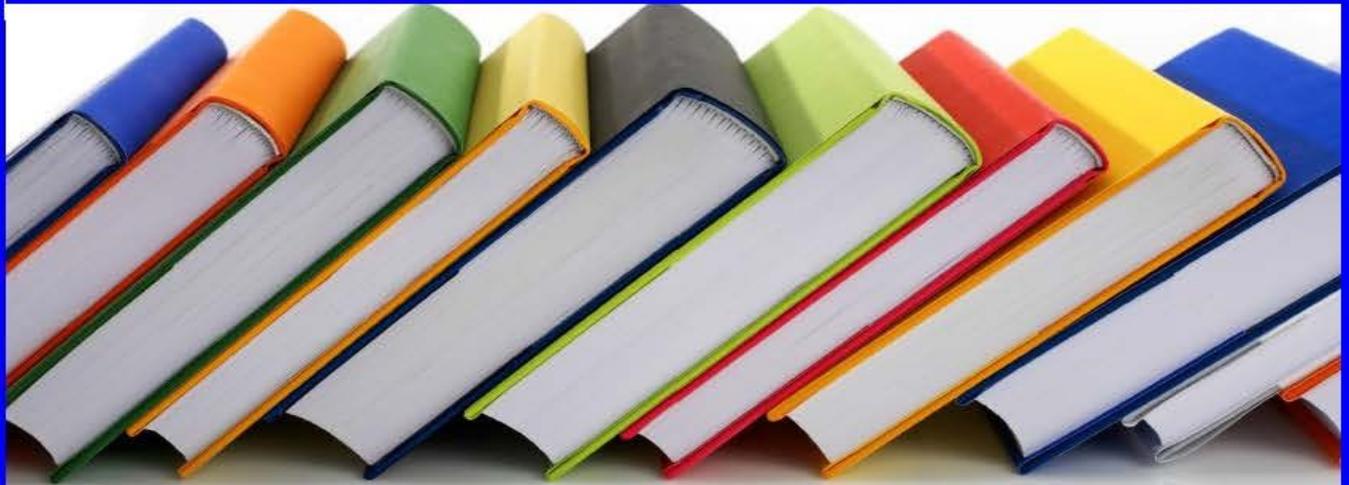
July 14th Furry Friends

July 21st Fine Arts

July 28th Athletes



Hanover Public Works and Fire Department will have the trucks at the July 7th Big Trucks Reading in the Park and will allow those attending to climb up into them to see how really big they are! See you there!



FYCC Summer Reading in the Park

TUESDAYS

9:30 a.m.

St. Michael

St. Michael Rec Center
3150 Lander Ave NE

WEDNESDAYS

9:30 a.m.

Albertville

Albertville Central Park
5801 Lander Ave NE

THURSDAYS

9:30 a.m.

Hanover

Hanover Settler's Park
11250 5th Street NE

June 14th

June 21st

June 28th

July 5th

July 12th

July 19th

July 26th

June 15th

June 22nd

June 29th

July 6th

July 13th

July 20th

July 27th

June 16th

June 23rd

June 30th

July 7th

July 14th

July 21st

July 28th

For additional details and other FYCC programs please go to www.myfycc.com

First Responders Luncheon Honoree Rodney Bechtold

Hanover Volunteer Firefighter, Rodney Bechtold, was honored at the First Responders Luncheon on May 18, 2016. The I-94 West Chamber of Commerce hosted the event at the Medina Entertainment Center.

Rod was honored for his years of service to the Hanover Fire Department. Chief Dave Malewicki said that Rodney provides inspiration to the younger members through his work ethic and his good nature. Rod recently retired after serving for 35 years.

Governor Mark Dayton and Public Safety Commissioner Mona Dohman attended the event and expressed their appreciation of all the honorees.



Councilor John Vajda, Mayor Chris Kauffman, Firefighter Brian Gronsberg, Honoree Rodney Bechtold, Lucille Bechtold, Firefighter Anthony Wychgram, Chief Dave Malewicki, Firefighter Brian Kottke, and City Administrator Brian Hagen.

City Honors Retiring Volunteers

The City Council paid tribute to long time volunteers Jim Hennessey, Rodney Bechtold, and Mike Trullinger at the Council Meeting on March 15, 2016. Each of the volunteers was presented with an award to show the City's appreciation of their service through the years.

Jim Hennessey has served as a member of the Planning Commission and the Economic Development Authority over the past decade. He also served as the Head Election Judge for the Hennepin County precinct in Hanover.

Rodney Bechtold has served on the Fire Department for 35 years. In addition to responding to fire calls, he also served as President and Vice President of the Fire Department. His colleague, Mike Trullinger, served for 19 years. Many of those years was spent as the Medical Officer and one of the Captains of the Fire Department.

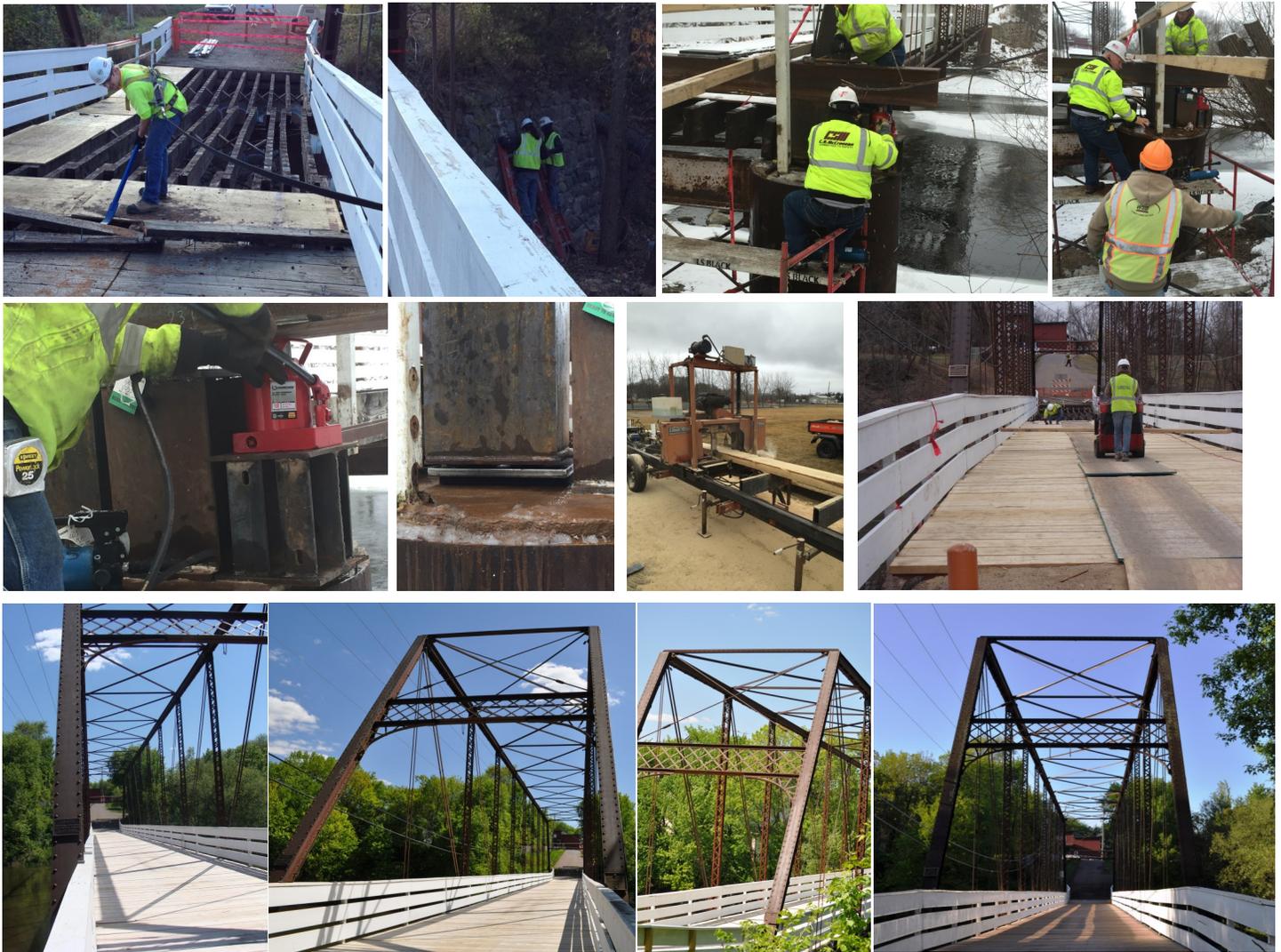


Jim Zajicek, Ken Warpula, Jim and Linda Hennessey, Chris Kauffman, and Doug Hammerseng.



Doug Hammerseng, Ken Warpula, Mike Trullinger, Rodney Bechtold, Jim Zajicek, and Chris Kauffman.

Historic Bridge Rehabilitation



Sprinkling Restrictions for 2016

Annual sprinkling restrictions are now in place. Each year from June 1st through September 30th, residents are asked to conserve water. Residents with odd number addresses will be able to irrigate on odd numbered days, and residents with even number addresses on even numbered days. The day is considered to start at midnight and end at the following midnight. Residents cannot water during the hours of 10 am and 7 pm. Children may run through the sprinklers, but the sprinklers cannot be left on or unattended.

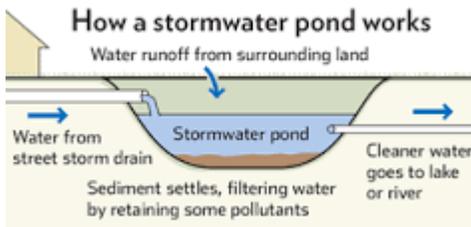
New sod and seed is exempt from the restrictions for 60 days. Homeowners must notify the Water Department at 763-497-3611 prior to installation of the sod.

Violators will be fined \$50 for the first offense and an additional \$25 for every offense after the initial offense.



Why is that pond green and another one brown?

The pond in your neighborhood may actually be a stormwater pond: a pond designed to look like a natural pond or wetland with the purpose of capturing stormwater runoff. After capturing runoff from roofs, streets, parking lots and other surfaces, the stormwater pond filters pollutants until the water seeps into the ground or flows through pipes, the storm sewer, into nearby streams, lakes or wetlands.



When pollutants such as fertilizers, pesticides, lawn clippings and animal waste build

up, the pond may turn green with algae or brown with sediment. Dumping chemicals and oils into the storm sewer system or a stormwater pond will also contribute to a murky pond.

Residents can help keep the stormwater ponds and storm sewer system healthy by following these simple rules:

Detrimental behaviors:

- Do not remove native vegetation such as cattails, shrubs, trees or native grasses.
- Do not place yard waste or tree debris in or near ponds.
- Do not regrade the ground surface or cause other erosion.

- Do not use the pond for irrigation.
- Do not plant additional vegetation
- Do not toss goldfish or other pet fish into the pond.

Helpful ways to keep ponds clean and healthy:

- Limit lawn care products such as fertilizers and pesticides. Use phosphorus-free products.
- Pick up animal waste and dispose of it in the trash.
- Sweep driveways and sidewalks into the lawn or garden instead of into the streets.
- Maintain healthy sod and grass to prevent bare areas which lead to erosion.

Volunteers Needed!

Summer is the perfect time to volunteer! Hanover has many opportunities available, so select the one that best fits:

- **Election Judges:** Election judges are needed for precincts in both Hennepin and Wright Counties. Judges will receive the necessary training in July in order to qualify to be a judge at the Primary Election on August 9th and the General Election on November 8th. Please contact City Hall if you are interested in becoming an election judge.
- **Hanover Harvest Festival:** It's almost here! Contact John Vajda at 763-657-0763 to find out what opportunities are still available and final meeting dates before the Festival on August 6th. Volunteers may also sign up at www.hanoverharvestfestival.com by clicking on the volunteer graphic.
- **125th Anniversary Celebration:** The Anniversary of the City of Hanover's Incorporation will take place in early October. Become part of the celebration by volunteering! For more information and meeting dates, contact Joe Kaul at 612-703-5609 or joe@hanoverkauls.com.

Keeping Local History Alive

As Hanover approaches its 125th Anniversary of Incorporation, the Hanover Historical Society has played an important role since its inception in 2003. The Historical Society continues to strive to keep alive Hanover's history, celebrate its culture and recall its German influence for future generations. Society members are planning a variety of interpretive programs and displays leading up to the 125th Celebration event on Saturday, October 8, 2016.

Last month, the Antique Appraisal Fair kicked off the first of these programs. Bonnie Lindberg and James Marrinan from Appraisal Specialists Midwest entertained the crowd with evaluations of items brought in by attendees and historical anecdotes.

The display case at BankWest will showcase the commemoration of Hanover's

Incorporation throughout the year and will change quarterly. A new display is coming in early June with memorabilia from Hanover's Centennial. In addition will be a mannequin in period clothing.

The Historical Society has display cases at City Hall depicting places and people in Hanover. A collage of the Historic Bridge highlights changes through the years.

Both outlets also have *Safe From the Outside World: A Social History of Hanover, Minnesota* available for \$17.

As part of the Hanover Harvest Festival activities on Saturday, August 6, the Historical Society is sponsoring woodworking demonstrations. Mark Johnson will be demonstrating basic joinery, such as mortises and tenons, match joints and dovetails during the afternoon.

Mark will show how men made molding by hand for furniture and mantle pieces similar to the work that joiners and furniture makers did in small towns across Minnesota in the 19th Century. In between demonstrations, Mark will work on furniture pieces and be available to answer questions.

The Hanover Historical Society and 125th Anniversary Committee will have a float in the Harvest Festival Parade commemorating the Incorporation of Hanover.

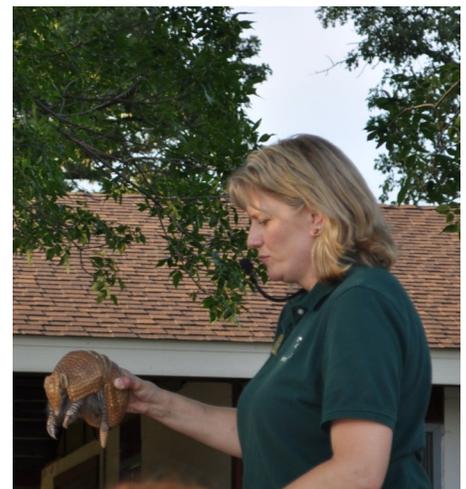
More information on the 125th Anniversary Celebration will be posted on the City website and in local newspapers in the coming months.



Zoo Mobile: Bringing the animals to you!

The Park Board invites area residents to the Zoo Mobile hosted by the Minnesota Zoo. The animals and zookeeper will be at Settler's Park Shelter on Thursday, July 14, at 7 pm. The program lasts approximately 45 minutes and showcases four to five species of animals. The Zoo Mobile programs include All Things Connected, Tropical Rainforest, and Cool Animals of the North. One of these programs will be selected and presented by the zookeeper.

July 2016



Settler's Park Ball Field Redesign

A joint project between Hanover Youth Ball, Hanover Athletic Association, and the City of Hanover has begun. This project entails redesigning a small t-ball/coach pitch field and a smaller playing field in Settlers Park. This redesign began in 2013 between the City and Hanover Athletic Association as an opportunity to develop additional playing fields. In the fall of 2015, Hanover Youth Ball approached the City with a request to redesign the area to incorporate a playing field large enough for the 16U youth baseball league, and move the t-ball/coach pitch field to the Hanover Athletic Association's complex.

The request was supported by the several benefits the larger field offers. Some benefits include allowing the 16U group to have their home field in Hanover. Currently the youth have to travel to Montrose or other communities renting facilities for their home games and practices. Second, the larger field would still be able to be utilized by younger leagues, while at the same time adding a playing surface for the older league. Third, the larger field allows the Hanover Youth Ball program to continue to grow. Current participation numbers are approximately 325 children between t-ball, coach pitch, youth softball, and youth baseball.

Over the course of several months, the Hanover Youth Ball organization worked with the City and Hanover Athletic Association to develop a layout of the field and funding sources. The funding for the redesign will be provided via grant proceeds from the Minnesota Twins and the Hanover Athletic Association. The layout went through multiple proposals. Items considered were location of home plate and bleachers in relationship to the Hanover Athletic Association complex, how to ensure the t-ball/coach pitch field is not eliminated, and if the field could be adjusted to prevent the loss of existing trees. The end result will consist of moving the t-ball/coach pitch field to the Hanover Athletic Association complex. As for the larger field, unfortunately there are limitations of where the field could be placed due to property line restraints. When considering every possible rotation of the field, existing oak trees were within the field boundaries and essentially are in jeopardy of having to be removed.

This project was supported and received funding commitment from the Hanover Athletic Association. After this support, both the Hano-

ver Park Board and Hanover City Council supported and approved the project. The City Council even revisited the decision at a later date after receiving input after the vote from residents on their desire to see the trees saved and alternative locations be used in developing a larger playing field. Taking input into consideration from supporters of the larger field and from supports of saving the trees, the project remained to be supported as it is felt that improving the Hanover park amenities by offering additional playing surface to the Youth Ball program was a benefit to Hanover residents.

Knowing the fate of the trees and the fact that trees can be sensitive to construction impacts, all groups involved will be taking measures to reduce the impact to remaining large oak trees in the area. The construction area will be identified and placed in an area as far as possible from the trees which are to remain. Additionally, input and assistance from Wright County Soil and Water will be received before, during, and after on the best way to protect the remaining trees. Lastly, trees will be planted beyond the outfield fencing in order to provide aesthetics to Settlers Park, replace the lost trees, and to increase the total number of trees within the park.



Reminder to residents: Please put your garbage cans and recycling bins at the edge of the driveway and not in the street. When the cans are in the street, it presents a traffic hazard and dangerous conditions. Thank you for your cooperation in making the City safe.

Park Board Survey Results

The Park Board would like to thank residents for participating in the Park Board Survey that went out with the January newsletter. The City received a total of 230 completed surveys back. These results will help the guide the Board with future park and event planning.

The Park Board was already able to add a new event for 2016, the Hanover Bike Rodeo. This event will take place at Settlers Park on July 23 from 10am until Noon. All the helmets and volunteers are provided by Allina, along with an opportunity for free bike tune-ups. This was one of the potential event ideas that received a high response rate on the survey. The event will also showcase the new trails within Hanover.

There were also many other great ideas suggested in the free form section of the survey that may be considered in the future.

The survey also brought to light some confusion over which events the City hosts versus other local organizations. Many residents asked why certain events weren't listed and many wrote in events attended in the past. The Park Board would like to take this opportunity to give credit to the organizations that host these great events. The Hanover Historical Society hosts the Pumpkin Decorating, Caroling at the Historic Bridge, and the Antiques Appraisal Fair. The annual Hanover Harvest Festival is organized with the help of a dedicated group of volunteers and generous donations from local businesses. The Hanover Athletic Club maintains the ice rink and ballfields located next to Settlers Park.

Are you satisfied with your park and its amenities? Sixty-nine percent (69%) of responses said that yes, you are. However,

there is always room for improvement. The Park Board is currently working on a long term plan for park improvements. During the annual park walk-through the Board Members looked at which parks had the capacity for new amenities and will be reviewing the funding and prioritization of any improvements.

Currently, the maintenance and replacement of park equipment that is past its useful life are top priority when budgeting for Park Operating and Capital funds. Park Dedication fees are used to create new parks and trails to service the entire community. These funds are restricted and cannot be used for the replacement of equipment or the maintenance of equipment in an existing park.

Once again, the Park Board would like to thank everyone who responded and encourage residents to continue to provide feedback on the City parks and events. If you would like to see a detail of the survey results, they can be found at www.hanovermn.org under Announcements or stop by City Hall for a hard copy.

The Park Board meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at City Hall. Don't despair if the idea or event you supported doesn't show up in 2016, the goal is to use these ideas to guide long term planning and budgeting.

BIKE, WALK, GET OUTSIDE

AND HAVE FUN!

Saturday, July 23, 2016

10 am to Noon

**Bike Rodeo, Walkability Survey
and more!**

**Bike helmet giveaway sponsored by
Allina Health.**

Walk or Bike to the Park!



Go Green at Night to Unite!

Night to Unite, formerly known as National Night Out, is Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Council members, the Hanover Fire Department, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department, and the Wright County Sheriff's Department will be available to visit block parties in Hanover.

When planning this year's event, there are ten simple ways to Go Green:

- Provide recycling bins for cans, bottles and other recyclables.
- Put out containers for food waste recycling—designate which neighbor's compost bin it will go to.
- Ask neighbors to bring their own reusable plates, napkins, and utensils.
- Serve beverages in reusable or recyclable cups.

- Email you invitations to minimize paper use.
- Use local food for the potluck. Check out the local farmer's markets or perhaps neighbors have surplus from their own gardens.
- Use decorations that can be reused or recycled.
- Provide condiments in bulk instead of individually wrapped servings.
- Host an information table on recycling and other "green" resources.
- Let the attendees know that it will be a "green" event

Please contact City Hall at 763-497-3777 to sign up for organizing a block party or to schedule Council Members, the Fire Department or one of the Sheriff's Departments to visit.

Crime prevention and recycling resources will be available at City Hall. Stop by to pick up a folder during regular business hours.



Don't play by the mailboxes!

The Hanover Post Office would like to remind residents that children should not be playing around mailboxes or in the street. Thank you for your cooperation!



Hanover Fire Department Wants You!

Volunteer firefighters are needed to serve the community.

Call Chief Dave Malewicki at 763-286-6501 if interested.

Lions Donate Fountain

The Hanover Lions donated the funds to have a Lion's Head Fountain made and donated to the City of Hanover. The fountain is located near the Shelter at Settler's Park.

Avalon Studios, Merrifield, Minnesota, created the Lion Head Fountain from fiberglass and it was installed by the Hanover Public Works Department.

The fountain will be winterized mid-October and water will be shut off until the chance of frost passes in the spring.



City Council

Mayor Chris Kauffman
Vice Mayor John Vajda
Councilor Doug Hammerseng
Councilor Ken Warpula
Councilor Jim Zajicek

EDA

Todd Bartels, Chair
Randy Whitcomb, Vice Chair
Jessica Johnson, Treasurer
Keith Ulstad
Matt Hanson
Ken Warpula
John Vajda

Planning Commission

Stan Kolasa, Chair
James Schendel, Vice Chair
Michelle Armstrong
Dean Kuitunen
Mike Christenson
Doug Hammerseng, Council Liaison

Park Board

Mathew Boie, Chair
Dee Zajicek, Vice Chair
Tom Gleason
Abby Peterson
Abby Strehlow
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. For more information: www.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 Harvest Festival Meets at City Hall every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact John Vajda at 763-657-0763.

Hanover Historical Society Meets at City Hall every first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Mary Coons at 763-476-8414 or Joe Kaul at 763-463-8610 or hanoverhistoricalsociety.org.

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

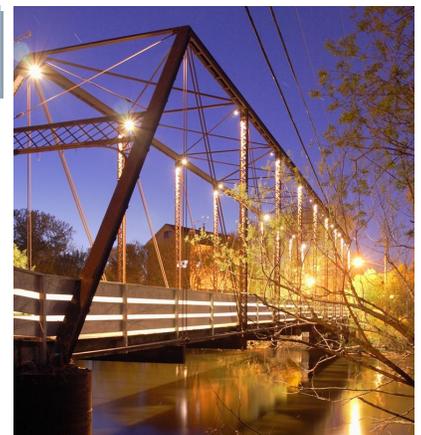
Hanover Youth Ball T-ball, Coach Pitch, Girls Softball, and Boys Baseball. Meets at City Hall. Check website for dates and times. Visit hanoveryouthball.org or contact Missy Thompson at 763-497-2278 or via missy@hanoveryouthball.org.

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

STMA Women of Today Meets every second Tuesday at 6:30 pm at Financial Security Bank in Albertville. For more information call 1-800-340-9817 or www.stmawt.org.

City Staff

Brian Hagen, City Administrator
Scott Vogel
Jason Doboszanski
Amy L. Biren
Liz Lindrud





11250 Fifth Street NE
Hanover, MN 55341
T: 763-497-3777
F: 763-497-1873

www.hanovermn.org
cityhall@ci.hanover.mn.us

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

Do I need a permit for that?

Depending on the project residents will be doing, the City of Hanover does require a permit in order for the work to be done. Here is a list of the most frequently issued permits:

Building Structures:

- New home construction or additions to existing homes.
- Sheds, detached garages or other accessory buildings.
- Decks and porches.
- Fences.
- Finishing basements or other rooms in the home.

Other building related activities:

- Fireplaces.
- Furnaces and air conditioners.
- Water softeners or heaters.
- Plumbing installations or remodeling.
- Replacing doors, windows, siding or a roof.
- Septic systems.

Permits are available at City Hall and online under the Applications/Forms tab on the City website: www.hanovermn.org. Along with the completed and signed permit, two copies of the plans are needed and in most cases, two copies of the property

survey with the location of the project. Staff at City Hall will be able to help answer questions about specific projects and acquiring the property survey.

Electrical permits are obtained through the State of Minnesota and can be found at www.dli.mn.gov.

Burning Permits

The DNR requires residents to obtain a burning permit when the fire is more than three feet high and three feet in diameter. Burning permits are available at City Hall and may be issued for three days with burning from 6 pm to 8 am the next day. The cost of a burning permit is \$1.