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TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In October I presented the Board of Supervisors with the 2009 Township Budget. The Budget presented holds the Township Mill By John J. Finnigan, Jr.

Rate at 3.90. Included in the 3.90 is the Fire Tax of 0.5 mills, which was established in 2008 to purchase Fire Company Vehicles in the future. In 2009 the Township will be purchasing a fire pumper to replace 1511 and an ambulance to replace 1581.

> During 2009 Hanover Township estimates receiving \$7,398,788 in General Fund Revenue and expending the same. Sources of this revenue include, but are not limited to real estate tax, fire tax, earned income taxes, local services taxes, mercantile taxes, real estate transfer taxes, grants, refuse & recycling and building and inspection fees.

The 2009 General Fund Expenditures include costs associated with Public Works, Administration, Planning, Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police Department, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company, Emergency Medical Services, Refuse and Recycling Services and the

Bethlehem Public Library.

Contained within the General Fund expenditures are the following park improvement projects: Armed Services Park, Village View Park Entrance and Hanover Crossing North (when dedicated).

While surrounding municipalities, the state and federal government are facing budget shortfalls and funding issues the Township is on solid financial footing heading in 2009. Township expenses and revenue for 2009 will be closely monitored and adjustments will be quickly made should the economic crisis facing the country begin to affect our operations.

Lights and Sights of the Holiday.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, December 1st, 6:00 p.m.

Share in the Spirit of the Holiday Season!!!

Mark your calendar for family fun on Friday, December 5th. The tree lighting festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Hanover Township Community Center where you'll enjoy:

- · marshmallows and hot dogs roasting on an open fire
- music being sung by a choir
- rides in a one-horse open sleigh

This year's community tree will again be decorated in red, white and blue ornaments in honor of

our troops. Donations of themed ornaments are gladly welcomed. If your group or organization would like to participate, please call 610-866-1140 for more information. Help us in wishing others

a HAPPY HOLIDAY please bring canned food items and dry goods to benefit area food banks during the holidays!

The event is **FREE** and open to all.

MANAGER'S REPORT



As noted in the Summer 2008 Hanoverview one of the first activities I undertook after my appointment as Township Manager in 2006 was to develop a Strategic Plan for the Township. On January 24, 2006 the Board of Supervisors adopted the Original Strategic Plan for the Township and subsequently adopted an updated Strategic Plan on March 25, 2008.

Below are the Municipal Assets, Facilities and Community Center & Recreation sections of the Strategic Plan:

Municipal Assets

During 2006 a **Major Assets and Long Term Expenditures Replacement Schedule** was developed by the Township. The schedule identifies the significant investment the Township has in vehicles and equipment and indicates a useful life expectancy and projected replacement cost based on current pricing.

Currently the Township contracts with an outside vendor to sweep clean the streets within the municipality on an annual basis. Thought should be given to purchasing (perhaps jointly with an adjoining municipality) a street sweeper that could be used not only for the spring cleanup but also during paving operations.

Additionally with the storm sewer system beginning to age they will require increased maintenance including the vacuuming of manholes and catch basins. The purchase of a sewer (sucker) vacuum truck will become necessary (perhaps jointly with an adjoining municipality) as well as storm sewer mapping and water quality testing. (Asset purchased in the Summer of 2008)

FacilitiesSalt House

There is an immediate need (3-5 years) for an additional salt storage facility. The current salt storage facility marginally meets the current needs. The construction of a second building, immediately to the right of the existing structure will be needed in a relatively short period of time.

Flow Station

Included in the 2008 Budget is the modernization of the Flow Station on Weaversville Road at the end of the sanitary sewer lines in the north-west (Sewer District II –West District) section of the municipality. This allows the sewage from the properties in this district to be conveyed to the treatment plant owned and operated by the Borough of Catasauqua.

Currently there is a manual system that requires human intervention a minimum of three times a week to maintain operational efficiency. The 2008 Budget item modernizes this operation and automates the process. (Bid awarded Fall of 2008)

Municipal Sign

The original strategic message board on the municipal tract is no longer effective with the various activities in the Township. The strategic message board should be updated with a digital sign that can adequately reflect daily, weekly and monthly activities.

Community Center & RecreationCommunity Center

The Community Center was first opened in November of 1996 and underwent very minor renovations in 2005, adding an office for the Recreation Director and a music room out of an existing storage area. In the next ten years the Township will be fully built out residentially and the Recreation Advisory Board should begin to look at the expansion of the center to include an indoor pool, aerobics room, expanded game room, expanded pre-school, additional gym space and perhaps hand and racket ball courts. This expansion will place an additional burden on the financial constraints of the Township and needs to be analyzed carefully.

Programming must be constantly reviewed to insure we are meeting the needs of our residents and members. Reviews of other facilities in the Commonwealth should be used to gain insight into successful programs.

Pathway System

With the completion of the sidewalks at the southern end of Jacksonville Road the Township pathway system extends from the border with the City of Bethlehem to Hanoverville Road. The next step is to seek connection with the Nor-Bath Trail once the land north of Hanoverville Road is completely developed and public areas are dedicated to the Township.

Pool

In order to increase pool attendance, significant changes need to be made in the manner the pool is marketed and used. Family events, well publicized, such as pot luck dinners or barbeques should be considered. An increase in residential pools is having an impact on season passes and attendance.

Crawford Park

Currently there are three soccer fields in use at Crawford Park, two on the Upper Field and one on the Lower Field. One field is always rotated out of use for over seeding and maintenance.

Once the acquisition of the additional lands surrounding the Village View Park are secured from the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority and the tract is developed consideration should be given to converting the Upper Field into a baseball diamond with major league

Manager's Report cont'd

dimensions, 330' down the left and right field lines and 380' to straight away center.

Village View Park

The Township and the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority are currently working towards the dedication of fourteen +/- acres of land surrounding the current Village View Park. Access to the park will be off an extended Innovation Way. Additionally the Township recently acquired 4025 Airport Road and is in the process of acquiring 4035 Airport Road that will allow for a secondary entrance/exit to the facility.

A local soccer organization has approached the Township to assist in the development of this area in exchange for the use of the facility. Those negotiations are ongoing.

The area will eventually need public restroom facilities, pavilion and recreation equipment for those using the park and for the adjoining neighborhood.

Wegmans Tract

The area closest to the Community Center should be used for the future expansion of the Center. While there is

an issue with the topography, this is easily rectified with fill and the appropriate grading.

The remainder of the tract should be preserved for open space.

Armed Services Park

As part of their commitment to Hanover Township the Jaindl Land Company will donate approximately 1.176 acres at the south-west intersection of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road sometime during late 2008 (dedication accepted in October.) The Township will also receive additional land through an abandoned right-of-way from PaDOT. The land is earmarked for a new park – "Armed Services Park" to honor Hanover residents who have served in the Armed Services of the United States. Included in the park will be eight flag poles (US, State, Township & five branches of the armed services), walking path, four benches and a memorial area.

Estimated cost (2008) is approximately \$115,000 that could be funded through grants, donations and recreation contributions.

CRPD Blood Drive



Officer Mahalick donates blood.

WEB SITE - The Fire Company web site (http://www.htvfc.org) has undergone a make-over. We hope that it provides a signifi-



cant amount of useful information for you and your family. Many thanks to Dale Broadway who maintained the previous site for many years. On Tuesday, July 22nd, the Colonial Police Department sponsored their Fifth Annual Blood Drive in the parking lot of their new headquarters in Hanover Township. The blood drive began at 9:00 a.m. and concluded at 4:00 p.m. The drive resulted in the collection of sixteen units of blood, which was so important due to the critical shortage of blood during the summer.

The Colonial Regional Police Department wishes to express its gratitude to everyone involved for making the blood drive a success. Hope to see everyone next year.



SANTA CLAUS DAY

It will the Fire Company's pleasure to escort Santa Claus around the township to visit with our children and their families on Saturday, December 13th. Santa usually has a treat for our four-footed canine friends too! Look for a flyer in your mailbox as we get closer to the holiday season.



Hanover Township: Great Living in Northampton County

Hanover Township in Northampton County has an impressive community center, enjoyable community events and a vast array of beautiful parks all

close to the City of Bethlehem.

Located on Jacksonville Road, the Hanover Township Community Center has a fully-equipped fitness center, programs for the entire family and the HTTC Preschool. fitness center has Nautilus machine, elliptical trainers, a recumbent bike, an

exercise cycle, steppers, treadmills and free weights. In warmer months, the outdoor pool is available.

The first Thursday of every month, the Community Center hosts "Charity Bingo" with proceeds benefiting such charities as the Autism Society, Breast Cancer Foundation and Tot for Toys. There are art, dance, karate, sports, music and special 55+ programs as well as middle school dances and the annual "Daddy Daughter" dance in the fall.

HTCC Preschool is designed for preschool children at various developmental stages. The program also offers Breakfast Club and Lunch Bunch as well as extended day

You'll also find enjoyable community events throughout the year sponsored by the Township. The Special Events Committee hosts Patriot's Day, Ready-to-Read, John Philip Sousa Concert, the Hanover Fair and Lights and Sights of the Holidays. In just a few weeks on Saturday, October 25, the Township will host its annual Halloween parade and Community Celebration. parade begins at 1 p.m. and includes local high school bands, Philadelphia's Mummer's String bands, floats, fire trucks, stilt walkers, jugglers and neighbors dressed in their finest Halloween costumes.

After the parade, attendees and participants are invited to enjoy refreshments, hayrides, pony

rides, inflatable rides, pumpkin painting and clowns.

Participating in the community events will give you an opportunity to meet neighbors and get a feel for community spirit. "Visiting a community, attending a neighborhood

event or strolling through a park or shopping area is a wonderful way to experience what every day living is like in an areas.

You get an opportunity to meet people in a relaxed environment and may want to ask them what it's like to live in the community," says Rosemary Scardina, CEO of the Lehigh Valley Association of REALTORS®.

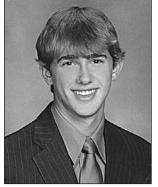
There are numerous parks among the residential areas of Hanover Township that provide open space for recreation activities including tennis courts, basketball courts, athletic fields and playground equipment. During the summer months the Township runs programs at Westgate, Macada North, Pharo, Municipal tract and Troxell Parks.

If Hanover Township Northampton County seems like a placed you'd like to call home, there's good news. According to Rosemary Scardina, there are currently 77 active listings of residential properties for sale in Hanover Township Northampton County. Home prices range from \$165,900 - \$799,900 offering a wide range from which to choose. If you would like to tour a home, please contact a member of the Lehigh Valley Association of REALTORS®.

(Morning Call, Saturday, October 11, 2008. Article was provided as a courtesy of the 2,400 members of the Lehigh Valley Association of REALTORS®.)

Eagle Scout: Gregory J.

Laudenslager



Gregory J. Laudenslager, a member of Boy Scout Troop 362, received the rank of Eagle Scout at an August 16 Eagle Scout Court of Honor in East Hills Moravian Church, Bethlehem. The rank is the highest in Boy Scouts.

Laudenslager began his Scouting years as a Tiger Cub at age 6 with Pack 368, sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Hanover

Township, Northampton County. He progressed through the stages of Cub Scouting and earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award. He joined Troop 362, which is chartered by East Hills Moravian Church, where he eventually earned 21 merit badges. He served his troop as quatermaster.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Laudenslager cleared out and restored the Children's Garden on Sand Island in the cit of Bethlehem. He led a crew of Scouts and volunteers in removing weeds, grass, brush, and dead plants. The also pruned bushes and cut back branches and cleared out the original garden beds. The project was completed by planting new plants and mulching the garden beds.

He is the son of David and Robin Laudenslager of Hanover Township. Laudenslager recently graduated from Liberty High School, where he was the captain of the varsity soccer team and was part of the track team. He

Hanover Township Community Center

Recreation News

Recreation Web News

A new township website has been launched, and the Recreation department is excited to keep you web users well informed! Several pages have been established to make it easy to get all the information all the time!

The following can be found on the new website under the Recreation tab:

HTCC Memberships types and fees listed

Partners / Business -Community recognition and opportunities for advertising/partnerships

Community Activity -Free wellness programs and community programming

Rental Information – fees for meeting rooms, birthday parties, rentals, and gym rentals

Programs - pages for Preschool, Family, & Lifestyle 50+

Swimming Pool Lessons important dates for pool and swim programs

Summer Park & Camp -Calendars for park programs, camp weeks, and pertinent summer activity

Fitness & Health aerobic calendar, fitness news and monthly tips for your health!

Calendars - Get latest information on gym availability, programs, and events.

Please feel free contact the community center with any input in regards to the content of the Recreation News on the website. Our pledge is to keep the website updated and accurate!





Meeting Rooms available for rent.

Partners in Recreation-**Traditions of America**

Hanover Township creates Community through People, Parks and Programs developed by the Recreation Department. How do partners support our community? Partners can be the reason a program is successful. Partners help bring awareness to the community about the opportunity that recreation provides. Our partners and sponsors help keep a greater percentage of your

essential services.

Traditions of America Programming is diverse has kindly partnered with and strives to create Hanover Township in social as well as fitness supporting our Lifestyle opportunities for this age programs & the Anniver- group. Weekly programs sary Weekend Activities - can be found on the new celebrating the opening website HTCC. Lifestyle programs are those programs designated for the 50 and over crowd! of America! The participants in these

tax dollars going to other programs are dynamic and engaging.

Thank you Traditions



HTCC 1996-2008 A Dozen Great Years!

Hanover Preschool

- ✓ Registrations for fall 2009 is January 10th at 1 pm.
- ✓ Hanover Preschool invites all preschool age students to check out our extended care hours and added value programs!
- ✓ Future Plans: watch for extended care in 2009 for your school age children.



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Family Fun Expose

12/10

Be An Angel Campaign

Community Outreach

Be An Angel Campaign can be found in the Morning Call every year. This program offers non-profits the opportunity to list items in need in hopes that people will see the list and donate. This is a worthwhile cause. Please check your local paper to see how you can help someone in need.

HTCC has the following three items listed:

- Portable Room Divider
- Mac Computers for Graphic Arts & Homework programs
- Portable TV /Computer cart

HTCC is a nonprofit entity and your donation is tax deductable.

Be a Santa To a Senior - when entering the HTCC Lobby you will find a beautiful Holiday tree. On the tree are ornaments listing a senior who is in need of a friend for the holidays. Pick an ornament and then return the ornament with the present listed! Home Instead Senior Care organizes this yearly event. HTCC is proud to be a participating partner. Donated presents will be gift wrapped at the Community Center and representatives from Home Instead Senior Care will deliver gifts to the attended recipient.

Learn more about Home Instead Senior Care & this program at : www.homeinsteadlv.com

www.santatoasenior.com



HTCC participates in the Be An Angel Campaign by the Morning Call.

Be a Santa To a Senior Dates:

Set up November 4th– all gifts should be returned by December 8th!

Take Five-Look Good/Feel Good

This yearly wellness evening focuses on women's cancers. HTCC has been fortunate enough in having successful fundraisers with the fun Vera Bradley Bingo events. Part of the proceeds from those events go to support the free wellness programs, cost of programs designated to helping women stay healthy and research for a cure through the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation. partner in programming LVH provided the opportunity to have Dr. Blesnak present an understanding of Oncoplasty. It is maximal cancer surgery with the best possible cosmetic results. Sharing the vital information on the importance of screening was also discussed. Mammography is the best form of success to date- making early screening affordable and possible for many.

The fun part of the evening included a mini fashion show with clothing from Coldwater Creek. Several members and employees from HTCC provided a delightful fashion presentation focusing on comfort and style. In addition to the valuable evening women were treated to hand massages by Care Alternatives and relaxation techniques from HTCC. Representatives from Baltimore Life provided valuable information on Life Insurance for Cancer survivors, something that is difficult to get once diagnosed. Starbucks Coffee was here with free coffee. The Starbucks Co. will also be donating money for every hour volunteered at this event by their employees to Cancer research.

Thank you to everyone who contributed!

Community Bingo Thursday

First Thursday of every month! 6:30 Early Bird/ 7 Start Please join us for a fun evening at HTCC. Cash Prizes. Now booking charitable causes for 2009! Call 610.317.8701

sponsored by:



"If one person walked away from the evening with a new understanding and comfort on treatment options and the importance of screenings, we have done our job!"



HTCC Models: Diane Melnyk, Susan Lavelle, Nancy Birdsall, Betty Guman, Anne Francis, & Pam Minervini– thank you!

Program Reminders:

Pre-School "Safari" Themed
 Book Fair-

Monday, Dec. 8 to Friday, Dec. 12 under) \$5.00 - Great gifts for the holidays!

Family Night Expose-

Wednesday, December 10 @ 5 pm Night will include a cheerleading performance from our Cheer Sport class, Dance Recital, Art Show, Build a book workshop and book fair reading event!! Concession will be available! A great opportunity to register for Winter After School Programs as well!

Fitness Fair-

January 10, 2009 9am-12pm Schedule of events-TBA Start your new year in a healthy way!

· Video game tournament-

January 19th @ 2pm (18 and under) \$5.00

Dodgeball Tournament

January 19th @ 12pm (Grades 6-10), requires 6 players per team.. \$20/team Proceeds for Tournament go to toward Step!

3 on 3 Middle School Basketball Tournament

February 21st @ 9am Grades 6-8 only! Teams may have a maximum of 4 players per team. \$15 per team.

 Basics of Buying and Selling on Ebay-

January 22 6-8pm / Fee: \$15

TOPS CLUB Inc.-Hanover Township

TOPS Club, Inc. is a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support organization. This chapter will be hosted by HTCC to help our residents and members "take off pounds sensibly". Chapter Leader: Margaret Matthews

When: Thursdays starting September 4th

Time: Weigh in from 7-7:30 pm w/ optional meeting following

Fees: TOPS National Registration yearly fee \$24 & \$3 per meeting - members of HTCC pay \$1 per meeting.

Community First Aid Class

American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

Community CPR-Adult/Child/Infant

Learn to care for victims of all ages; rescue breathing, CPR, AED and choking.

Date: Sat. January 24

Time: 12-4 pm

Fee: \$35

Learn how to recognize and care for

victims of injury or sudden illness.
This class does not include
CPR/AED instruction.

Community First Aid Class

First Aid Certification is valid 3 yrs.

Date: Sat. January 24

Time: 9-12 pm

Fee: \$35

Basics of Buying and Selling on Ebay

Class for the beginner who wants to buy or sell on Ebaythe online marketplace. 2 hours of instruction on how to open an account, research items, create listings and monitor and ship items. This class will get you started in a pinch.

Fee: \$15 Time: 6-8pm

Offered: January 22

Introduction to Fashion Design

This six week course will give students a basic understanding of what is involved in designing apparel from

concept to creation. We will explore draping, basic sketching techniques, researching and identifying trends and how to apply them in the fashion industry.

Students will take away a clearer understanding of where fashion comes from as well as their very own self designed muslin bodice.

Fee: \$85 member/ \$95 non-member
 + \$10 material fee

Ages: 12 - 17 yrs

Minimum participants 5 / Maximum 15

Dates: Mondays / Nov. 24th- Dec. 29th

Time: 7:30 to 9 pm

Instructor: Kierstin Carreira is a freelance fashion designer with a degree from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City, NY. She has a strong focus on dance/gymnastics apparel, swim wear and intimate apparel. She has had top selling swimwear in stores like Kohl's and Mandee Stores and has recently begun designing daywear for Lane Bryant. She brings to the table years of experience and a passion for the art of fashion.





Hanover Township Community Center



HTCC Birthday Parties

Give them the party they will always remember!

Let us do the work and you enjoy the day!

Hanover Township Community Center is the perfect place for your child's birthday party. All parties allow for one hour of activity in the gym or studio. A party coordinator will work with you to develop activities to make it this special day one to remember. The best part is that you won't have the mess in your home!

After the activity, each party has one hour in the meeting room for presents, cake and more fun.

Pick up your Party information at the front desk of HTCC or call 610-317-8701 for more details.

Don't forget to check out the winter schedule for your favorite after school activities.

New this year is **Play & Learn Instructional Soccer League** at HTCC!

Registration is by team or individual: contact Len Bilous, visiontraining@rcn.com or 610-704-8004 for more information. Deadline for registration is December 1, 2008

U8 to U16 teams forming– games will run Sunday's December 14th to February 22nd.

Kaplan in the Community: free workshops continue with Kaplan at HTCC.

February 21st-SAT Practice Test

February 26th—Giveback and Test Strategies

Call Kaplan for times and information: 1-800-KAP-TEST

Positions available: Music/Piano Instructor, AM Aerobic Instructors - call HTCC 610.317.8701

Shotokan Karate Club-Participant Highlight

Participant: Justin Cunningham

Achievement: Purple Belt

Favorite Food: Chicken Nuggets

Hobbies: Collect Baseball &

Pokemon Cards

Favorite Video Game: God of War

Favorite Animal: Dragon





Participant: Jeffrey DePalma Achievement: Purple Belt Favorite Food: Pizza

Hobbies: Swimming @ HT Pool Favorite Video Game: Midnight

Club 3

Favorite Animal: Tiger

HTCC-Affordable Alternatives

Everyone is pinching the penny these days. Trying to cut costs wherever they can. HTCC is here to help with just that.

Did you know that memberships at the Community Center may be covered under your insurance? Stop by today and have our Account Manager check into your insurance program— they may just pick up the tab!

HTCC is a great place to bring the family together and share the expense— why pay for separate membership fees for activities and programs? Join the Community Center and benefit your family as a whole- we have something for everyone.

Mom can do aerobics while Dad shoots some hoops—where are the kids? *With you* enjoying the facilities at the center— don't drive out of your neighborhood to have fun— stay close to home and save on gas, membership fees, and time!

Gift Certificates are available for your holiday needs!

December special– If you purchase a \$50 Gift Certificate for the Hanover Township Community Center we will give you a BONUS \$10 Gift Certificate! Gift Certificates are good towards the cost of memberships, programs, concession or rentals.

Gift ideas:

- Stocking stuffer for the college student home for one month!
- Great for the kid who plays at the center and is always looking for that slushie money!
- Great gift for that special coach
 he could always use help with practice costs or a chance to play himself!
- Give the gift of summer

 designate your GC for the pool!

Dally Announces Grant for Hanover Township's Recycling Efforts

Representative Craig Dally (R-Northampton) said today that a \$104,372 Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recycling performance grant has been awarded to Hanover Township in Northampton County.

"Hanover Township officials and residents should be proud of their commitment to recycling," Dally said. "Recycling keeps our environment clean and helps to provide added economic value and business opportunities."

The grant, awarded under the Recycling Performance Grant Program of Act 101 of 1988, is based on 7,092 tons of material recycled for the 2006 calendar year and the municipality's population.

The Recycling Performance Grant program provides incentive to help Pennsylvania communities increase the amount of materials recovered through recycling and promote economic growth in the Commonwealth through job creation and market expansion.

This grant is in addition to the funds that DEP allocates to municipalities to establish and maintain recycling programs.

Information about recycling in Hanover Township is available at the township's Web site hanovertwp-nc.org and click on "recycling."

TOWNSHIP RECYCLING NEWS

- The Township Office is still accepting Residential CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs). Your CFL's may be dropped off at the Township Municipal Building between the hours of 8 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday.
- The Township has received its 2006 Municipal Recycling Program Performance Grant , Act 101 of 1988 (P.L. 556) Section 904 monies from Department of Environmental Protection in the amount of \$104,372.00; which consists of residential tonnage of 1,060 tons and commercial tonnage of 6,032 tons. Thank you for your efforts!!!

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING

Hanover Township Ordinance 07-10 requires all businesses in the Township to recycle high-grade office paper, aluminum, clear glass, colored glass, cardboard, third class mail, magazines, telephone books, brown paper, grey paper, bimetallic cans consisting of aluminum and steel, plastics (PET and HDPE), newspaper, leaf and other yard waste.

If any business, institution, or commercial establishment is interested in re-evaluating or beginning a recycling program please contact Lori Stranzl, Commercial Recycling Coordinator at 610-866-1140 ext. 223 to schedule a waste assessment/audit. There is no charge for this service.

The Township will be conducting random assessments/audits of all commercial establishments to insure compliance with State and Local Laws.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES

When taking your recyclables to the Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center, please remember to sign in each time you drop items off with your business name and address. You may also participate in the **FREE** shredding services located at 635 Illick's Mill Road.

LIONS NEWS

In May of 2009 the Hanover Township Lions Club will celebrate 20 years of service. Our Lions motto is "We Serve" and our main goal is Sight Conservation and Blindness Prevention. We are 1 of 50 Lions and Lioness clubs serving the Lehigh Valley area. There is always a need for persons interested in helping others. We hold a business meeting the first Wednesday and a dinner social the third Tuesday of the month.

On October 3rd and 4th we held our annual white cane campaign at the WAWA on Schoenersville Rd and by the generosity of the customers we raised \$430.00 toward sight related programs. So far we have pledged a total of \$2,000.00 to four programs this year. Visual Impairment & Blindness Services of Northampton County, Beacon Lodge Camp for the Blind, in Mount Union, PA are our Lions district project requirements and Lions International Sight First program. Anyone interested in knowing more about our Lions Club or programs, please call Lions Willard or Bernice Kulp 610-865-5440

Join us for Lions Family Fun Night Fund Raiser, at Friendly's, Catasauqua Rd, Monday, December 1, 2008, 5 - 8 pm.

Asa Packer Elementary School

by Carrie Beleno, 3rd grade

Fall has arrived at Asa Packer Elementary School. Students are finishing up the first marking period and our halls are graced with amazing art and work. In August we welcomed new teachers, Mrs. Lyn Krenz in first grade and Mr. Stefon Pizzuto, our Academic Integration Specialist.

Each grade level is conducting a year-long study of a country and we look forward to a culminating activity at the end of the year. The countries being studied are China, Ireland, Italy, USA, Australia, and Mexico. This certainly compliments our diverse ethnic and cultural student body!

PTA is busy raising funds with Market Day, a Walk-a-Thon, and "Enjoy the City" and "Kid Stuff" books. The money will help purchase technology for our building. We had a ribbon cutting ceremony and thanked Senator Browne for the grant money that enabled us to complete our new playground.

We are looking forward to the Halloween parade, Scholastic Book Fair, holiday shopping, and the Artz Day Art Auction. *We are Puma Proud!*

FIRE COMPANY NEWS – HTVFC Celebrates Fire Prevention Week



Every year in October, the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co conducts fire prevention sessions around the community including elementary schools, day care facilities, churches and assisted living facilities. We just concluded this year's fire prevention sessions at seven area schools in which almost 1,300 elementary school student and day care kids as well as 200 township citizens participated. The primary objective of these annual sessions is to introduce basic fire prevention that they can practice, along with what to expect in the case of a fire.

We spend anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour at each location, sometimes including a real fire drill observed by members and officers of the fire company.

Each Fire Prevention sessions begin with a short talk by our Fire Marshall Robert VanWhy discussing key fire prevention tips:

- Do not play with fire this includes matches & lighters
- Do not play near stove when mom/dad is cooking
- Have a family emergency plan; what to do, where to meet and practice it regularly
- Always evacuate before calling 911. Call from a neighbor's house or a cell phone.
- Once you leave the house, do not return for toys or pets.

Next, firefighters don their equipment in front of the participants, full gear including breathing air from SCBA, and crawl among the kids so they can see what a fire fighter would look if they were there rescue them.

Finally, all the participants walk around the fire trucks and ask questions. This year's fire prevention week was capped off by a teacher going up in the basket of our tower truck, 1521. Not only did she get a nice view of the valley but she also was able to engage the kids by communicating with them over the truck radios while hovering 80 feet above the ground.

Our company members and officers enjoyed these sessions and we thank this year's participants - administrators, teachers and students and township citizens for their warm welcome and support for this annual, important event. Prevention saves lives!



Origin of Fire Prevention Week

The history of National Fire Prevention Week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which occurred on October 8, 1871. This tragic conflagration killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 structures. The origin of the fire has generated speculation since its occurrence, with the fact and fiction becoming blurred over the years. However the massive fire began, it swiftly took its toll, burning more than 2000 acres in 27 hours.

Intending to observe the fire's anniversary with a serious commemoration, the Fire Marshals Association of North America (FMANA), the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), decided that the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should be observed not with festivities, but in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

When President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention Week, October 4 - 10 1925, he noted that in the previous year some 15,000 lives were lost to fire in the United States. Calling the loss "startling", President Coolidge's proclamation stated, "This waste results from the conditions which justify a sense of shame and horror; for the greater part of it could and ought to be prevented... It is highly desirable that every effort be made to reform the conditions which have made possible so vast a destruction of the national wealth".

(Source: http://firesafety.buffnet.net/history.htm)

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SMOKE DETECTOR TIPS

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every bedroom.
- Choose dual sensor smoke detectors which have both photoelectric and ionization sensors. One sensor detects smoldering fires and the other detects quick moving fires with minimal smoke.
- Test your smoke detectors every month.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detector twice a year. Many families change their batteries when they change their clocks for daylight savings time.
- Replace smoke detectors every 10 years and Carbon Monoxide detectors every 5 years as they have a specific life-span and may not work after these ages.

Recent MCI (Mass Casualty Drill)

Our thanks to the Liberty High School Cheerleaders that served as victims during The Fire Company's recent MCI drill. The cheerleaders participated in a scenario where a car drove into a crowd of students, injuring most of them. Fire and EMS personnel triaged, rescued, treated and transported 10 "patients" to the "hospital" at our station. We also extend our thanks to our colleagues at East Allen EMS and Hecktown EMS who also participated in this drill. Drills challenge us to hone our skills and prepare us for real incidents.

ALARM SYSTEM OWNER'S

Please remember if you have a Monitored Alarm System or Automatic Protection Device it must be registered with the Township. (Ordinance 96-1)

FIRE POLICE NEEDED

We are in need of additional volunteers in the Fire Police Service. Fire police are vital personnel that provide support for the activities of the firefighters, ambulance corps, and Colonial Regional Police Department

Fire Police protect our fire and EMS personnel, as well as members of the public, by providing traffic and crowd control at fire and accident scenes. They also provide traffic control at Hanover Township functions, like runs, walks, and bike races under the supervision of the police department.

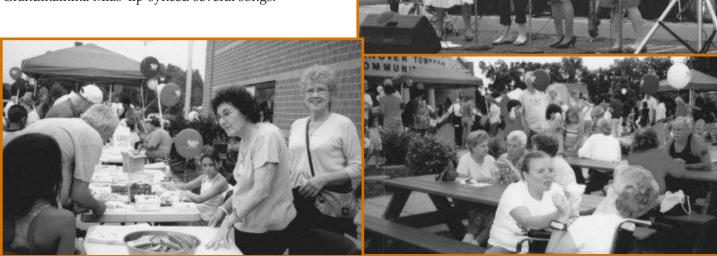
The work is not physically demanding but does require common sense and clear thinking. Minimum age for membership in the Fire Police service is 21 years old, but any Hanover Township resident in reasonably good health is encouraged to apply.

Consider serving alongside the Fire, EMS, and Police personnel that serve your community and your family. It's a fantastic opportunity to serve the residents of Hanover Township.

Training in Fire Police duties will be provided. If you are interested, contact the Fire Chief Scott Milham at 484-239-2247 or drop by the Fire Company at 100 Stoke Park Road any Monday night at 7:00 PM.

CRIME WATCH

It was a lively scene of families at the Community Center enjoying the free ice cream and hot dogs at the August 5, National Night Out. Informational material from Crime Watch, free raffles and our guest tables kept residents busy from 6-9 p.m. The K-9 dog – Rex, the Hanover Starz Cheerleaders performed along with our great band, "Shake Rattle and Soul" while the Grandmamma Mias' lip-synced several songs.



GUIDELINES SET FOR VOLUNTEER RESPONDERS TAX CREDIT

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE - 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



Volunteer firefighters and emergency medical services personnel are an extremely vital, while often underappreciated, part of towns and communities across Pennsylvania and the United States. These dedicated, brave men and women sacrifice their time and risk their lives to provide safety and protect the people within and around their community.

Unfortunately, recruitment and retention of such volunteers are serious issues facing many volunteer fire and rescue companies today. People face increasing challenges in maintaining balance in their lives between job and family responsibilities, which makes it harder for them to volunteer their time.

It is important, when possible, that the state of Pennsylvania does whatever it can to help encourage and support these devoted volunteers. That is why I offered an amendment to the tax code bill, as part of this year's budget (FY 2008-09), that authorized a tax credit for active volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel. This tax credit will hopefully be an incentive to keep volunteers in uniform and possibly attract more people to consider volunteering, while having a minimal impact on the state budget.

Volunteer firefighters and EMS personnel can earn a \$100 credit towards their state income tax based on a point system if at least 50 points are earned. The system was created by the State Fire Commissioner and the Director of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services in the Department of Health.

A volunteer responder is considered an active volunteer in any month in which the person is a member of a volunteer fire company, volunteer rescue company or volunteer ambulance service. No individual is able to earn all of the required points in one category. Points must be earned in a minimum of two categories to qualify. No credit will be awarded for any activity for which the individual is compensated in any form except for reimbursement of normal expenses.

The 50 points must be earned between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008. There are eight categories under which a volunteer can qualify. These are the areas:

Certifications: Fire fighters, emergency medical services (EMS) and rescue personnel who are professionally certified or recognized shall be awarded ten (10) points. A maximum of twenty (20) points can be earned in this category.

Training Courses: Individuals shall be awarded five (5) points for each training course they attend. The course must issue a regional/state/national certificate of completion. A maximum of twenty-five (25) points can be earned in this category.

Attendance at Organizational Meetings: Individuals shall be awarded one (1) point for each organization meeting attended. A maximum of fifteen (15) points can be earned in this category.

Fire/EMS/Rescue Response Rate: Individuals will earn points based on how many responses the volunteer participates in as a percentage of the total number of responses by the organization. The volunteer earns one (1) point for each percentage point in this category for a maximum of twenty-five (25) points.

Related Activities: Individuals shall be awarded one (1) point for every two (2) hours of work on administration and support activities, including fundraising and maintenance of facilities and equipment. Individuals can earn a maximum of twenty-five (25) points in this category.

Drills/Training and Education: Individuals shall be awarded five (5) points for every two (2) hours of documented in-house exercise, training or education. Individuals can earn a maximum of twenty-five (25) points in this category.

Elected/Appointed Positions: Individuals shall be awarded ten (10) points for serving as a line officer or official within the organization. Individuals can earn a maximum of ten (10) points in this category.

Life Membership/Active Service: Life members shall be awarded five (5) points.

Military Leave: Individuals on active duty service with the U. S. military shall be awarded five (5) points each month. Individuals can earn a maximum of forty (40) points in this category.

Sleep In/Standby: Individuals shall be awarded one (1) point for each eight (8) hours of standby either in the station or as part of a rostered duty. Individuals can earn a maximum of twenty (20) points in this category.

Volunteers can find out more information about the point system and the tax credit program by visiting: http://www.osfc.state.pa.us/osfc/cwp/view.asp?a=7&q=280738&nw=1. Our volunteer firefighters and emergency medical service workers deserve not only our support and admiration but also our assistance. This tax credit program is a great way to show them that their time and efforts are not going without notice.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR



LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf Collection began in Mid-October and will continue to the end of November or the first week of December depending on weather conditions.

Please place your leaves along the front of your property, in a windrow. (see picture)

Please try to keep any rocks or bricks out of the piles. Keep cars clear of all piles.

Please be aware that leaves are picked up as soon as possible. Due to the amount of leaves and weather conditions we sometimes get behind, please be patient and do not call the office. Thank-you for your cooperation!

PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS-

Please, please, please when SNOW is in the forecast please make every effort to keep all your vehicles in your driveway. This is a problem in the following areas: All Cul-de-Sacs, GRACE AVE., JACYLN LN., OVERLOOK DR., BRIARSTONE RD. and ROSEWOOD DR.

With everyone cooperating, we can all have cleaner and safer streets after a snow storm.

Without cooperation Regulations will be enforced.

Please be aware that we usually have to plow streets at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm. Please do not shovel snow into the street!

SNOW & SIDEWALKS

Please remember if you have sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within 36 hours after a storm.

Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

STORM DRAINS

Please remember it is illegal to dump **ANYTHING** in a storm drain, i.e.

- ▼ Drain oil, Anti-Freeze, Paints or Thinners
- ▼ Dog or cat feces
- Grass clippings

Hanover Elementary

by Laura Kuehner

It's hard to believe that the holiday season is just around the corner. Here at Hanover we are well into the school groove. We've already had some wonderful assemblies with "George Washington" stopping by to celebrate Constitution Day. Recently the kids



had a great time learning some funny new songs with Bill Wellington, a folk tale singer.

Our 2nd Annual Longenburger Basket Bingo will be held on Friday, December 5. This event is open to the public, so I hope you'll be able to join us. Look for information on our marquee.

While we try to keep you up-dated as to our school and PTA activities, we don't usually mention all the wonderful things our teachers and staff do, in addition to teaching. Last June staff from Hanover and Asa Packer formed a team to walk in the American Cancer Society's Rally for a Cure. The team had teachers on the BASD track walking for 24 hours! Hanover teachers raised over \$800.00 last year for the Cancer Society by participating in "Jean's Day" every Friday. This year's monies will be donated to the Salvation Army and put towards Thanksgiving meals. Teachers throughout the district participate in many charitable endeavors ranging from monetary and time donations, to collecting stuffed animals for pediatric floors at local hospitals. Teachers at all schools do a lot more than just "teach"!

While the weather is getting cooler, we still have many students riding their bikes or walking to school. Unfortunately we've had several close calls while our Crossing Guard has been helping students cross Jacksonville in front of the school. Please use extra caution during arrival and dismissal times. If the yellow lights are flashing, PLEASE SLOW DOWN! We'd all appreciate it! As always, we thank our parents and community for their continued support so that we can continue to be the High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks!!

Dogs, Contractors and Energy Concerns Addressed by General Assembly

A COLUMN BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG A. DALLY - 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



October was marked by a flurry of legislative activity in Harrisburg as the General Assembly sent several bills to Gov. Ed Rendell for his signature. Interestingly, I received more correspondence about amendments to Pennsylvania's Dog Law than any other issue.

For several years, Pennsylvania has had the reputation of being the "puppy mill capital of the east." In recent months, many people were horrified by reports of conditions at some

commercial breeders' kennels in Pennsylvania and many of the operations were spotlighted in the media. The new law requires commercial kennel owners to provide regular exercise and semi-annual veterinary exams for dogs; doubles the minimum cage size for dogs; prohibits the stacking of cages; requires adequate heating, lighting and ventilation; prohibits wire flooring in cages; and prohibits commercial kennel owners from euthanizing their dogs. The new standards apply to anyone selling more than 60 dogs in a year or anyone selling a dog to a pet shop or wholesaler. Requirements are virtually unchanged for other types of kennels. Act 119 of 2008 was signed by the governor on October 9th.

Another measure that was a long time in the making provides consumers with stronger protections against home repair scam artists. The new law makes it easier to prosecute disreputable contractors by instituting strict criminal penalties for home repair fraud. The new law bill also includes tougher sanctions if the victim is 60 or older, since many scam artists target older homeowners.

The new law requires home improvement contractors to register with the Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection. The bureau is also required to maintain a toll-free number under which consumers could check on the registration status of a contractor. It also requires home improvement contracts for all work that exceeds \$500. It would set down specific criteria for home improvement contracts to ensure that all parties understand the work to be completed, the time frame for completion and the total costs involved.

This law is not directed at the many fair and respected contractors in Pennsylvania, but is intended to weed out con artists who prey on homeowners. The governor is expected to sign Senate Bill 100. The high cost of energy was also addressed by the Legislature with enactment of a new law which will require electric utility companies to implement plans aimed at reducing electricity consumption by 3 percent by 2013. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) will now be responsible for evaluating and overseeing the electric utility companies' conservation plans. In addition to the 3 percent overall reduction in electricity consumption called for in the bill, the measure requires a 4.5 percent reduction during "peak demand" periods. These are the 100 hours of the year when customers use the most electricity. Because of the high demand for electricity at these times, the cost soars for customers.

I fully expect we will continue to work on addressing rising energy prices during the transition from a regulated to a free market electric system during the next several years. The governor is expected to sign House Bill 2200. You may visit my Web site CraigDally.com for information about saving energy, and a flyer "50 Energy Saving Tips" is available at my district offices.

Shade Tree Advisory Commission

- Does your tree need pruning or fertilization?
- Does your tree have an insect or other problem?
- Who do you call for help?
- Only hire a Certified Arborist to diagnose or work on your trees.

How do you find a Certified Arborist?

- 1. Call the Northampton County Penn State Extension Office: 610-746-1970. Hours are 8 4 Monday Friday. Dial extension 1 for the Master Gardener and ask for the Certified Arborist listing or ask if a specific person is listed as a Certified Arborist.
- 2. Check the Yellow Pages. Certified Arborists have a listing showing the "International Society of Aboriculture" logo or "Certified Arborist ISA" logo.

3. Do not call anyone who advertises "Topping". This is a very harmful practice to the tree and is used by "tree butchers".

If you were sick or needed an evaluation, you would not go to someone who had a "doctor's sign" on the door but was not certified. For your trees, hire someone with training who knows the proper way to prune and care for your trees -- an investment that enhances the quality of the environment and your property value.

FALL AND EARLY SPRING ARE THE PERFECT TIME TO PLANT TREES!

Visit the International Society of Aboriculture or the National Arbor Day Foundation websites to find the proper planting methods for trees. (HINT: The hole is only as deep as the root ball but two to three times as wide.)





Main Library, 11 W. Church St., is open Monday thorough Thursday 9AM to 9PM, Friday 9AM to 6PM, & Saturday 9AM to 5PM. 610 867-3761

South Side Branch, 4th & Webster streets, is open Monday & Thursday 11AM to 8PM, Tuesday & Wednesday 11AM to 5PM, & Saturday 11AM to 2:30PM, 610 867-7852

THE LIBRARY IS CLOSED January 1, January 19, and February 16.

For the latest updates, check our **blog** at www.bapl.org/wordpress

Adult Programs: Plan to attend our free programs offered this winter. On Thursday, January 22 a resume writing workshop will be presented by Karen McAndrew-Bush from CareerLink. In early February, artist Nancy Shelly will teach how to create a Valentine Scherenschnitte (paper cutting). Master Gardener Fran Cundall will present a program on introducing native plants as an alternative to invasive species in your landscape in late March. For more information, phone the Information Dept. at 610 867-3761 x224 or visit **www.bapl.org**.

Computer classes for adults: Phone 610 867-3761x259 for the winter schedule. Three free workshops are offered at the Main Library: *Introduction to Computers*, *Microsoft WORD*®, and *Searching the Internet*. In addition, the South Side Branch offers a class about *email*. The Branch's phone number is 610 867-7852.

Winter Blahs BOOK SALE: Thursday, January 15: noon to 8 PM and Saturday, January 17: 10 AM to 4 PM. 10,000+ books, movies, music, audiobooks, large print in good to excellent condition....Stock up for those long winter nights! Phone 610 867-3761 x259 or visit www.bestbooksale.org. The library accepts donations all year long! The March Madness Book Sale is scheduled for March 12 & 14. All proceeds benefit the library.

Programs for Children and Teens: Preschool storytimes, evening storytelling, book discussions, *Read Across America* (annual Dr. Seuss birthday celebration) and *Toddlers at Play* (the award-winning Family Place Program) are scheduled for the winter. Phone 610 867-3761 x499 or visit www.bapl.org for more information.

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| Community Center at Jacksonville Rd. | Monday | Schedule A & B | 3:00-4:00 |
| Stonewood Dr. & Belaire Rd. | Monday | Schedule A | 4:05-4:50 |
| Kevin Dr. near Summer Ln. | Monday | Schedule B | 4:05-4:50 |
| Monocacy Dr. (Hanover Crossings North) | Monday | Schedule A & B | 5:00-5:45 |
| Chesterfield Ln. near Lord Byron | Monday | Schedule A & B | 6:45-8:15 |
| Greenbriar Dr. near Mulberry | Thursday | Schedule A | 4:45-5:45 |
| Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. | Thursday | Schedule B | 4:45-5:45 |

Schedule A Schedule B

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| Feb. 9 | Feb. 10 | Feb. 11 | Feb. 12 | CLOSED | Feb. 17 | Feb. 18 | Feb. 19 |
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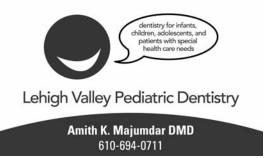
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