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YARD WASTE BARRELS

In early 2008 the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) awarded Hanover Township a Recycling Grant in the amount of \$238,706 to be used for various recycling, leaf and yard waste collection needs.

After purchasing a leaf machine, yard waste truck and producing various educational brochures for residents the Township had a balance of \$58,250.

Instead of returning unused funds the Township requested that the DEP allow us to use the remaining balance to partially offset the cost of purchasing residential "yard waste barrels" for each home. We would purchase enough barrels for each residential home owner and sell them at a discounted price, using the proceeds of the grant to off-



Residents line up for yard waste barrels on August 29th.

set some of the cost of the barrels. The barrels retail for \$98.50 each but through a state purchasing agreement the Township would be able to purchase them for \$46.60 each. The DEP informed us that we could purchase the barrels with the remaining funds but we **COULD NOT** charge residents for the barrels. We could not offset the price to residents by using DEP funds. We were

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Leaf Collection

Township Leaf Collection will begin in October and run through the first week in December (weather permitting). Place your leaves at the curb in a windrow and make sure the leaves are free of all debris. Also, make sure you don't park vehicles on these windrows as the vehicle may catch fire. While there isn't a set schedule for leaf pickup we will be updating the Township Website with the location of our three trucks so you'll be able to judge when you will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews pick up leaves. All trucks work north to south in their section of the Township. The location of the trucks will be updated on the home page of the website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org).

Section I – East Allen Border south to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive south to Stoke Park Road



Section III – Stoke Park Road south to City of Bethlehem Border

The sections will not be started over until all three sections are totally complete. Consequently, all three trucks may be in one section or two may be in one while another section is finished.

To date the Township has collected 205 tons of Yard Waste in 2009.



YARD WASTE BARRELS *continued*

authorized to purchase 1,250 96-Gallon 2 Wheeled Yard Waste Barrels and distribute them "free of charge."

The Township announced in the 2009 Spring/Summer edition of the *Hanoverview* (pgs. 15 & 16) that the Yard Waste Barrels would be distributed Saturday, July 18, 2009 between 8:00 a.m. and noon at the Municipal Garage.

Approximately 575 barrels were distributed on July 18th leaving the balance available for future distribution. To maintain a fair and equitable first-come first-serve distribution as required by the DEP, postcards were mailed to those homes that had not picked up a barrel on July 18th announcing the 2nd distribution / pick-up date of August 29th, again between 8:00 a.m. and noon to distribute the remaining barrels.

Additionally, a notice announcing the 2nd distribution appeared on the Township's website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org) from August 1st to August 29th.

We realize the wait on the August 29th was lengthy, but in order to allow everyone a chance at a barrel it was necessary. We thank everyone for their patience and cooperation. If DEP funding becomes available in the future we will again submit a grant and distribute the barrels free of charge on a first-come first-serve basis.

At this time there aren't any additional barrels or funds available.



Traffic was lined up on Stafore Drive.



Township staff load barrels.



Barrels already in use.



Proper disposal of yard waste.

2009 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Residential customers who did not pay their 2009 bills as of August 1st had their accounts turned over to Creditech for collection. Creditech has been contacting those residents to secure payment. If Creditech does not receive payment in full the Township will lien the property on or after November 1, 2009. Just so you understand the importance of paying your Waste and Recycling Bill, those single family residential properties (original bill \$295.00) liened will need to pay \$654.50 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Multifamily residential (original bill \$150.00 (collected via dumpster service)) will need to pay \$495.00 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Once the Township receives payment in full the lien will be removed from the property. If the property is liened the obligation will need to be satisfied prior to any sale taking place.

Note: If your property was liened in 2008 for non-payment and the 2009 bill was not paid the property was immediately liened.

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

All municipal waste accumulated by the owners or occupants of each residential property shall be placed in containers for collection. Containers shall be located so as to be assessable to the collector at ground level and at a point of the curb line of the street or within 10 feet of the public street or alley curb line from which collection is to be made. Containers shall be placed out for collection not earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day prior to scheduled collection.



FIRE COMPANY NEWS

by Bill Krauss

NEW FIRE AND EMS APPARATUS ARRIVE!

We've taken delivery of two new units! Two units that have provided faithful service are in the process of being replaced with new apparatus. Pumper 1511 is being replaced with a new pumper, a 2009 Spartan/M&W Pumper. EMS 1581 is being replaced with a 2009 Excellance Type III Ambulance on a Ford E-450 chassis. This new ambulance should be licensed and in service as you read this newsletter. The unit being replaced will be re-deployed as a Fire Police / Traffic Control Unit. More details, and additional pictures of our new units, will be posted on our web site as they are available. (Information on all our units is available on our web site: www.htvfc.org.)

These new units will be dedicated Sunday, November 1st at 2 p.m. at the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. We truly appreciate your support of our township, and our fire company. Your support is what makes it possible for us to continue to serve you. We hope that you will join us as we dedicate these new trucks.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We've had the pleasure of participating in many community events so far this year, and are looking forward to others scheduled for the fall. We truly enjoy being able to get to know you under fun circumstances! We hope that you and your families enjoyed the many functions offered by the township.

We've provided EMS standbys for a variety of events, cross-country races, road races (5K), bicycle races, the American Heart Association Heart Walk and many others. We hope that you will always feel comfortable asking us questions, and hope you'll visit with us during the fall township events!

FALL FIRE PREVENTION TIPS

- Verify each month that smoke detectors are in working order. Get in the habit of changing the batteries in both your smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing your clocks for Daylight Savings Time! It's also a good practice to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order at the same time.
- No matter what type of device you use to heat your home, making sure your heating devices and/or systems are in good working order is an important part of learning some fall fire safety tips. Many things can go wrong with

heating equipment during the spring and summer months. Verify that everything you need to keep your home warm throughout fall and winter is in good working order before you experience the first cold snap of the season.

- If you have a chimney, have it inspected each year to assure that it is safe. You should also hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace. Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- Never use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Verify that all holiday lights and extension cords have been tested by an organization such as Factory Mutual or

Underwriters Laboratory

- Do not place lit candles where they can be reached by children.
- Never leave burning candles unattended.
- Do not leave candles burning when you go to sleep.
- Space heaters can also be a fire hazard, and it is recommended that you create a safe area around the heater. Any furniture should be at least three feet away.
- Create a defensible space around the house, to protect from nearby fires. Trees should be a minimum of 30 feet away from the house and branches and leaves should be cleaned up to limit fuel for a fire.

WEB SITE

We update our web site (<http://www.htvfc.org>) regularly. We hope that it provides a significant amount of useful information for you and your family. Remember, you can find the Medical Information Forms on the web site <http://www.htvfc.org/home/your-family/med-info-forms>. These are very helpful when you need to share your medical information (or your families) with health-care professionals.

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has been providing fire service to the residents of Hanover Township since 1942. Consider serving your family, friends, and neighbors by joining us in any of our three services: Fire, Fire Police, or EMS. All required training and equipment is provided. If you are interested in exploring what this entails, contact us at the station, or stop by during Monday Night Drill. (http://www.htvfc.org/home/about_htvfc) You can also use any of the email addresses in the Contact Us section of the web site to ask any questions you might have.

SANTA CLAUS DAY - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

It will be our pleasure to escort Santa Claus throughout the township to visit with our children and their families on **Saturday, December 12th**. Santa usually has a treat for our four-footed canine friends too!



Lehigh Little League Girls 9 – 10 Softball Team

by Letty Kaleycik

The all-star season started on July 9th when we swept four games at the Lehigh Little League field and captured the District 20 title. On July 24th we started the sectionals also at Lehigh Little League field, played 4 games and ended up with a record of 3-1 and won the Section 6 title.

On July 31st we went to Caln Township to play in the Eastern qualifier. We played 3 games, won all 3 games and earned the PA East title. On Aug 6th, 4 teams (2 from the East and 2 from the West) traveled to Milton PA, to play in the State Tournament. We played 3 games, won all 3 games and the PA STATE title after defeating Drexel Hill 6 to 2 on Monday, Aug 10th.

Our final record was 13 and 1. The girls outscored their opponents 135 to 21 averaging over 9 runs per game while allowing less than 2 runs scored by the other teams.

One of the main reasons we have had so much success is the effort given by the manager Kevin Brandstetter. His leadership and game management has been instrumental in leading Lehigh to 2 straight state title games. Last year, this age group earned 2nd in the State of PA and their hope this year was to win the PA State title. This is the first time that this age group (9-10) has won the PA State



Championships. Their Championship was made possible due to a group of 11 very-talented individuals (each had her shining moment throughout the tournament), a deep pitching squad, excellent offense and defense, tremendous parental support and 6 very dedicated dads/coaches. The girls maintained their composure throughout the entire tournament. All of the girls had good chemistry and worked very well together. The girls were not nervous at all. They

felt that if they played their game, they would do well. For these reasons, they achieved much success this year.

Manager – Kevin Brandstetter

Coaches – Tom Kaleycik, Mike Brunnabend and Jeff Appleman

Assistant Coaches – George Schmidt and Bobby DeJesus

Players – Keri Appleman – outfield; Bethanne Brandstetter – pitcher, 1st base; Michaela Brunnabend – pitcher, 1st base; Reyna DeJesus – catcher; Kristin Kaleycik – 3rd base; Aubrey Moll – outfield; Victoria Schmidt – shortstop; Mary Kate Sheplock – outfield; Maya Thom – outfield; Jessica Watts – outfield; Rachel Wills – 2nd base.



Ring in the Holiday Season Hanover Township's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 4th at 6:00pm

Holiday Fun for Everyone!!!!

The Tree Lighting Celebration begins at 6:00 pm at the Hanover Township Community Center with plenty of fun for kids of all ages.

Festivities include:

Marshmallow and Hot Dog Roasts on an Open Fire

Music Sung by a Choir

Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides

and visit with our special guest for the eveningSanta!

Santa will be available for the children all evening so start working on those Christmas lists. Parents feel free to bring your cameras and capture the smiles.

If your group or organization is interested in donating ornaments or participating in the event, please call 610-866-1140 for more information.





HTCC News

Reflections of First Day of School

I just got back from walking our first little boy to school from the new enrichment program at HTCC. I was filled with mixed emotions, so I can't even imagine how he must have felt. It has been 10 years since I took my youngest son to 1st grade. All those feelings of wanting to make it ok for this little boy just as I did for my own came rushing back so easily to me. This was not just his first day at 1st grade but his first day at our new enrichment program and a new school. As his mother said good bye to him and his brother this morning, I remembered how hard it was to say good bye to my own children.

You know it is the natural progression of life, children grow up and things change. The thing that was so poignant to me was our

responsibility in helping this child with this change in his life. In absence of his parents, so often these changes in life are assisted by others. How does all this relate to our Community Center? Community- this is where it starts for us. How does our Community Center respond to the needs of our community? How do we create the quality of life in Hanover Township that we are aspiring to? Community is defined as "a group of people with a common background or with shared interests within society". Our Community Center's mission is "to offer families and individuals the opportunity to participate in innovative and comprehensive programs designed to enrich social and physical growth while enhancing our community's well being." - I can not think of a better way then

to start with these children. To create an extension of their community school at HTCC; through our new enrichment programs we will be doing exactly that. It is an awesome honor and privilege to provide these important services to our community. We should not take for granted the many things that are provided for us through our community. Hanover Township is an excellent community to live in, providing some of the best services in the Lehigh Valley. I can say that as a resident and as a township employee; the people who serve this township work hard and aspire to offer a high quality of services. As a resident I thank them. As an employee I appreciate the opportunity to work for our community.

- Cathy Heimsoth

Enrichment Programs for 3 to 12 years of age are now available at HTCC! These programs are designed to meet the needs of various ages and provide parents the opportunity to utilize the programs as they need to! We are proud to offer this new and innovative program at HTCC. Program includes Homework Help, Nutrition, Gross Motor skills, Character enrichment and more. Play with a purpose—lead by qualified instructors. To enhance this community opportunity, HTCC will be providing a learning service environment for the community high school student. Call HTCC for more details!

Special points of interest:

- ☺ Vera Bradley Bingo- October 18th at 1 pm!
- ☺ Enrichment Programs for 3 to 12 years old!
- ☺ Quick Start Tennis by USTA
- ☺ Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance- November 1st
- ☺ New Drum Circle- wellness programs!
- ☺ **MEMBERSHIP SPECIAL** for the month of NOV.

VERA BRADLEY BINGO

Sunday, October 18
1 pm - \$20

Play to win, Play for fun,
Play for a cause!

Portion of the proceeds benefit the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation

BINGO Thursday

First Thursday of every month! Join the fun.

Support a cause.

6:30 Early Bird

7:00 Regular Games

Annual Event brings a smile to all who participate!

Calling all the special men in our little girls lives. It could be a father, grandfather, a godfather, or a friend - this annual event always brings a smile to the many faces who attend.

Early bird registrations gives your special little lady an extra gift at the time of arrival.

This annual event is hosted by HTCC and held at the beautiful Best Western Ball room located on 512/Center St. in Hanover Township.

All couples will receive a professional portrait and the young ladies will receive flowers.

We look forward to hosting this community event!

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Stealing Cinderella

5:00 to 8:00 pm

Daddy/Daughter Dance

**HOSTED AT THE BEAUTIFUL
BEST WESTERN!**

Enjoy an elegant night with your little girl!

Girls Kindergarten to 8th grade!

Ticket includes: Buffet Dinner, Flowers, DJ/Dancing, Photo

Tickets: \$68 per couple / additional girls: \$25

SPECIAL GIFT FOR THOSE GIRLS REGISTERED BY 10/01!

Children's Parties!

Birthday Party, Scout gathering, or just a special event for your child- HTCC has a program for you. Let us provide you with a meeting space and an activity of your choice for the children. Plan your focus depending on your child's age and interest.

You could be in the "sunshine room" with little ones, playing parachute games and interactive play with

parents or without. If your child likes to play in the gym, sport focused games can be arranged to satisfy the athlete in them! Kids just want to have fun, and our staff will plan for just that!

\$50 deposit required to book your party. A party planner will contact you to make sure your child has what they want!

"The center was a great place to hold our party, staff provided the activity and NO MESS for me!"

Business Meetings

Meeting rooms are also available.

Centrally located to Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton. Close to 22/78 and LVIA.

Book Today!

Fall Programs - come share the excitement!

Fall programming started the week of September 14th!

Program sessions run for six weeks unless otherwise noted in the Recreation Newsletter. If you have not seen our recent newsletter, it is available on line at www.hanovertwp.org

Afterschool programs have many different themes and focus from art classes to specific sports. The new **GOLF** program has been very successful and

will be offered again in October. **FLAG FOOTBALL** is being offered in both fall sessions leading up to early December!

Looking ahead to the winter months, HTCC will offer again this year an indoor **SOCCER** league. You can register as an individual or as a team! Registration for this program is handled through Len Bilous at (610)704-8004

BASKETBALL options include an after school program once a week or in clinic format with Traci Cyr.

Annual HTCC 5K Run & "Pump & Run"

**Saturday, Nov. 7th
9am start time!**

Awards will be given to the first place male and female overall finishers and to first, second, and third place finishers in each male and female age group. Register early to guarantee a T-shirt (First 100)! Medals will be given to the Pump & Run Division winners!

\$15 before November 1st /\$20 after 11/1

Sponsor:
Lehigh Valley Health Network

Wellness Programs



"TAKE FIVE" Beat Breast Cancer A Survivors Guide



When: Thursday– October 8th

Time: 7 to 9 pm

RSVP: 610-317-8701 (not necessary but recommended)

- Lehigh Valley Health Network supports this community cause with speaker: Laura Beaupre, RN from Breast Health Services, Laura will be sharing information on support services available, workshops, and the importance of our caregivers caring for themselves!
- Survivorship - what does it mean to you? Cathy Heimsoth shares what it means to her along with the words of other survivors on their own personal journey of survivorship.
- Drumming Demonstrations– drumming has proven to be beneficial for cancer patients, reducing stress and supporting wellness of many levels. Learn more about drumming– drums will be available to try! Thank you to - Stephanie Schmoyer, Therapeutic Drummer

Through partnerships HTCC offers many different community programs for the public. Often times these events are free and always valuable.

October focuses on Women's health issues. The "take five" yearly workshop offers an evening of education on breast cancer and services available to families who are touched by this diagnosis.

November our outreach turns to our Seniors. Partnering with Home Instead and the "Be a Santa to a Senior" program. Stop by the Community Center Lobby in early November to pick an ornament from our Senior Tree. The staff of Home Instead invites you to help wrap the gifts at HTCC on December 10th @ 11 am.

December finds us also contributing to "Toys for Tots"- we invite you to drop off an unwrapped toy!

"I AM OF THE OPINION THAT MY LIFE BELONGS TO THE COMMUNITY, AND AS LONG AS I LIVE IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO DO FOR IT WHATEVER I CAN." -George Bernard Shaw

Community First Aid/CPR– Adult/Child/Infant



American Red Cross
Together, we can save a life

Learn how to recognize and care for victims of injury or sudden illness. Learn to care for victims of all ages: rescue breathing, CPR, AED and choking. EVERYONE should know how to respond to an emergency. Take the appropriate steps to assist in helping others in your community– the first step is taking this class.

Date: Sat. January 23 Time: 12–4 pm Fee: \$35



HTCC Community Drum Circle

Drumming Leader: Stephanie Schmoyer

Certified in HealthRHYTHMS

Circle is open to anyone over 16 yrs +

Time: 7:30 pm

Wednesdays

Cost: \$5.00

September 23rd- Intro to drumming

No lessons necessary!

October 28th- Halloween Fun Circle

Try it first - sample drums!

November 25th- Thanksgiving Circle

Benefits: reduce stress,

December 30th- New Year's Circle

build teams, & improve

NOVEMBER IS HTCC Anniversary Month!

Bring in this coupon for a 10% discount to any Basic Membership for the month of November.

Hurry before any possible increases in 2010!

Basic Family \$125.00

Basic Adult \$73.00

Basic Student \$60.00

Basic Senior \$60.00

As a basic member you receive discount program fees, access to the basketball gym, and game room. Drop in fees for aerobics or fitness room.



On Saturday, September 13th, many of you were watching the US Open Tennis Tournament in Flushing Meadows, NY. On a local level, the USTA was here at HTCC promoting the game for our youth. Hanover Township was just one location of many across the country that has had the opportunity to host the program. Over 20 individuals benefited from the workshop, learning games and skills to improve the way we teach our children the game of tennis. Quick start provides opportunity for children 5 to 10 years old to learn the game through engaging and innovative way play. Parents, Gym teachers, Counselors, and Tennis professionals all benefitted from the program. HTCC had many of our staff participate with the goal of starting our own Quick Start Tennis League this winter. Watch for news and updates on the website as we collaborate with the United States Tennis Association in bringing this new program to our families in Hanover Township.



Fit at Any Age

Our members can be passionate, that is what we like! Many of our most successful programs have come from the ideas and energy of our members. I want to thank Paula Karabacz for her contribution to this issue of the Hanoverview. As a fitness member of the Community Center, she lives by example. Paula recently has joined our staff as a group fitness instructor- I am sure she will bring this same passion to her fitness classes!

Let's face it; most of us are not as fit today as we were when we were in high school or college. As the years go by, the pace of everyday life gets the best of us and our own personal fitness goals fall to a low priority on the "to do" list of life. But the time has come to wake up and pick up the weights, clean the dust off the treadmill, and use that gym membership. Every day, every week, every year that we postpone and ignore our declining fitness levels, will

most likely result in a decrease in the quality of our aging experience and also potentially our life span.

We do not have to accept declining strength, stamina and fitness as a given with age. We can take the bull by the horns and reprioritize our lives to "fit it in". The benefits will be reaped. Dr. Oz, (Oprah's Doctor Oz), talks about cell degeneration as being an integral part of aging. He also notes that extensive research points to the idea that frequent, consistent exercise routines have the effect of slowing cell degeneration and therefore "slowing the aging process". Besides that, exercise makes our muscles, as well as, our heart stronger. Having trouble remembering an address or name lately? Exercise helps to boost brainpower and memory, not to mention it helps to maintain a healthy weight.

Latest fitness guidelines indicate that we should be engaging in some sort of aerobic activity at least 5 to 6 days a week with at least 30 minute duration. What are you waiting for? Jump on the fitness bandwagon today. Start with a visit to the local community center which offers a variety of fitness classes from Step Aerobics, Yoga, Pilates and even the latest craze Zumba. Stop by the fitness room and jump on the treadmill or the elliptical machine. The choices abound, as well as, walking the dog or dogs, jogging, cycling, tennis, etc. Hanover Township is the perfect spot to engage in any or all of those activities. Make fitness a priority and find a way to fit it into your day.

Carpe Diem (Seize the Day) and commit to a healthier and more fit you. You won't regret it.-

Paula K.

SHOP WITH COPS

The Colonial Regional Police Department in conjunction with Wal-Mart held their First "Spring Shop with Cops" Program on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. The Department selected children from within its jurisdiction and gave them an opportunity to purchase necessities for their families. Volunteer officers began the day by picking the children up at their homes in a police cruiser and transported them to Northampton Crossings Mall Super Wal-Mart. The children and their accompanying officer were given \$100.00 and spent time shopping for items for the child's family. After shopping, the children and officers spent the afternoon playing miniature golf and ate lunch at Lucky Strokes Golf & Grille on Airport Road, East Allen Township.

The program was funded through donations from Wal-Mart, private citizens and businesses. The Colonial Regional Police Department would like to thank Wal-Mart and the Lucky Strokes Golf & Grille for their assistance in making this event a success.



If you are interested in donating to this fine program in the future please contact Colonial Regional Police Department at 610.861.4820 or visit our website at WWW.Colonialregionalpd.org. If you are interested in nominating a child to participate in this program in December, please contact CRPD Administrative Assistant Pat Stonaker at 610.861.4820 for an application.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

The Township has received its 2007 Section 904 Annual Municipal Commercial and Residential Recycling Program Grant in the amount of \$105,607.00 which consisted of 7,615.7 tons of residential and commercial recycling. The DEP is always two years in arrears awarding grants.

The City of Bethlehem's Electronics Recycling Event will be held at the Municipal Pool and Ice Rink Parking Area on Illick's Mill Road on October 9th and 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Northampton Community College is holding a Household Hazardous Waste Event at the college parking lot area on October 10th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

REMINDER: Free Shredding of your documents at the Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center.

RECYCLING EVENT

On May 31, 2009, the Township held a Recycling Event in conjunction with the Truck Touch Event at the Community Center. The Recycling Event included an Essay and Coloring Contest, a Free Raffle give-away, Recycling Crafts for the kids and a recycling information table.

The Township Recycling Coordinator accepted Essays from grades 3-5 and



Coloring Sheets from Grades K-2. Two Essays were received and a total of 26 coloring sheets were received for the contest.

Contest prize money was donated by Hanover Engineering, Liberty Property Trust, and the Law Offices of Broughal & DeVito, L.L.P.

Vice-Chairman Glenn Walbert presented the awards and prize money to the children who won. Raffle prizes were donated by Pizza Village IV, KNBT, PNC Bank, Wegmans and J.P. Mascaro. Essay Contest winners were: 1st Place – Jennifer Jetter from Asa Packer School and 2nd Place – Peter Haddad

from Hanover Elementary School.

Coloring Contest winners were done in 3 age categories:

1st Place – Kevin Lin – Asa Packer School, 2nd Place – Sean Yoon – Asa Packer School and 3rd Place – Allison Harris – Hanover Elementary School.

1st Place – Sriyaa Suresh – Asa Packer School, 2nd Place – Kathryn Wescoe – Asa Packer School and 3rd Place – Janell Yelinko – Asa Packer School.

1st Place – Elijah Sivick – Asa Packer School, 2nd Place – Grace Burns – Hanover Elementary School and 3rd Place – Andrew Cirillo – Asa Packer School.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for participating!

Award winning art!

PREPARING FOR THE H1N1 VIRUS

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE, 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently predicted that the H1N1 influenza strain could infect up to 50 percent of the U.S. population and cause 30,000 to 90,000 deaths nationwide. As part of Pennsylvania's preparations for this potential pandemic, some of the state's leading authorities on disease response and prevention held an informational hearing at the state Capitol on August 26 to detail the state's response to H1N1 and offer advice for citizens to avoid contracting and spreading the virus.

More than one million Americans contracted the H1N1 virus this spring, but the vast majority of these individuals recovered without needing serious medical attention. It is unclear if the virus will yield similar results or will become more deadly during this flu season. There for, it is important for all citizens to take the proper steps to prevent the spread of the virus in the event that it mutates into a more virulent strain.

The H1N1 virus spreads through the same methods as the seasonal flu, including coughing, sneezing and close contact with infected individuals. The most important steps that citizens can take to prevent the spread of the disease are covering the mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, frequent hand washing, avoiding close contact with sick individuals and staying at home when exhibiting flu-like symptoms (except to get medical care or other necessities). The H1N1 virus is sometimes referred to as the "swine flu," but it is important to note



Senator Pat Browne

that the virus cannot be contracted by eating pork products.

The state Department of Health and the CDC are urging at-risk populations to get vaccinated against the H1N1 virus as soon as the vaccine is available. Clinical trials are underway for the H1N1 vaccine. The first doses are expected to be available in mid-October. The vaccine will not be mandatory, but it is highly recommended for pregnant women, anyone in contact with children under 6 months of age, children from 6 months to 24 months of age, adults under age 65 with certain medical conditions (such as diabetes, asthma, heart problems or weakened immune systems) and health care workers.

The Department of Health will be working with schools and health care providers to monitor the effectiveness of the vaccine, observe any changes in the makeup of the virus and identify geographic areas where the disease is most widespread. The Department will also be providing hand sanitizer and tissues to schools to mitigate the spread of the disease.

In addition to working with schools, the Department will be helping hospitals in high-infection areas to deal with the increased patient load. The Department will be communicating the latest news on the virus directly to providers and the public. A website has been established to keep the public informed about the H1N1 virus. A link to this website is available on the Department of Health's website at www.health.state.pa.us.

TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In October staff will present the Board of Supervisors with the 2010 Township Budget. Last year at this time we were putting final touches on the budget but this year we are a bit behind schedule with the current state budget impasse. While we don't receive a significant amount of state funding we need to understand what we'll be receiving relative to liquid fuels, potential grants and other pass through revenues.

Additionally, this year we've seen a significant number of commercial properties file for tax abatements

with some still going through the hearing process. These have and will continue to have a negative effect on the Township revenue stream.

As noted in the Fire Company News the Township recently took delivery of a new Pumper 1511, a 2009 Spartan/M&W Pumper. EMS 1581 is being replaced with a 2009 Excellance Type III Ambulance on a Ford E-450 chassis. These purchases were made possible by the .5 Mill Fire Tax that was established in 2008.

Watch the Township website for additional information when it becomes available concerning the budget.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

The YARD WASTE BARREL recently obtained by residents is to be used for YARD WASTE ONLY which is picked up by Township employees by sector throughout the year. The barrel is not to be used for recycling materials or trash collected by JP Mascaro.

The barrel is the property of Hanover Township-Northampton County and shall remain at the address should you move.

Ending the Budget Drama

A COLUMN BY REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG A. DALLY, 138TH LEGISLATIVE

As I traveled throughout Hanover Township and other parts of the 138th Legislative District this summer, the first question most people asked me was: "Why is it taking so long to pass a budget?" For various reasons, 2009-10 has been the most difficult budget year during my time as your representative in Harrisburg.

For the seventh year in a row, the governor and the General Assembly failed to pass the budget by its deadline of June 30th. This year was made especially difficult because lawmakers cannot agree on how to close the budget shortfall of \$3.2 billion. Gov. Ed Rendell has proposed increasing various taxes and expanding general fund spending while Republicans favor holding the line on taxes and carefully targeted decreases in spending.

In early August, the General Assembly passed and the governor signed a budget intended to pay state workers while negotiations continue on a broader spending plan. Negotiations, however, sputtered through Labor Day and Pennsylvania was still without a budget. The delay is beginning to have an effect on day care operators, veterans, health providers, public schools and other institutions that depend on the state for their operating expenses.

On Thursday, September 10th, the 72nd day without a budget, I introduced House Resolution 460, calling for a



temporary House Rule to convene the House in open session each and every day until the General Appropriations Act of 2009 is passed.

Once convened, the first order of business would be to resolve the House into a Committee of the Whole to prepare a bill to be enacted as the General Appropriations Act of 2009. As elected members of the House of Representatives, we have the responsibility to our constituents to take the necessary action to pass a budget bill without further delay, and a Committee of the Whole is the best way to do that.

Less than 24 hours after I joined a bipartisan group of legislators at a press conference on my resolution, it was announced that three of the four legislative caucuses reached an agreement on the state budget. As I prepare this column on September 14th the conference committee is scheduled to meet and the House is to be in session on Wednesday.

It is unclear how close we are to an agreement. For that reason, I intend to continue my push for enactment of a temporary rule to ensure the budget process continues to advance to completion.

Visit www.craigdally.com for more information on House Resolution 460.

(Editor's Note: Budget was approved just prior to printing.)

HANOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

by Shannon Sauers, PTA President

Here we are, the start of another busy school year! We were welcomed back to school with a popsicle as a special treat to keep us cool on that rather warm first day of school. We have gotten back into the swing of things rather quickly! It's hard to believe another summer has come and gone. We can all agree time passes too quickly.

Our busy activity schedule, along with our busy school day, finds us with plenty to do here at Hanover. Our successful Market Day program continues to provide us with many tasty dishes and treats! We also look forward to a visit from children's author/illustrator Bruce Hale to our school on Tuesday, October 6, 2009. The Book Fair will be making a stop at Hanover on October 22nd and 23rd, keep an eye out for more information on our open-to-the-public hours. Along with the Book Fair, we also celebrate those special people in our children's lives with Great Person's Day on October 23rd. American Education week soon follows in November where moms and dads can stop in, visit the classrooms and take a sneak peek into our children's school day!

With the busy school days and all the activities we have planned, this year will speed by! Watch our marquee to keep track of the dates and times of school happenings. Thank you to all of our families and the community for your support throughout the year! With all of your support we continue to be the High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks!

PROPERTY OWNERS

Please note that the Township, when time permits, trim's trees overhanging the roadway, to provide proper clearance for vehicles. If you do not want your trees trimmed by the Township please have your trees trimmed regularly.

Property owners who live on corner properties should also be aware that you couldn't plant anything in the "Clear Site Triangle".

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb.

Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you.

Dumping grass clippings or ANY debris on empty lots is against the Township Ordinance 71-5. Violators will be fined up to \$300.00.

Colonial Regional Police Department's Citizen's Police Academy – Spring 2009



(Pictured L-R) Carolyn McIntosh, Aubree Cote, Allen Faust, Crystal Smith, Lynden Stryker, Michelle Dologite, Michael Vega, Carol Faust, Michael Holtz, Marian Prodes, Frank Racsock and Kathryn Christopher

The Colonial Regional Police Department conducted their Spring 2009 Citizen's Police Academy that consisted of twelve (12) Wednesday nights and one (1) Saturday. Students learned about Police History, Legal Issues, Judicial Systems, Crime Scene Processing, Drugs and Drug Paraphernalia, Traffic Enforcement and Crash Investigations, Use of Force, the Police K-9 Unit, Gangs and toured the Northampton County Prison and Northampton County 911 Center. A full day was spent on the shooting range where the students were taught gun safety and proper shooting techniques. Students were also invited to "ride-along" with officers during their shifts to experience the day-to-day activities the officers encounter during their patrols.

ASA PACKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

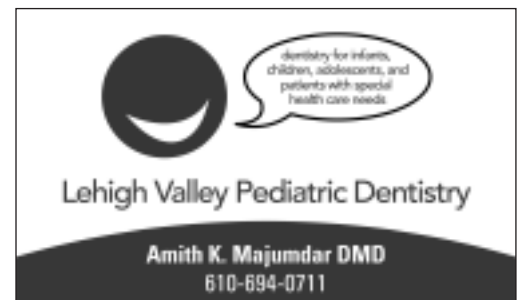
by Mrs. Carrie Beleno, 3rd grade teacher

Puma Pride is off to a roaring start this new year at Asa Packer Elementary! We welcome our new staff: Mrs. Possinger, grade 1; Mrs. Scmillio, grade 3; Mrs. Harper, reading specialist; Ms. Mentasana, speech and language; and Mrs. Kantzaridis, IU 20 teacher. New students abound and we welcome them as well!

We also welcome our returning PTA president, Mrs. Lien Snyder. She and the other officers are doing a great job with our programs and support. Upcoming events include our "Enjoy the City" fundraiser as well as our continuing Market Day. Our annual International Dinner is scheduled for Friday, October 2nd where we celebrate the diversity of Asa Packer. Our annual Walk-a-thon is also taking place on October 2nd. Money raised from these and other fundraisers will be used toward fulfilling our PTA goals of purchasing supplies for the classrooms, new technology, and field trips.

Our driveway has a new "yellow line" so the right-of-way issue has been solved. We are indeed ready for the new school year and are Puma Proud!

Community Sponsors



**Plaza Village IV
Pointe North**

Pointe North 610-954-7675



Tanczos Beverages

Jacksonville Road • 610-866-8039

Main Library
11 W. Church St.
610 867-3761



South Side Branch
4th & Webster Streets
610 867-7852

Register online for both adult and children's programs at www.bapl.org/wordpress or phone 610 867-3761 x259 for more information.

Children's programs:

1. The Main Library offers nine **storytime classes** a week for infants, toddlers, preschool or families. The South Side Branch has a Baby Storytime, Family Storytime, and Toddlers on the Move (a combination of music, movement and stories for children not ready to sit still).
2. **Family Place parent/child workshops** provides children, one to three, an opportunity to play while their parents meet informally with child development experts and community resource people. It gives moms and dads a chance to share parenting tips, too. Both the Main Library and the South Side Branch have Family Place opportunities.
3. **Teddy Bear Storytimes** are once a month at the Main Library. Bring your toddler through 2nd grade child for bedtime stories. Kids can wear their pajamas and bring their favorite stuffed animal.
4. The South Side Branch knows how to throw a party for kids! Watch for their **holiday party**. The Main Library provides **programming when the schools are closed**. Call to find out more information.

Teen's programs:

1. **SAT workshops** are held periodically. These are free and prepare juniors and seniors for the math, writing and essay portions of the test.
2. Teens are invited to join the library's **Teen Advisory Board**. The Board plans activities for themselves and sometimes helps with programs for younger children.

Adult programs:

1. Free computer workshops include classes for beginners, Internet searching tips, and the latest version of Microsoft WORD®. Class size is small. Both daytime and evening classes are offered.
2. A digital photography class is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 at 7 p.m.
3. Visit our web site for additional adult program information.

Visit www.bestbooksale.org for information about our **book sales**. The last sale for 2009 is **Thursday, November 5 from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The next sale is on January 14 & 16.

Bookmobile Schedule

Hanover Township

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

Schedule A

Schedule B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
November 2	November 3	November 4	November 5	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 12
November 16	November 17	November 18	November 19	November 23	November 24	November 25	CLOSED
November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3	December 7	December 8	December 9	December 10
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 21	December 22	December 23	CLOSED
December 28	December 29	December 30	Close at 5 PM	January 4	January 5	January 6	January 7
January 11	January 12	January 13	January 14	CLOSED	January 19	January 20	January 21
January 25	January 26	January 27	January 28	February 1	February 2	February 3	February 4
February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	CLOSED	February 16	February 17	February 18
February 22	February 23	February 24	February 25	March 1	March 2	March 3	March 4
March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18
March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1

BENEFITS OF UPDATING YOUR HOME TO CURRENT CODES

by Yvonne D. Kutz, Zoning Officer

Electrical Upgrades and Aluminum Wiring - If your home was built in the mid 1960's thru the 1970's, it is possible your home was built using aluminum wiring. Aluminum wiring has been implicated in many house fires. The National Fire Protection Association reported homes with aluminum wiring have fifty-five (55) times the chance of fire than homes with copper wiring. Don't panic! If the aluminum wiring was properly installed it is as safe as copper wire. However, if you are considering purchasing a home with aluminum wire, or currently own a home with aluminum wire then you should hire a licensed electrician to thoroughly inspect the wiring.

The problem with aluminum wire is when the aluminum wiring warms up it expands, and when it cools down it contracts. Aluminum wire over time loses a bit of tightness at the connections.

Aluminum oxidizes or corrodes when in contact with certain types of metal, causing for resistance of the connection. In turn, the wire heats up and oxidize more; this may eventually melt the insulation or fixture it is attached to and possibly even cause a fire.

If you are changing or adding switches, outlets, and yes that includes that new ceiling fan, which was not a part of the homes electrical design; the fixture should be rated for aluminum wire and be properly installed by a professional. An electrician has a special crimping device to make the proper connection between the aluminum and new copper wire. The NEC, National Electrical Code, requires a special crimp. The electrician uses a special crimping tool and anti-oxidant grease for a proper connection.

With regulations changing rapidly and to ensure safety and compliance it is recommended you should consult with an electrician/inspector before making changes on your own.

Aluminum wire is also used for the **main electric service connection** to your home. This too should be inspected periodically. If the wires insulated covering appears to be cracked or brittle and there is dark areas caused by overheating, it probably needs to be replaced

Electric Service Upgrades. In older homes the electrical service may not be adequately sized for all the appliances used today. If you are constantly tripping breakers, or replacing fuses, then you are overloading the circuits. Connections should be checked and the load redistributed or the breaker may need to be replaced. Overloaded circuits and overheated electrical wires are inefficient and draw more electrical current.

Clearly label the circuit breakers, empty spaces should be filled with blanks.

GFCI, Ground Fault Circuit Interceptors – Install GFCI Outlets within six-feet of a water source (sink, washing machine, tub or shower). Clothes washer outlets shall be a single outlet if a double outlet is used, it must be a GFCI Outlet. All outside outlets must be GFCI and have a cover (a bubble cover is preferred; the outlets remain covered while a cord is plugged into it).

Decks above grade should be properly constructed and maintained. Proper sizing of lumber, deck piers and fasteners are important when designing a deck. Using the wrong fas-

teners and improper supports can contribute to the cause of deck failures. A deck that is attached to the home and not properly installed can cause further structural damage to the house. Make sure the deck is properly fastened and there is a weather barrier installed to help prevent water damage. Don't use metal fasteners that react to the pressure treated lumber. Incompatible fasteners will corrode over time causing the fasteners to break. If you see signs that the deck is separating from the house, have a building inspector look at it. It may be time to repair or to replace the deck. If you can't make the repairs yourself, have a reputable contractor make the repairs and have the work inspected.

Chimney Repairs and Maintenance – Chimneys should be cleaned and inspected. Chimneys are exposed to the weather 24/7 and need to be maintained. Water seepage can cause structural damage; a professional contractor can correct the problem by installing "weep holes" so moisture is removed from behind the masonry. Chimney's that are pulling away from the house should be rebuilt. Install Chimney caps to keep out the weather and to prevent birds and animals from claiming the chimney as its new home.

Inspections are required for major repairs such as rebuilding the chimney partly or in its entirety, and relining the chimney. No inspection is required to resurface the exterior, installing weep holes or chimney caps.

Other cost and energy savings: Make energy efficiency investments! Have a reputable contractor make the repairs and installation according to the current building codes and have the work inspected.

- **Appliance and Equipment replacement** - When looking to replace inefficient appliances or large equipment like boilers, ovens or air conditioning units; check for "Energy-Efficient" Labels. Keep all combustibles away from a furnace or gas fired hot water heater. Fuel fired appliances require combustion air space to function properly. Fuel fired appliance in small rooms or spaces may require additional fresh air ventilation.

- **Window and doors** should be repaired or replaced. Replace with windows that are double paned and sealed. Even if you are not looking to replace windows or doors, cold air can seep in through small cracks, the exposed wood can lead to moisture problems causing mold, and wood rot. Caulk and seal around the frame and sill, scrape off loose and flaking paint, seal with a good primer then paint to protect the wood from rotting. Make sure the windows are tightly sealed. Add weather stripping around doors to reduce drafts. When installing new or changing the size of a window or door requires it to be installed according to the Building Code and requires inspection.

- **Insulation** – Make sure you have the best insulation possible which helps to regulate temperature in hot and cold weather.

- **Alternative Energy** – such as solar panels and geothermal heating can drastically reduce or eliminate energy cost and reduce the use of fossil fuels. Installation or replacing a

continued

heating and air conditioning units are to be installed to Building Code and requires an inspection. If you are planning an addition you may need to resize the existing system to properly heat and cool the house efficiently.

- **Water Conservation and water protection** – Install water saving shower heads, faucets and toilets to conserve the volume of water used. Repair or replace leaky pipes and faucets no matter how small.

Connecting a sprinkler system requires a plumbing permit and an inspection. Sprinkler systems are required to have backflow preventers installed to avoid contamination to a private or public water source. Even if your sprinkler system is connected to a hose bib, it still requires a backflow preventer at every connection to the house. It is prohibited to inner connect a private water service with a public water service.

Today, every homeowner and tenant is becoming more educated in being penny wise when it comes to saving money on utilities. Tenants often look for a more efficient home to rent in the efforts to help save money. Simple maintenance and upgrades help to ensure your house is safe. The upgrades to your home's electrical service, appliances, insulation, windows, heating and cooling units will not only save money it can also help to maintain or increase property values, while decreasing the use of fossil fuels.

Always remember to check with the Building Code Official for permit and code requirements, have a reputable contractor do the installation and always have the work inspected to ensure compliance with the current building codes.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP LIONS NEWS

The Hanover Township Lions Club, will hold their Annual Fall Spaghetti Fund Raiser, Saturday, November 14th at Christ UCC Church, 5050 Airport Road, serving 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Adults are \$7.50; ages 6 – 12 are \$3.50 and under 6 are free. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, dessert, drink - all you can eat. Please join us!

Officers for the lion's year 2009 - 2010 are, President Nicholas Facchiano, Vice President Paul Scheltzer, Secretaries Larry Williams and Eleanor Moatz and Treasure Richard Lambert .

Our Lions Club would like to introduce you to our new neighbors, The Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank (located in the former Fisherman's Net building on Jacksonville Road.). The eye bank was founded in 1957 by a group of local Lions Club members, who would enlist the help of local police to transport donated eye tissue to area hospitals. Today the eye bank is among the top 10 eye banks in the U.S., serving 37 counties, 60 hospitals and has facilitated sight restoration of more than 21,000 people. Their Mission is simple; to procure and distribute corneal tissue for sight restoration and the improvement of visual impairments and disorders. You can learn more about their work at their web-site. www.paeyebank.org.

To learn more about the Lions call Lion Willard Kulp at 610-865-5440.

Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal Ordinance & Snow Emergency Routes

Updated for 2009 Snow Season

The Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance 09-04 which updated the requirement for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks after a snow storm. Effective October 1, 2009 the following is applicable:

Responsibilities of property owners. Where curbs and/or sidewalks have been constructed pursuant to any of the regulations provided herein, the abutting property owner shall be responsible for:

A. Repair, maintenance and replacement, if necessary, of the curb and/or sidewalk.

B. Keeping sidewalk clear of dust, debris and leaves.

C. Clearing sidewalk of snow and ice as hereinafter provided:

- (1) Within 36 hours of the termination of any fall of snow or accumulation of ice, a path must be cleared through a sidewalk allowing pedestrians to safely pass;
- (2) Within 48 hours of the termination of the Township's snow removal operations the entire width and length of the sidewalk must be cleared; and
- (3) If the fall of snow exceeds six (6") inches, or the natural accumulation of ice exceeds one (1") inch, the Township Manager may, by public announcement or other appropriate notice to residents of the Township, set such longer period as may be appropriate for the clearing of said snow.

Additionally the Supervisors adopted the following Ordinance 09-19 identifying and designating "all streets and roadways" within the Township as Snow Emergency Routes effective October 1, 2009 as follows:

SECTION I: All Township streets are hereby designated as snow emergency routes.

SECTION II: Following the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful to park, or allow to be parked any motor vehicle or other vehicle, on any Township street after a snow emergency has been declared by the Township, and until the snow has stopped falling and the snow has been completely plowed for the full width of the cart way.

SECTION III: The owner of any vehicle found in violation of any sections of this Ordinance shall pay a fine of \$50 for each violation, if payment is received by the CRPD or the Code Enforcement Officer within five days of the date of the violation, unless a fine in a different amount is specifically set forth herein. If payment is received after five days but within 10 days of the date of the violation the fine shall be \$75 for each violation. If payment is not received within the ten-day period, the CRPD or Code Enforcement Officer shall file a citation with the District Justice and, upon conviction, the violator shall pay a fine of \$200 plus costs of prosecution.

Board of Supervisors Actions

- ❖ Accepted with regret the resignation of Luis Campos from the Planning Commission
- ❖ Appointed Barry Check to the Planning Commission
- ❖ Appointed Lori A. Stranzl Secretary-Treasurer
- ❖ Appointed Francine J. Spevak Assistant Secretary-Treasurer



Hanover Township Fall Festival Saturday, October 10th 12:00 pm

Fall Fun for Everyone!!!

- ENJOY TRAIN RIDES THROUGH THE PARK
- LIVE MUSIC
- PUMPKIN DECORATING
- INFLATABLE RIDES
- FACE PAINTING AND BALLOON ART
- HAYRIDES AND PONY RIDES
- CLOWNS, MAGICIANS , STILT
WALKER AND JUGGLER
- HOT DOGS AND DRINKS
- PIE BAKING CONTEST
- CHILE CONTEST

