



# The Hanover Bridge

## The Public Works Facility is Progressing!



The Hanover City Council held an official groundbreaking for the new public works facility on Tuesday, September 19th. Actual construction by Kinghorn Construction began in early August. Above, from left, are Grady Kinghorn of Kinghorn Construction, City Administrator Brian Hagen, Councilmember Doug Hammerseng, Councilmember MaryAnn Hallstein, Mayor Chris Kauffman, State Representative Eric Lucero, Councilmember Ken Warpula, and Councilmember Jim Zajicek. (Photo and text by Doug Voerding)



Future Home of:

**HANOVER PUBLIC WORKS**

11149 5th Street NE  
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Permit #95-17  
JOB# 17-139

Construction Managed By:

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# From the Administrator's Desk: The 2018 Budget

Setting the City's budget first begins in June of the calendar year. At this time staff reviews prior years actual revenues and expenses, as well as the current year to date. After review of this data, staff then begins formulating the preliminary budget. Throughout a series of meetings with the City Council, a preliminary budget and tax levy is approved. This preliminary levy is required to be certified with the county by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The County uses this information to send property owners notice of their proposed property taxes for the following year, and provide notice of the truth in taxation hearing. The truth in taxation hearing is a property owner's opportunity to attend the meeting, hear information regarding what is impacting the City's budget for the following

year, and to ask questions or provide input to the City's budget.

The truth in taxation hearing is held prior to the adoption of the final budget. The City is restricted when setting the final budget and tax levy certification. The City is not legally allowed to levy a higher amount of tax revenue than what was approved with the preliminary levy.

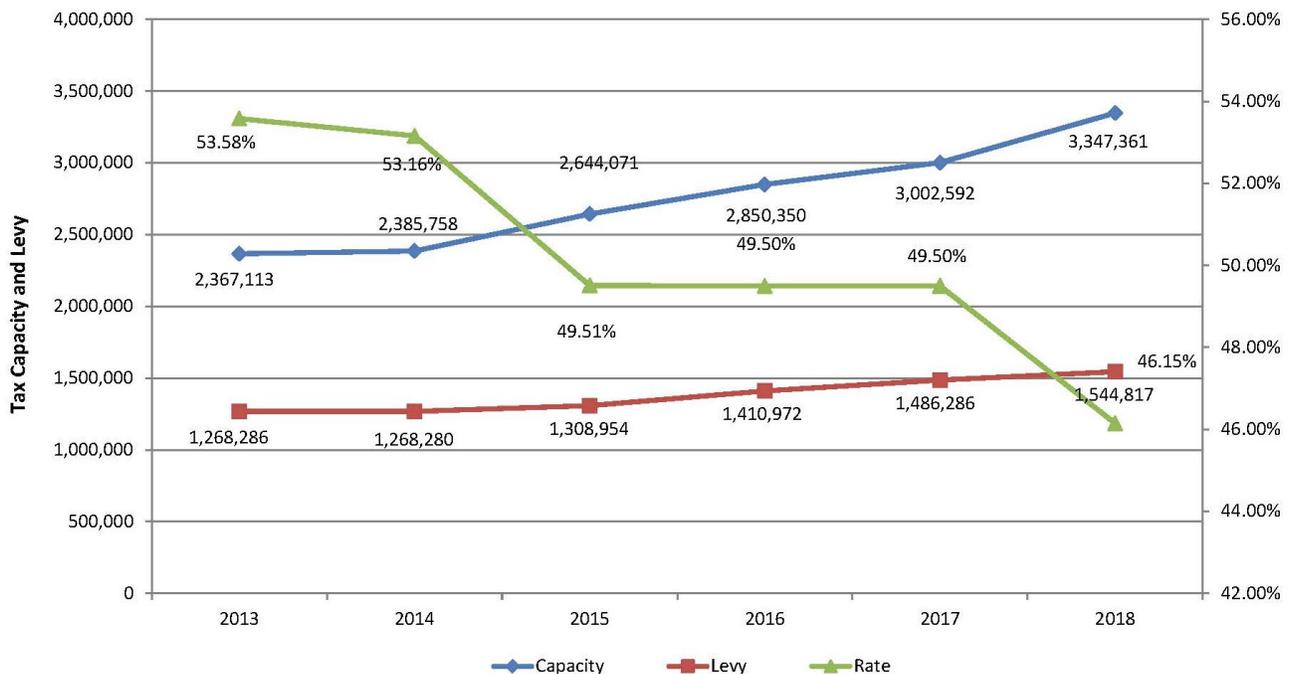
In looking at Hanover's 2018 Budget, staff sets out with the number one goal of funding essential functions of the City. This includes operating expenses made up of council/committee expenses, administration, public safety, public works/parks, and debt services requirements. Additionally, staff works towards proposing a budget that maintains a flat tax rate. A flat tax rate would mean that if a

property owner's property value stays constant from one year to the next, then the City's portion of taxes paid would also stay constant. Property taxes may change and be adjusted from other tax levies, such as from the county or schools.

The City is please to share that after certifying the 2018 Preliminary Levy, the estimated tax rate is set to decrease approximately 3.35%. The decrease is credited to added property values in the City of Hanover. The added values largely come from new homes, alternations to existing homes, and the construction of a senior living facility. The line graph below represents how Hanover's tax rate, tax capacity, and tax levy has changed through the years.

Brian Hagen, City Administrator

**Tax Capacity, Levy, and Rate**



# Know the Snowplowing Policy and Routes

Winter is just around the corner and soon snowplowing will start.

The criteria for determining when to plow includes snow accumulation with continual snowfall, drifting snow, icing or freezing rain, and the timing of the snowfall in relationship to heavy use of the streets.

Public safety and safety of the plow drivers is taken into consideration in order to allow effective and efficient removal of snow.

Residents are reminded that

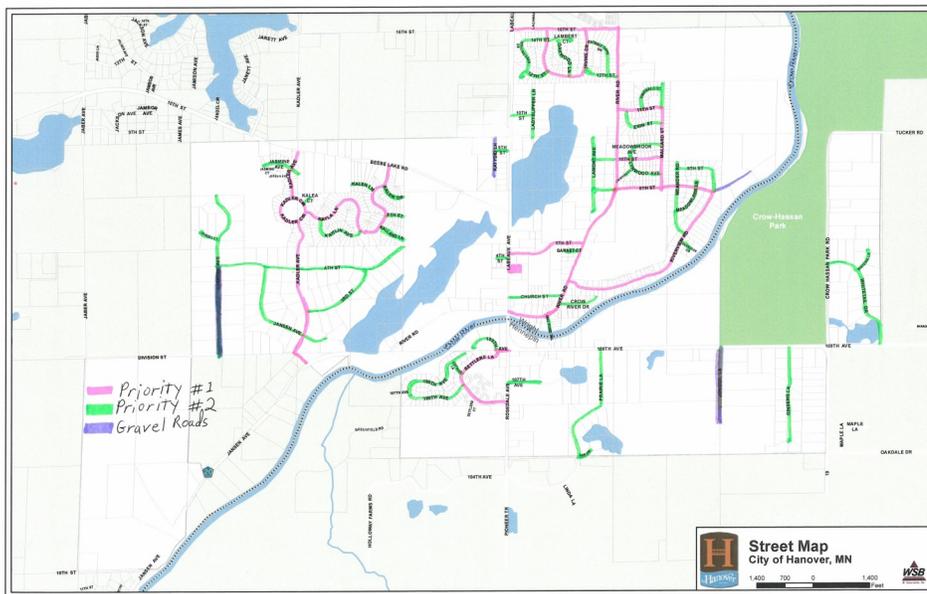
from November 1st to April 1st of the next year, there is **NO PARKING** allowed on any city street overnight. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed at the discretion of the snowplow operators or the sheriff's department.

Residents may also want to wait to clear their driveways until the plows have been through the neighborhood. If this is not possible, additional clearing may need to be done after the plows have gone past.

Additional reminders include:

- Don't crowd the plow! Not only is snow removal equipment large, expect it to be backing up frequently.
- Be patient! Plowing and sanding take time.
- Do not plow, push or blow snow onto or across the street! This is prohibited by state law.
- Items such as irrigation heads, landscaping, fences, etc. that are in the public right of way may be damaged and are the owner's responsibility to repair.
- Keep garbage and recycling bins out of the street so plows do not hit them.
- Be a good neighbor: clear snow from around mailboxes and fire hydrants.
- Residents must clear the portion of sidewalk that abuts their property.

The complete Snowplowing Policy can be found on the City website: [www.hanovermn.org](http://www.hanovermn.org) under the Residents tab.



## Know the Routes

The routes outlined above indicate how the streets in Hanover will be plowed during a continual or large snow event such as a large winter storm or a blizzard.

During any type of snow event, the Fire Station is plowed first along with River Road. The snow plows then break off to do different sections of the City. Remember that CSAH 19, CSAH 20, and Beebe Lake Road (CSAH 34) are county roads and plowed by the respective county, Wright or Hennepin.

## FREE!

Residents are invited to pick up lathes to put in the lawn adjacent to the streets. These will be used to guide the plows and will eventually break off during the snow season. The lathes will be available at City Hall until they run out.

## Meet the Public Works Staff

The City of Hanover has three full-time public works employees and one seasonal employee. Jason Doboszanski, Public Works Supervisor, and the rest of his team, ensures that Hanover looks its best and that concerns are taken care of promptly. Area residents JR Ramthun and Carl Olson have recently joined the team. Terry Notvedt is returning for a second year as the seasonal mower and works May through September. Next year the public works team will be in the new facility at 11149 5th Street.



Pictured left to right: Jason Doboszanski, Jason (JR) Ramthun, Carl Olson, and Terry Notvedt.

## Crow River Heights West Third Addition—A new development!

Backes Development has started work on the Crow River Heights West Third Addition which will bring 30 new homes to Hanover. The homes will be located off of Jasmine and Jordan Avenues. This is the first development for the City in over ten years.

Dennis Backes purchased the 80 plus acres that lie just west of Kadler Avenue. The first phase of 30 homes was approved by Council in July and the developer's agreement signed in early September, then grading work began. Small utilities will be installed at the end of October and early November.

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The new homes will be constructed by Drake Construction and Homes Plus. Backes is looking for a third builder. The homes will be full basement walk-outs. Model homes are expected to be built by the end of the year.



Above: The new extension of Jordan Avenue with water and sewer. Below: Equipment at work.



# Be a Drain Ranger!

Anyone can help prevent stormwater pollution by becoming a Drain Ranger!

What exactly is stormwater? When it rains, water hits the grass, trees, roads and sidewalks. If it hits the grass, the rain goes into the ground. If it hits sidewalks, roads or buildings, the rain runs into the street and becomes stormwater. It runs down the street and into the storm drains which flows into the rivers, lakes, and stream, possibly picking up pollutants

along the way.

What is a pollutant? This is anything that can make people, fish and animals sick if it is in the water. Pollutants include trash, dog poop, chemicals used on lawns and gardens, dirt, oils and greases from cars.

A Drain Ranger's job is to clean up the water. A Drain Ranger makes sure only rain goes down the drain!

There are many simple ways to make sure that the water

going down the storm drains remain clean:

- Keep leaves and grass from going down the drain.
- Pick up dog poop.
- Wash the car on the grass instead of the driveway so the water doesn't go in the drain.
- Use less chemicals on the lawn or in the garden.
- Fix a leaky car.

How will you become a Drain Ranger?



**There is no poop fairy.**

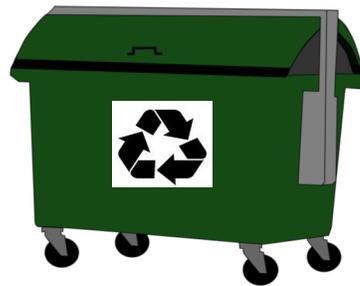
**Please clean up after your dog.**

Dog waste doesn't biodegrade like wild animal waste. It sticks around for a long time. Meanwhile, it contains harmful bacteria, pollutes groundwater, and smells disgusting on the bottom of a shoe. Please help keep parks, trails and neighborhoods free of poop piles by packing out your dog's waste.

*A message from the City of Hanover and your Public Works Department.*

## Commercial Recycling

Recycling is encourage by all residents and commercial businesses. Randy's Environmental Services, is the residential recycling company for Hanover and also has options for commercial businesses.



Businesses may take advantage of the free waste audit which will determine the needs for waste removal, recycling, and document destruction.

To learn more about recycling and the free waste audit, call Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 or visit their website at [www.randysenvironmentalservices.com](http://www.randysenvironmentalservices.com).



Fire Prevention week is October 8-14th this year and the theme is “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” Everyone needs a way out of their home in case of fire. Here’s what families can do to make sure everyone knows what to do in case of a fire:

- Have all family members draw a map of the house, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice a fire drill at home twice a year. Have a drill at night and one during the day so everyone can practice using different ways out of the house.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case no adult is around when a fire occurs.
- Make sure house numbers are easy to read and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close the doors behind you as you leave—this may slow the spread of smoke, heat and fire.
- Once outside, never go back inside a burning building!

### How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

The Official Sponsor of Fire Prevention Week Since 1922

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan using the grid provided on page 2.

1st FLOOR 2nd FLOOR



How fast does fire move? Very fast. You could have less than 2 minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

#### 7 steps to practicing your escape plan

- Draw a map of your home. Include all doors and windows.
- Find two ways out of every room.
- Make sure doors and windows are not blocked.
- Choose an outside meeting place in front of your home.
- Push the test button to sound the smoke alarm.
- Practice your drill with everyone in the home.
- Get outside to your meeting place.

For more information about escape planning, visit: [www.usfa.fema.gov](http://www.usfa.fema.gov) and [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org).

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## Hanover City Cemetery Policy

The Hanover City Cemetery was acquired by purchase from Richard and Johanna Saenger on July 19, 1900. It has always been the aim of the City of Hanover, previously the Village of Hanover, to make the cemetery a quiet and beautiful place. To preserve the appearance and continue its improvement requires the cooperation of all lot owners.

During the past few months, the Council approved an updated cemetery policy. The entire policy can be found on the City's website under the Residents tab.

Previously, Row 10 of the cemetery was designated for cremation interments. Additional rows were needed, so Rows 12 and 13 have been designated for both traditional and cremation interments. Acceptable burials for one gravesite include one casket burial (traditional); two cremains; one casket burial and one cremation burial; parent and child in one casket; and two infants in one casket.

The public works staff is responsible for the overall maintenance of the

cemetery. In addition, they located graves for burial and the placing of headstones. The driveway is kept plowed in the winter so relatives may visit family and friends buried there. Council did approve new regulations regarding memorials in the cemetery and they are outlined below.



## Seasonal Memorial Regulations

There are new regulations for the placement of flowers, plants, and artificial flowers in the Hanover City Cemetery:

- Seasonal memorials may be placed on burial plots from May 15th through October 15th.
- Winter memorials may be placed on burial plots from December 1st until March 1st.
- All flowers, plants and artificial flowers must be placed in non-glass containers, in a plant stand, or upon the concrete marker base.
- No separate concrete base or pad is permitted.
- Artificial flowers must be securely fastened to a stand or a container.
- Flags and markers placed to acknowledge military service may be kept at the burial plot year round.
- Placing boxes, shells, toys, metalwork, ornaments, chairs, settees, or similar articles upon the burial plot will not be permitted. The City reserves the right to remove any articles deemed unacceptable.
- The ground planting of flowers by lot owners or relatives is not permitted. Potted plants must be in a plant stand or alongside the marker and must not be sunk into the ground.
- The City is not responsible for lost, misplaced, broken or stolen items. Please contact City Hall if misconduct is suspected.

# 2017 Hanover Harvest Festival

Thanks to Jim Hautala for this year's photos of the Festival!



**“A Sincere Thank You”  
to our sponsors and participants from  
The 2017 Hanover Harvest Festival**

for making the 13<sup>th</sup> annual Hanover Harvest Festival a very memorable year!  
We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Visit our website [www.hanoverharvestfestival.com](http://www.hanoverharvestfestival.com) for updates throughout the year  
and be sure to mark your calendars for next year’s event on Saturday, August 4th, 2018!

The 2017 Hanover Harvest Festival was made possible in part by the following generous sponsors:

**Corporate Sponsors:**



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

Anita Underberg	Prairie Run Cafe	NIKE Factory Outlet
April Kiernan	Coborn's	Albertville Outlets
St. Paul's Lutheran Church	Colonial Jewelers	Arbor Lakes
Steve & Tracy Gutknecht	St Michael Theatre	Great Lakes Chiropractic
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MN Equipment	Center Cut Meats	Great Harvest Bread Co.
Dehmer's Meat	Pizza Ranch	AnyTime Fitness
Market Place	D Michael B's	TC Running
Hardware Hank	Chinese Family Buffet	Tab Photos
Dairy Queen – St Michael		Health Source Chiropractic

A special Thank You to the Hanover Fire Department and ALL of their hard working volunteers for their assistance throughout the day and with the fireworks. Also, a special Thank You to Hilltop, River Inn, Hanover Wine & Spirits, BankWest and Tom Thumb for selling raffle tickets and displaying raffle items.

To Wright County Sheriff's Departments, Hanover Public Works Supervisor Jason Doboszanski, City of Hanover Jason (JR) Ramthun, City of Hanover Maintenance Department, the Hanover Harvest Festival Committee and EVERY volunteer: **THANK YOU ALL!**



The mission of the Hanover Harvest Festival:  
Promote a sense of community by bridging the best of the past with a vision of the future.

## Board Positions Available

The City of Hanover will have five open positions at the beginning of 2018. There is one Planning Commission position open and two positions each on the Park Board and the Economic Development Authority. Each position requires attending a monthly meeting and receives a stipend.

If interested, an application is available on the City's website under the Applications menu along the left side. Please complete and return by December 1, 2017.

## Did you know?

- ◆ Notary services are available at City Hall.
- ◆ The snow plow and sanding truck is 11 feet tall from the ground to the top of the box—that's the size of an African Bush Elephant!
- ◆ The Crow River flows as three streams: The North Fork Crow River (157.5 miles), the Middle Fork Crow River (45 miles), and the South Fork Crow River (116 miles). The north and south forks converge at Rockford and travel 25 miles northeast to the Mississippi River, passing through Hanover.

The Hanover Historical Society Presents  
**THE 7TH ANNUAL PUMPKIN  
 DECORATING EVENT**  
 Sat., October 21 - Settler's Park - 2-3:30 pm

- Free pumpkins to decorate - first come, first served
- Pumpkin decorating competition: preschool, 6-8 years, age 9 and up, with prizes awarded in each category
- Kids' costume contest - same categories as above - with monetary prizes
  - Free cookies and orange drink
- Sit on an antique tractor and vintage carriage - great photo opp!
- Judging at 3:15 p.m. Must be present to win.
- Event goes on rain or shine!



hanoverhistoricalsociety.org

## Caroling at the Historic Bridge

The Hanover Historical Society is once again hosting Caroling at the Historic Bridge on Friday, December 1, 2017, from 6-8 pm.

Holiday music will be presented by area choirs and sing-a-longs will happen throughout the event. A bonfire will keep carolers warm and free refreshments will be served. Kids will be able to meet Old Saint Nick and share their wish lists. Family photos can be taken with Old Saint Nick, lighted holiday trees, and the Historic Bridge.

For more information contact Mary at the Hanover Historical Society: mary@hanoverhistoricalsociety.org.



October 2017

## Hanover Recycling Calendar

- Hennepin and Wright Counties Homes on CR 19 or west of CR 19
- Wright County Homes east of CR 19
- Holiday: Service is one day late except if holiday is on a weekend.

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December 2017						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Residents may request a larger recycling cart than the usual size if needed. Contact Randy's Environmental Services at 763-972-3335 to have the carts switched.

## City Council

Mayor Chris Kauffman  
Vice Mayor Doug Hammerseng  
Councilor Ken Warpula  
Councilor Jim Zajicek  
Councilor MaryAnn Hallstein

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Randy Whitcomb, Vice Chair  
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Brian Dismang  
Ken Warpula  
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Stan Kolasa, Chair  
James Schendel, Vice Chair  
Michelle Armstrong  
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Mike Christenson  
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## Park Board

Mathew Boie, Chair  
Abby Peterson, Vice Chair  
Tom Gleason  
Abby Strehlow  
Jeff Grupp  
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 [www.crowriverlions.org](http://www.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](http://www.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 Harvest Festival** Meets at City Hall every third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Contact Jackie Heinz at 612-221-5937.

**Hanover Historical Society** Meets at City Hall every first Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Mary Coons at 763-404-2327 or Joe Kaul at 763-463-8610 or [hanoverhistoricalsociety.org](http://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.

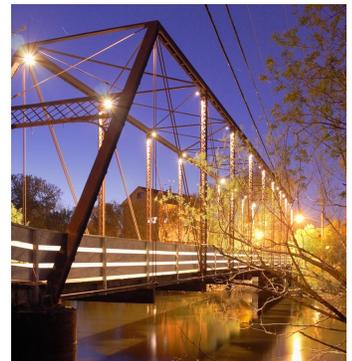
**Hanover Youth Ball** T-ball, Coach Pitch, Girls Softball, and Boys Baseball. Meets at City Hall. Check website for dates and times. Visit [hanoveryouthball.org](http://hanoveryouthball.org) or contact Missy Thompson at 763-497-2278 or via [missy@hanoveryouthball.org](mailto:missy@hanoveryouthball.org).

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

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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 8-14** Fire Prevention Week

**October 9** Columbus Day

**October 29** Hanover Lions Pancake Breakfast 8 am-Noon at City Hall

**October 31** Halloween

**NOVEMBER**

**November 5** Daylight Savings Time ends: Fall back!

**November 10** Veterans Day (observed): City Hall is closed.



**November 14** Crow River Senior Center Thanksgiving Dinner at City Hall

**November 17** Caring for Kids! Toy Drive Starts

**November 17** Hanover Fire Department Poultry Social at City Hall from 7 pm until done. Get there early!

**November 23** Sixth Annual Thanksgiving Day Fun Run: 8:30am start at the Fire Station.

**November 23** Thanksgiving: City Hall is closed.

**November 24** City Hall is closed.



**December 1** Caroling at the Historic Bridge 6-8 pm.

**December 3** Crow River Lions Hash Brown Breakfast at City Hall from 8 am to Noon.

**December 8** Caring for Kids! Toy Drive ends

**December 12** Hanukkah starts

**December 16** Caring for Kids! Toy Distribution at St. Paul's

**December 20** Hanukkah ends

**December 25** Christmas Day: City Hall is closed.

**December 31** New Year's Eve

**January 1** City Hall is closed.