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ALLENTOWN ARENA TAX LAWSUIT RESOLVED CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE

By John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager
(This article appeared in the June 14, 2012 issue of *The Morning Call*)

Much has been written about the suit filed in Commonwealth Court concerning the Neighborhood Improvement Zone ("NIZ") in Allentown by surrounding political subdivisions. While the Earned Income Tax ("EIT") funds being diverted from the political subdivisions in the commonwealth to partially fund what has become known as the "Arena Project" is important, the overriding and compelling issue is the two Acts (Act 50 of 2009 and Act 26 of 2011) constitutionality. If the City of Allentown can benefit from Acts that are unconstitutional, what is to prevent something similar from being done to the political subdivisions surrounding Reading, Harrisburg, Chester, Altoona, Wilkes-Barre, Erie, Scranton, York or Hazelton? Also, the EIT will be used to fund more than just the arena itself. The EIT funds diversion will be used in the entire 130 acre zone.

EIT was enacted as part of the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511 of 1965 (53 P.S. §6913), as last amended December 20, 2005. While you can debate the merits of an act originally passed in 1965 and its' application in 2012, the fact remains the revenue collected is intended to be used by the municipality the individual resides, and the school district the municipality is located in, if they have enacted an EIT resolution. Act 50 of 2009 and Act 26 of 2011 circumvents the EIT legislation of 1965. If the EIT revenue stream is adversely affected or the natural growth rate is diminished to the point that other tax rates need to be adjusted, who is hurt? The taxpayer.

The expense of the legal challenge has also been called into question. It is important to remember that the potential loss is over a thirty year period on both current and future EIT generated in the 130 acre NIZ. It's a matter of constitutionality and principal versus dollars and cents.

The Gaming Act that benefits the entire



Lehigh Valley Region in no way mirrors or replicates the NIZ legislation. Since 2010, the entire Lehigh Valley Region has been the recipient of \$45,071,200 in funding as projected through the first quarter of 2012. The City of Allentown alone has received \$8,867,963.

Unlike the Gaming Act that distributes funds throughout the Lehigh Valley from a *private enterprise*, the NIZ legislation diverts *public* funds for the benefit of public and private endeavors outside the political subdivisions that enacted the EIT ordinance or resolution. The funds from the Gaming Act that benefit Northampton County municipalities is a competitive application process that is vetted by the county Department of Community and Economic Development and a nine-person Gaming Revenue and Economic Redevelopment Authority, which is nominated by the county executive and appointed by Northampton County Council.

The court challenge filed by two Northampton County municipalities (Bethlehem & Hanover Townships) and joined by sixteen other political subdivisions in Lehigh and Northampton counties, directly or through a suit of their own, as well as the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors is about protecting the rights and sovereignty of all of Pennsylvania's 2,563 municipalities and other political subdivisions.

At no time in the debate and discussions have any of the plaintiffs or intervenors indicated that they are opposed to the arena or the revitalization of the City of Allentown. The concern is constitutional issues and the diversion of one of their revenue streams.

If left unchallenged, could real estate, local services or mercantile taxes be next?

(As a result of Act 87 of 2012 being signed by Governor Corbett the suit was discontinued on August 24, 2012.)





If you haven't registered your email address with the Township the time to do it is now. We have instituted a monthly newsletter

to cover items in a timelier manner as well as continuing to broadcast important announcements as issues develop. This system is used to inform residents of important events in the Township such as the Halloween Storm of 2011. Shortly, depending on the weather we'll be sending out messages concerning snow emergencies. Stay informed and up-to-date, **REGISTER TODAY.**

New Rules for Recycling Electronic Devices

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection is advising consumers and businesses of new rules for recycling electronic devices that will take effect on Jan. 24, 2013.

Enacted in 2010, the **Pennsylvania Covered Device Recycling Act** prohibits the disposal of covered devices (such as computers, laptops, monitors and televisions) with residential trash. Trash haulers will be barred from taking those items, except in municipalities with a designated curbside electronics collection program that results in the devices going to an electronics recycler.

Many devices also contain valuable metals such as gold, silver and platinum and base metals like copper, iron and aluminum that can be separated and reused in new products. The law also requires manufacturers of devices to provide for the collection, transportation and recycling of these devices by establishing one-day events, permanent collection programs or mail-back programs.

More information on the covered device recycling act is available at www.dep.state.pa.us, keyword: Electronics Recycling.



Lions Club News



Presenting the oxygen masks are Lions Larry William and Paul Scheltzer. Accepting the kits (center) is Frank Kozero, fire company vice president.

Members of the Hanover Township Lions Club recently purchased two Oxygen Mask Kits for pets from the County Animal Response Team (CART) and presented them to the fire company. This will provide the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company with increased capability to save pets in an emergency.

LIONS' AWARENESS DAY

WE SERVE is the motto of all Lions Clubs around the world. Have you ever wondered who the Lions were, what they do and why? Get your questions answered. The Hanover Township Lions Club invites you to **LIONS AWARENESS DAY**, Saturday October 20, 2012. Stop in anytime from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Christ UCC Church, 5050 Airport Road. Coffee, juices and munchies will be served.

Learn about the Northeast Lions Eye Bank, located on Jacksonville Road, Center for Vision Loss, Beacon Lodge Camp for the blind, Leader Dog School, White Cane and other programs.

All these programs were founded by Lions members.
Questions contact Lion Bernice Kulp, 610-865-5440.



SANTA ARRIVAL

Calling all the children of Hanover Township!!! SANTA will be riding through the Township on our firetruck on Saturday, December 8th. Have your Mom and Dad mark it on your calendars. Santa



always welcomes donations to the Fire Company. The donations help us to pay for training, supplies, equipment and a whole lot more to keep our residents safe.



New Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ mobile App puts Residential Waste & Recycling collection information on your smartphone

Easy-to-find information when and where you want it

If you are one of the growing number of people who has a smartphone or tablet, you can download a Hanover Township App that puts residential waste & recycling, special waste collection details and more at your fingertips, anytime you want them.

"Hanover Township is pleased to announce that we've just launched a mobile App that contains all of the information people need to know, tailored specifically to their neighborhoods, about our residential garbage and recycling services," said Jay Finnigan, Township Manager.

Called 'my-waste'™, the app lets mobile device users download the full range of information that is normally on the website or in the collection schedule that Hanover Township distributes. But now residents don't have to go hunting for the printed schedule or be sitting in front of their computers. Instead, by downloading 'my-waste'™, Hanover Township residents can check details for regular and special collections and events for household hazardous waste or e-waste days, and more.

Special features of the Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ App include a search function that lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a regular or out-of-the-ordinary item, plus there are tips for reducing and recycling waste in apartment and condo buildings.

"The Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ App also includes a special "report-a-problem" function that allows residents to report non-emergency municipal problems like missed collections, illegal dumping, overflowing public garbage or recycling bins, potholes, burned out traffic or street lights and more. The report-a-problem feature uses the smartphone's GPS positioning system and built in camera. All they have to do is select the report-a-problem function, take a picture and the problem is automatically emailed to us," Finnigan said.

The Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ download is free. Residents can get it by going to www.my-waste.mobil/PA-Hanover, then selecting the icon link either to the iPhone/iPad or Android App store.

The 'mywaste'™ version for the Blackberry is coming when RIM releases its new operating system, expected in early 2013.

"Once residents have downloaded the app, they can set it up to give them regular reminders for any of the collection programs. For example, they can set a reminder for the day that recycling is collected or they can set up alerts just for household hazardous or electronic waste collection days," Lori Stranzl, Hanover's Recycling Coordinator said. "This is a new way for us to connect with residents about our resource recovery and waste diversion programs. We'll be able to update the information on the App as necessary during the year, so it will always be current. Residents will never forget a collection day and that should lead to increased recycling rates. Everybody wins," Finnigan said.

Sales of smartphones and tablets reportedly are growing rapidly. Deloitte Canada Research projects that they will comprise half of the sales of computing devices in Canada this year.

Hanover Township is adding the 'my-waste'™ App to its communication outreach activities. It will continue to distribute printed materials and have information on the website for residents who prefer traditional promotional and educational materials.

Hanover Township is the first of Republic Services customers to be able to participate in this program. "We see this as another way to better communicate with our residents and partner with one of our largest services providers," Finnigan said.

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Trash and recycling collection details at your fingertips – anytime YOU want them!

Download Republic Service's **'my-waste' mobile App** for Hanover Township residents and never go searching for the program guide again!

'my-waste' App features:

- collection and event schedule
- collection reminders
- proper set-out
- materials handling: trash, recycling, yard waste, HHW, bulky items, electronics
- includes information for apartments and condos



PLUS!

"Report-A-Problem" feature that allows residents to notify their local government about:

- missed collections
- graffiti
- illegal dumping
- overflowing public garbage receptacles
- potholes
- burnt out traffic/street lights and
- damaged/hidden street signs, etc.



To find out more about the **'my-waste' APP**
Scan the QR code | Don't have a scanning app?
Go to www.my-waste.mobi/PA-Hanover/



**REPUBLIC
SERVICES**



Colonial Regional Police News

Colonial Regional Police Department is proud to announce their new officer, Brian Bird. He is 25 years old, married from Mt. Pocono, PA. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Penn State University and graduated from the Allentown Police Academy in June of 2010. He worked as a part-time officer with the Moscow Borough Police Department, East Stroudsburg School Police Department, and a security officer for Pocono Pines, a gated community. Brian was sworn in on Friday, September 21, 2012.

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 is no 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 your leaves will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews progress. 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 to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

Section III – Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

These sections will not be started over until all three sections are complete. Consequently all three trucks may be in one section or two may be in one while another section is not being worked.



Hanover Township Community Center

Recreation News



Thank you to all who donated to the pool collection of pet supplies this summer! The SPCA was very appreciative of the community donation!

The staff at HTCC is sending off with best wishes Fran Taglang as he is moving from the area. While wishing Fran good luck, we move towards 2013 welcoming new employees to our team. These part time positions will be crucial in our transition in management.

Tim Semonich has been a member of our staff for several years now, leading many of the after school programs. As Tim has grown in his responsibilities here, he has also taken on new challenges as a leader at NCCC while pursuing his education. We are proud to have Tim working with us in a heightened position, leading programs and working as a team leader within our staff.

During the 2012 summer season we welcomed an intern, Katie Yanochko. After graduating from Lock

Haven University with a degree in Recreation Katie has accepted our offer to stay on and contribute to our program leadership as well. We feel confident that her skills will be an asset as she continues to work in our facility.

Kelsey Wallace is another employee who will extend her employment with us turning her seasonal status year round. Kelsey has been an integral part of our pool management for several years now. Kelsey recently graduated from ESU with a degree in Physical Education.

Each of these employees will be bringing a unique and renewed energy to our programming at HTCC and we feel fortunate to have them. As you participate and visit the center I encourage you to reach out and welcome them in their new leadership roles!

Other notable changes, Joan Steinberg and Becky Cotter will be contributing to the membership experience with exceptional customer service, including any rental requests you may have and their own expertise to programming areas.

Our staff is anxious to help you get the best out of your recreation opportunities within the township.

Memberships to HTCC help support our facilities which houses many of the special events throughout the year. Memberships come in a variety of ways; this is so you get the best value for your needs. You are invited to come for a tour of the facility to learn more.

Please join us as we continue to strive to make Hanover Township the best place to live, work or play!

Email us at: recreation@hanovertwp-cc.org

Children Services

- ✓ Hanover Preschool classes for the young 3, 3, 4, Pre-K as well as Kinder-club!
- ✓ Extended day programs available for all ages. Flexible payment options.
- ✓ School age children welcome for after school enrichment activities.
- ✓ Members including senior members may take advantage of our enrichment program when watching their grand children- ask us how!

Contact our Children Services department:

Phone: 610-317-8701



Membership Highlight Q & A w/ Charlie Dugan

HTCC: How long have you been a member at HTCC?

CD: Since 1997

HTCC: How many years have you made working out part of your life?

CD: More than 40 ears since I started running, jogging 3 to 5 miles three times a week. After joining HTCC I began using cardio and weight lifting machines and increased stretching exercises.

HTCC: Why do you value your membership at HTCC?

CD: Each day has its own priorities, and because of the long hours of operation at HTCC it's no problem to find time to exercise near my home.

HTCC: Do you have a favorite quality that the staff at HTCC exhibits?

CD: The staff is friendly and helpful.

HTCC: How do you feel your membership has benefitted you over time?

CD: It has helped me to maintain strength, flexibility and weight for many years.

HTCC: What would be your best advice on life and/or fitness if you were to pass it onto others?

CD: Be kind, be generous. Be your best self, keep working on these goals.

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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:

- Card Tables
- White Table Cloths
- Ping Pong Table

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

Holiday Helping Hands

when entering the HTCC Lobby you will find an opportunity to give back to your surrounding community in the coming months.

HTCC will be coordinating donations for gifts for seniors and families who go without during the Holiday season; partnering with Traditions of Hanover at Home and the local Toys for Tots. Please drop off your wrapped or unwrapped donation at HTCC beginning October 1st.

Senior gifts could include: gloves, blankets, sweaters, personal care items such as shampoo, perfume, or other new items appropriate for this age group. Please mark for a

male or female if you wrap your gift. Thank you for your generosity!



Community Bingo Thursday

First Thursday of every month!
6:30 p.m. Early Bird/ 7 p.m. Start

Please join us for a fun evening at HTCC. Cash Prizes.

Now booking charitable causes

Lifestyle Programming Dynamic years 50+

Fall has brought back many of the favorite afternoon activities at HTCC. We invite you to come check out the many opportunities you have to meet new people and enjoy your community center amenities.

Some examples are:

- Monday's Afternoon Matinee 1-3 p.m. FREE for Members/\$2 for NM
- 3rd Monday— Book Discussion Group 3 p.m. FREE
- 1st Tuesday- Cooking for 2 class 1-3 pm \$2 Mem/\$5 for NM *chance to take home a free meal!
- 3rd Tuesday- Pickle Ball 1-3 p.m. FREE for all *indoor paddle game
- 1st Wednesday— Red Hat

Luncheon at an area eatery 12:30 p.m.-cost of your meal

- Thursday— cards & more 1-3 p.m. FREE to mem/ \$2 NM
- 3rd Wednesday— Variety of get social activities; mark your calendars!

♥ **October 17th**— 1 p.m. Frank D'Ascensio speaking on Energy Independence

♥ **November TBD**

First in a **Series of Nature programs for Seniors**~ grand-kids welcome!

♥ **December 19th**—1 p.m. Holiday Cookie Decorating & Optional Exchange ~ music and fun will add to the flavor!

"Lifestyle programs has had a wonderful infusion from the Silver Sneaker members, adding many new participants to the wonderful social events offered in our facility"
Cathy Heimsoth, Director



No~ the picture is not upside down! join our growing yoga class as we stretch and relax our way to good health! Tue/Thurs 8:30 am



Special Events:

Thursday, October 25th from 10-12 p.m.~ Wellness Coach bringing free gifts, assistance & information to improve your health & wellness! FREE to ALL

Tuesday, November 9th— Drop by between 12:30-3:30 p.m.~ AARP will be here to go over Open Enrollment options for Medicare Supplemental Insurance. Here's your chance to ask questions about how the Affordable Care Act will impact YOU!

Program Reminders:

• Vera Bradley Bingo

Sunday, October 14, 2012
1 p.m. @ HTCC

This annual event is a favorite; come play for fun, play for a cause, play to win! Raising awareness for Breast Cancer—portion of net proceeds are donated to the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation.

• Fitness Fair

Saturday, January 12, 2012

9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Discounts all morning- Start your year in a healthy way and commit.

• Basics of Buying and Selling on Ebay

Class for the beginner who wants to buy or sell on Ebay-the online marketplace. 1.5 hours of instruction on how to open an account, research items, create listings, monitor and ship items. This class will get you started in a pinch.

Fee: \$20

Time: 6-7:30 p.m.

When: Thursday, Oct. 18th

• 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

Time: Weigh in from 7-7:30 p.m. w/ meeting following

Fees: TOPS National Registration yearly fee \$24 + nominal per meeting charge.

NEW Educational Programming @ HTCC

• Sensory Night Hike - November 9th

Time: 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Wanted: 3rd to 7th graders to come and experience this new program! Fee: \$5 mem/ \$10 non-mem

Ever wonder what nocturnal animals really do at night? Do you want to explore the grounds of the community center in the dark? This hike will introduce you to the different sensory needs and adaptations required of nocturnal animals. Various activities during the hike will help you to better understand how these creatures survive at night. By the end of the evening, hopefully you will be more comfortable with your nighttime surroundings! Trail snack included- yum!

• Bricks 4 kidz

Have you noticed the store in the Promenade Shops and thought I wish it was closer?...now it is. Bricks for Kidz programming has come to HTCC. Sessions are affordable and fun! Children will enhance their science, technology, math & engineering knowledge while reinforcing problem solving, collaboration and spatial reasoning. All that in one program!

Sessions running year round call for the most current schedule.

• Attention *PINTEREST* Mom's!

Child Advocate and Mom Shilpa Barrantes, M.Ed will be leading numerous opportunities to learn ways to enhance your child's development. One focus will be on getting back to basics with toys that promote development and learning in your child! Through DIY development toys for your baby, toddler or preschooler! We guarantee you will be saying, "why didn't I think of that?"

Details to follow on the HTCC website:

www.hanovercommunitycenter.org

Hanover Township Special Events

We are on the web....

Tree Lighting

Friday, November 30th 6 p.m.

Sleigh Rides, Ice Carver and Food
Holiday FUN for everyone!!



Looking for a way to give back to your community? Consider joining the Special Events committee. Contact Rob Cepin at 610-317-8701 for more details.

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Community Center



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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 a special day. 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.

Holiday Shopping Showcase!

November 15th - 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Annual fundraiser for Children Services; do your shopping early! Many hand-made one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry, sports jerseys, unique artisan's and more.

Free Admission—Concession stand open!

Tricky Tray in Lobby!

Interested vendors contact Cathy at 610-317-8701

Fall Savings

Support HTCC and save some money along the way.... For sale:

- Kidstuff Books
- Around Town Coupon Books
- PRPS Discounted Ski Lift Tickets

Anniversary Weekend Specials

- Annual 5K & Pump and Run
Saturday, November 10th
Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
Race kicks off at 9:00 a.m.
- Second Annual 1Mile Walk
Taking steps to a better future...a family walk to benefit our youngest learners— walk time 9:05 a.m.
- 10% discount on Membership on Saturday only, 11/10 from 10 to 6!!

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 Card. Gift Cards are good towards the cost of memberships, programs, concession or rentals.

Gift ideas: Gift Cards can be purchased in denominations of \$10.00

- Stocking stuffer for the college student home for one month! 1 mo. student fitness pass-\$25
- 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!

"The Heart of the Community"
www.hanovercommunitycenter.org

Hanover Township Community Center
3660 Jacksonville Road
610-317-8701

FREE GUEST PASS

We invite you this fall/winter season to come try us out! This pass is good for entrance into any fitness class, use of the gymnasium, game room or fitness room.

Hours of Operation:

Monday to Thursday 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

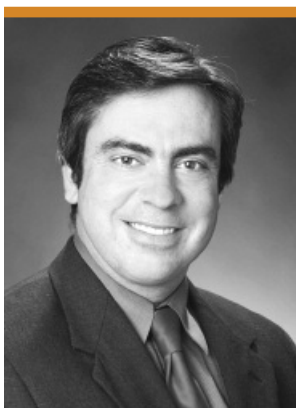
Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. & Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*HTCC will not honor duplicates of coupon.

HARRISBURG NEWS - Property Tax & Rent Program Deadline Extended Residents Have Until December 31, 2012 to Apply for Up to \$650

A Column by Senator Pat Browne, 16th Senatorial District



Senator Pat Browne

Eligible residents of Pennsylvania who have not yet filed for the property tax and rent rebate program will still have an opportunity to do so as the deadline to file has been extended to December 31st. The program benefits eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers age 50 and older; and people with permanent disabilities age 18 and older who meet the Social Security disability requirements. The

income limit, excluding half of Social Security income, is \$35,000 in 2011 for homeowners and \$15,000 for the same year for renters. Eligible claimants may receive up to a \$650 rebate depending on their income.

"I am pleased to see the deadline extended to the end of the year to allow more residents to qualify for this very important program," Senator Browne said, whose district includes parts of Lehigh, Monroe and Northampton Counties. "Providing Pennsylvania's senior citizens with property tax relief remains one of my top priorities. Seniors are having a harder time making ends meet with the cost of living on the rise and the economy struggling. With property taxes and rent among the largest expenses for most families, this program is one way that qualifying senior citizens can recoup some of their money."

The household income limits and rebate amounts for homeowners are:

- \$0 to \$8,000 – \$650 rebate
- \$8,001 to \$15,000 – \$500 rebate

- \$15,001 to \$18,000 – \$300 rebate
- \$18,001 to \$35,000 – \$250 rebate

The household income limits and rebate amounts for renters are:

- \$0 to \$8,000 – \$650 rebate
- \$8,001 to \$15,000 – \$500 rebate

Applications and information can be obtained through any of Senator Browne's District Offices: Allentown (702 W. Hamilton Street, Suite 101 – 610-821-8468 – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.), Harrisburg (171 Main Capitol – 717-787-1349 – Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), Western Lehigh County (at the Upper Macungie Township Building, 8330 Schantz Road – 610-366-2327 – Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.), East Allentown (1601 Union Boulevard – 610-821-6813 – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), East Allen Township (at the East Allen Township Building, 5330 Nor-Bath Boulevard – 610-502-1567 – Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) and in Monroe County (2164 Route 209 – 570-402-1499 – Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

Applications are also available by visiting the state Department of Revenue's website, www.revenue.state.pa.us, or by calling toll-free 1-888-222-9190. Claimants are reminded to provide all the necessary income, property tax or rental information for their claims to be processed accurately and quickly. To check on the receipt and status of a claim, visit www.revenue.state.pa.us or call the department's automated FACT and Information Line at 1-888-PATAxes (1-888-728-2937). Touch-tone telephone service is required. Callers will need their Social Security Number and the amount of their rebate. People can also call 1-888-222-9190 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for help.

Shade Tree Advisory Board

**CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR EVERYTHING
YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT TREES**

<http://hanovertwp-nc.org/zoning/Trees>

This website was developed in order to provide Township residents with timely and practical tree care advice. It includes important Pest Alerts for invasive insects like the emerald ash borer.

There are two ways to get to the website: type in the web address shown above or follow these steps.

Go to the Township's website: www.hanovertwp-nc.org; click on "Committees" on the blue bar across the top of the page; then click on Shade Tree Advisory Board in the list on the right

On this page you can click on "permit" to get a Shade Tree permit to remove or replace a tree, "Shade Tree List" to see the Approved varieties of street trees, or click on "Planting, Pruning, Mulching, and Watering" to take you to the page that includes the following eight topics:

**Planting
Watering
Mulching
Pruning**

**Do Not Top Your Trees!
Pest Alert**

**Benefits of Urban Forest
National Tree Benefit Calculator**

Each of these topics provides up-to-date information to help you care for your trees so they keep providing valuable shade for future generations.

Did You Know?...

BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT

As a result of deteriorating conditions the bridge over the Monocacy Creek on Bridle Path Road the County of Northampton and the PA Department of Transportation has lowered the weight limit on the bridge from 25 Tons to **5 Tons effective August 16, 2012.**

County Executive John Stoffa plans to include this bridge in a 2013 bond issue to repair/replace it and other bridges in the County.



TREE HEIGHT OVER SIDEWALKS

Excerpt from Township Ordinances:
Section 168-5.C Shade tree trimming.

(1) **MINIMUM HEIGHT.** All shade trees shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance height where they overhang any walkways and sidewalks shall be eight (8) feet or road shall be 15 feet. However, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to designate a higher clearance on certain roadways where heavy traffic or other special clearance requirements may exist.

(2) **FAILURE TO TRIM SHADE TREES AS REQUIRED.** In case the owner of such property shall neglect or refuse to trim a shade tree within 30 days of being notified in writing by the Board of Supervisors to do so, the Board of Supervisors may, after the expiration of the date specified in said notice, cause such trimming to be done at the expense of the owner. If the owner does not pay the bill for this work, the Township shall impose the entire cost of this work with the additional cost of collection as a lien upon the property. This lien shall be filed in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of municipal liens.



Person shown is six feet tall.

WHY NUMBERS ON MAILBOX AND/OR PROPERTY?

It is important at a minimum to have a **VISIBLE** numeric indicator on your property to assist Fire, Police and EMS personnel find your property in an emergency situation. Imagine someone in your home actively seizing or having a cardiac arrest when time matters in them receiving the appropriate medical assistance and it's 3 a.m. Without having the appropriate identifiers on your

property, valuable time is wasted locating the correct address. Please help the Colonial Regional Police & Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company and Ambulance Corp find your home as quickly as possible. **IDENTIFY YOUR HOME TODAY!** The life you save may be yours or someone close to you!



Street number & name



Street number only



Illuminated street number

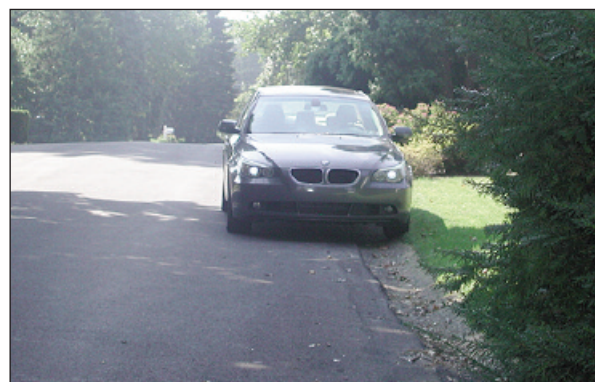
Were You Aware?...

PARKING ON TOWNSHIP STREETS

Township Ordinance:

174-14 Two-way highways (streets). Except as otherwise provided in this section, every vehicle standing or parked upon a two-way highway (street) shall be positioned parallel to and with the right-hand wheels within 12 inches of the right-hand curb or, in the absence of a curb, as close as practical to the right edge of the right-hand shoulder.

VIOLATION: The owner of any vehicle found in violation of any sections of this article shall pay a fine of \$10 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 \$20 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 \$40 plus costs of prosecution.



BOTH INCORRECTLY PARKED



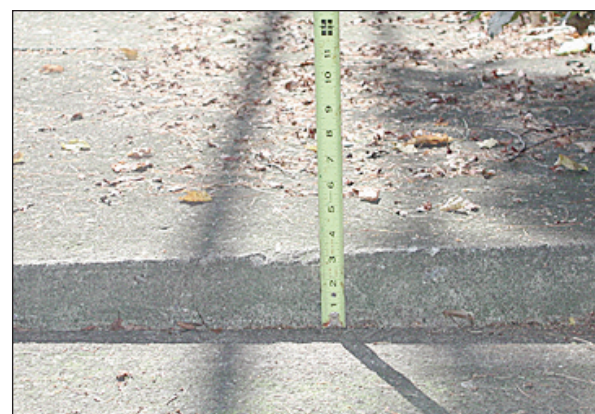
SIDEWALKS

Not only is it a property owners responsibility to clear snow after a snow storm, but you must make repairs should your sidewalk require them. If there has been any lifting or separating of the slabs in the sidewalks on your property please see that they are repaired immediately. The rule of thumb is anything over 1/2 inch needs to be fixed. Get a head start as the Township will be sending out notices in the spring of 2013 for sidewalks that need attention. Township Ordinance reads:

155-14 Responsibility 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 inches, or the natural accumulation of ice exceeds one 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.



3 + inch heaving

Asa Packer Elementary School News

By Jonathan Horvath, Principal

On August 27, 2012, another school year began for students in the Bethlehem Area School District. Children enthusiastically departed from their buses with smiles on their faces. It was the first day for students at Asa Packer Elementary School. Hallways and classrooms once again came alive and resounded with excitement and enthusiasm. Teachers greeted their new classes and were assisted by our active and supportive parent group. Weeks of preparation by all were evident and were greatly appreciated. Volunteers had decorated the interior of the school to welcome the arrival of both new and familiar faces.

The announcement of the recent Pennsylvania System of Schools Assessment (PSSA) indicated that our building once again excelled in both the areas of reading and math, meeting our state benchmarks. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

Pride in our school, self and community carried over into our grade level assemblies that initiated the school year. Ms. Birster, our guidance counselor, assisted by reading a book about proper behavior to students. Last year, we were recognized with the designation of a **"No Place for Hate"** school. During this year, we will continue and strive for a second straight year of designation. Throughout the school year, we will be completing various projects based on diversity, tolerance and acceptance. This program is intended to promote academic achievement through character development. The students' next project will take place on World Peace Day that occurs on September 21st. Students will be creating pinwheels and displaying them on our school property.

Our successful partnership with members from the Traditions of Hanover will begin the end of September and continue throughout the school year. Residents have become our in-school tutors and mentors and visit us on a weekly basis. The impact of these collaborations cannot be overlooked; they serve to benefit our entire school family.

Our Back to School Open House was held on August 29, 2012. Picture Day is scheduled for October 5. School will be closed on October 8 for Teacher In-service Day. Parent and Grandpal visitations will occur during American Education Week that is scheduled from October 15 through October 19. The Scholastic Book Fair will also take place during this week.

New to the building this year will be family programs dealing with positive discipline. These programs will be presented by The Center for Humanistic Change in conjunction with Asa Packer staff. Events will result in our doors being opened and will allow parents, guardians and children to attend nighttime sessions focused on positive discipline.

We are excited about the onset of a new school year and look forward to the many successes and achievements our students will encounter throughout this year.

Training Requirements

by Fire Chief Craig Wasem



The label "volunteer" does not mean ill trained or unprofessional, perhaps the exact opposite. Have you ever wondered what type of training a volunteer firefighter must complete? All of our members are required to complete a series of courses that train them to operate as a skilled firefighter. The college level classes that we require are Firefighter I, Vehicle Rescue Technician, CPR, and First-Aid.

Firefighter I is an entry level course. All applicants for the course must be at least eighteen years of age. This course is 194 hours and focuses on various topics. Those topics include:

• Building Construction	• Fire Behavior
• Fire Extinguishers	• Fire Hose & Streams
• Forcible Entry	• Ladders
• Personal Safety Equipment	• Ropes & Knots
• SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)	• Search & Rescue
	• Ventilation
• Vehicle Fires	• Water Supply

These courses are offered during night and weekend hours in an attempt to meet the needs of the business community.

Our department also responds to several motor vehicle accidents throughout the year. Therefore, our second required class, Basic Vehicle Rescue, is a 50 hour course that teaches all members how to properly operate the tools necessary to cut and remove victims from their vehicles. Tools consist of hydraulic rescue tools like the "Jaws of Life," and electric reciprocating saws.

These classes combined cost roughly \$1,000 per student, not including textbooks or personal protective gear, all of which is paid for by the fire company. Our department also reimburses the member for the gas mileage that is used while driving to and from the training course.

I encourage anyone that is interested in giving back to their community to stop in at the firehouse on any Monday evening between the hours of 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Residential Knox Box

The term Knox Box may be unfamiliar to you, but it is an option that you should research. A Knox Box is essential a hidden key. It is a small steel box that is located on your property that contains a key for gaining access to your house. The box has a removable front door that can only be unlocked by a key that is carried by the Fire Company and ambulance. It is a perfect option for elderly residents that are worried they may have a medical emergency and be unable to reach the door to unlock it. Allowing us access to a key for the house can save precious minutes when seconds count. Assume you are new to the area and the next closest family member with a key is hours away, if we have the key, we will not have to force entry and cause damage to the house. If interested, contact our station via phone at 610-867-2103.

Curbing Underage Drinking

A COLUMN BY REPRESENTATIVE

MARCIA M. HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

The House Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing to examine two pieces of legislation I am hopeful we will have the opportunity to vote this fall. They both deal with underage drinking and public drunkenness on college and university campuses, two problems we need to confront more seriously.

Senate Bill 941 would increase the possible fine for public drunkenness from a maximum of \$300 to a maxi-

mum of \$1,000. It would also raise the fine for second and subsequent violations of purchasing, consuming, possessing or transporting liquor or malt or brewed beverages by someone under the age of 21 from up to \$500 to up to \$1,000.

Senate Bill 943 would establish an alcohol offense prevention fee which would be allocated to eligible municipalities for operation of an alcohol offense prevention unit by law enforcement officers. In other words, if alcohol-related offenses such as underage drinking, public drunkenness or furnishing alcohol to minors are committed in a municipality in which a college or university is also located, those individuals who are convicted of such offenses would be assessed an extra \$100 fee per offense for payment to the municipality for its local law enforcement officers to operate an alcohol offense prevention unit.

The negative impacts of these violations are growing and affecting communities, schools and students alike. Passage of these bills would hopefully provide more of a deterrent as well as more money to municipal police forces to prevent this type of activity.

2013 Yard Waste – Schedule & Zones

In late 2012 you will be receiving the **2013 Yard Waste Schedule and Zones** in the mail. Please note when you receive the mailer that the Zones have been modified. This was done to allow for a more equal distribution of collections throughout the Township. The information will also be on the Township website by year's end. The zones are also more closely aligned with the residential waste and recycling zones.

Hanover Elementary School News

by Timothy Lynch, Principal

August 27th the school doors opened to welcome 245 students for the beginning of the 2012 – 2013 academic year at Hanover Elementary School. The teachers and staff spent numerous hours over the summer preparing for the new school year.

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) results are in and again the students at Hanover Elementary School exceeded the benchmarks set forth by the state. Congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, and parents for this great achievement! The faculty and staff will continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

The four components of the roadmap include: Core Learning, Stretch Learning, Student Engagement, and Personal Skill Development. We will also focus on the 3 R's – Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships.

The calendar of events and happenings is quickly filling. New families were invited to an orientation session in late August. The PTA arranged Hanover Elementary School night at an Iron Pigs game on August 31. Back to School Open House was held September 6, 2012. The PTA provided the students with a frozen treat at the end of first week of school. School pictures are scheduled for October 2, 2012. The annual Hawk Walk will take place Friday, October 5th. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk and the numerous activities the Hanover PTA provides throughout the year please call the school at (610) 691-3210. School will be closed September 26 and October 8th. American Education Week classroom visits and the Scholastic Book Fair will take place the week of October 15th through October 19th.

On Friday, October 19, 2012 we will welcome those special people in our children's lives with Great Person's Day. Harvest Day activities, the Halloween parade, and classroom festivities will occur on October 26, 2012. Our school theme for the year is Read Across All Genres. Each book a student reads will add to the yearlong reading theme. The Hanover students read over 31,00 books last year.

Hanover Elementary School will also be completing projects throughout the year to educate and encourage acceptance of all people as we hope to receive the designation of a No Place for Hate school by year's end. September 21st is World Peace Day. Look for our Pinwheels for Peace to cover the front lawn as we hope for world peace.

The Hanover family would like to wish Mrs. Shea (Librarian) and Mrs. Seidenberger (Speech/Language Therapist) all the best in their retirement. Thank you for your years of service and dedication. Thank you to all of Hanover's staff, students, parents, and community members for all of your support as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks.



EMS Corner

by EMS Captain Karen Van Why

JANUARY - AUGUST

Ambulance Emergencies	884
Auto Accidents	90
Fire Support	123
Miscellaneous	5

Total calls thru August1,102



Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 is excited and anxiously awaiting the arrival of our new ambulance which will arrive in October 2012. This ambulance will be replacing a 2002 ambulance which has served us well. With the help of Hanover Township we were able to fund the purchase of our new ambulance with the Northampton County Gaming funds at no cost to the Township.

Community Service

Ever say, "I would like to do something to help my community"? Here is your chance! Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve in many different aspects of our organization. There are three different services: Fire, Fire Police, or EMS. All required training and equipment is provided. If you are

interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station, or stop by during Monday Night Drill at 7:00pm. http://www.htvfc.org/home/about_htvfc.

ADVERTISE YOUR LOCATION FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

When seconds count and we need to find you.....How you can help us save valuable time to help save your life or the lives of your loved ones.

Number your mailbox on BOTH sides with TWO (2) REFLECTIVE NUMBERS. (see examples below)

If you live in a neighborhood where your mailbox is not located in front of your home Number your house in a visible location by the front door with REFLECTIVE NUMBERS or LIGHTED NUMBERS, which would be visible from the road. (see examples)

Make sure your mailbox numbers are not hidden when the flag is down. Clear all shrubs and bushes from around the mailbox.

If you live in an apartment or community where the property management numbers the buildings be sure to ask the property management to better number each residence.

When a business wants you to know where they are they have BIG lighted signs on the front of their buildings. When you call 911 in an emergency where seconds count and your mailbox is not properly numbered it delays emergency responders from locating your residence.

When it is dark outside if your numbers are not REFLECTIVE we cannot see them. Emergency responders lose valuable time trying to locate your residence.

You can purchase 2" reflective numbers at any Home Depot or Lowe's at a small cost. You cannot put a cost on someone's life.

Please help us find YOU or YOUR family in your time of need!

If you would like more information on different types of ways to mark your residence, please contact the Fire Company at 610-867-2103.

VISIBLE
DAYLIGHT ONLY



VISIBLE
DAYLIGHT ONLY



CANNOT SEE
FROM
PARKING LOT



CANNOT SEE
FROM THE ROAD



CORRECT
BOTH SIDES



Public Safety Enhancements



SCHOOL ZONE LIGHTS

Updated School Zone lights have been installed along Jacksonville Road in the vicinity of Hanover School. The new lights are LED which increases their visibility. Additionally, directly under the School Zone lights, there are Radar Speed Display Boards that are operational 24/7/365 to bring attention to motorists of the speed they are traveling along the Jacksonville Road corridor.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNALS

Pedestrian Crossing Signals (solar-powered) have been installed on Crawford Drive and Hanoverville Road. These signals will allow individuals to safely cross collector roads in the Township and allow for better access to the Township Pathway System.



Hanoverville Road at Harriet Lane



Crawford Drive at park



Jacksonville Road at Dartmouth Drive



Crawford Drive at Gloria Lane

RADAR DISPLAY SPEED BOARDS

Strategically placed on Jacksonville Road, Stoke Park Road & Crawford Drive these boards are operational 24/7/365 to bring attention to motorists of the speed they are traveling along Jacksonville Road, Stoke Park Road and Crawford Drive. These are solarpowered as well.

NO TURN ON RED

In order to increase the safety for the children walking to Hanover School we asked PennDOT permission to post the intersection of Crawford/Jacksonville/Orchard "No Turn on Red" during school hours. As a result of PennDOT's new standards and the growth of the vegetation and lack of a clear site triangle PennDOT is requiring that the intersection be posted "No Turn on Red" at all times.



THANK YOU

All Public Safety Enhancements have been paid for via grants the Township has secured. While most of these facilities have been placed on public property, others are located within the Township Right-of-Ways, on private property. The Township appreciates the cooperation of the individual property owners as these enhancements benefit the entire community.

Main Library

11 W. Church Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610 867-3761

HOURS

Monday-Wednesday: 9AM-9PM
Thursday & Friday: 9AM-6PM
Saturday: 9AM-5PM

South Side Branch

400 Webster Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610 867-7852

HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 11AM-8PM
Wednesday: 11AM-5PM
Saturday: 11AM-5PM

The Library is closed Nov. 22; Dec. 24, 25



Adult Programs Phone the Main Library at 610 867-3761 x224 or visit www.bapl.org to register or for details.

- *UFOs Sightings: Fact or Fiction* (October)
- Computer workshops begin in September
- *Keystone Knitters* Instruction or swap tips and patterns (third Thursday of each month)
- *Books Alive* Stimulating conversation about fascinating books (monthly)
- *Author Visits: Dream Team* by SI editor Jack Mc Callum (October); and *Love Me or Else* by Express Times journalist Lynn Olanoff (November)
- *Lunchtime Tai Chi* at the Main Library and *South Side Sneakers Walking Club* at the South Side Branch
- *Open Mic Night* (monthly)
- *National Novel Writing Month* challenge (November)
- *Native American Culture & Crafts* (November)
- *Wreath Making for the holidays*
- *Holiday Concert* (December)

Children's Programs Phone the Main Library at 610 867-3761 x499, the South Side Branch at 610 867-7852 or visit www.bapl.org to register or for details.

- *Super Saturday* events & *Family Fun Nights*
- *Fiesta* (Hispanic Heritage Month), Halloween and holiday parties
- Family Fitness
- *Branch Craft Buffet*
- *Minute to Win It* Branch's version of popular game for teens
- *Daytime Storytimes & Good Night Books* (bedtime stories)
- *Family Place* Connecting parents & toddlers to community resources
- After school *Homework Help* starts in September for grades K-12, all subjects
- *Candyland* Life-sized version of everyone's favorite childhood board game
- *4 Days of Fun* Activities over the holiday break

Spooky Golf

Sunday, October 14

Miniature golf *IN* the Library

Buy tickets online
or at Main Library

Ghoulishly decorated greens
Food • Prizes • Entertainment

BAPL Book Sales 10,000 books, DVDs & CDs. Visit www.bestbooksale.org or phone 610 867-3761 x235
Wednesday, November 7: noon–8 PM and Saturday, November 10: 10 AM–4 PM

Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning September 3)

12:15-1:15 Greenbrier Dr. near Mulberry (*Thursdays*)
3:00-4:00 Hanover Township Community Center
4:05-4:50 Stonewood & Belaire
5:00-5:45 Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15 Chesterfield near Lord Byron

B WEEK (alternate weeks beginning September 10)

12:15-1:15 Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. (*Thursdays*)
3:00-4:00 Hanover Township Community Center
4:05-4:50 Blair Rd. at end of road
5:00-5:45 Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15 Chesterfield near Lord Byron=

Hanover Township Remembers 9/11

By Bernie O'Hare

As it has done for the last eleven years, Hanover Township remembered. Though September 11 was a busy weekday, Supervisors Boy Scout Troop 352 and about fifty residents paused to reflect on what Supervisor Glenn Walbert called his generation's Pearl Harbor. Following a brief ceremony, scouts retired hundreds of used American flags under the supervision of Scoutmaster Michael Caffrey.

Doctor Alfred Khallouf, a Township resident who spent nine years in the Air Force as a dentist, was in his first week of active duty when the Twin Towers were hit. When his parents moved here from Syria, they had nothing. "This country gave us the opportunity to turn nothing into something," he said.

Although Dr. Khallouf participated in no fire-fights he remarked, "I was saving the world, one tooth at a time."



Photograph by Bernie O'Hare

Dr. Alfred Khallouf



Boy Scouts from 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem, prepare a flag for the Retirement Ceremony.

Photograph by Bernie O'Hare

Emergency Management

Emergency Management is that function of Township government specifically responsible for coordinating our community's response to major emergencies. The Emergency Management Organization is not a replacement for, or an addition to Police, Fire, Rescue, Public Works, or other response units, but a system for coordinating and managing various municipal, volunteer and private resources to effectively prepare for, respond to and recover from a community crisis.

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Hanover Township's Office of Emergency Management is to serve the citizens of the Township through effective planning for natural and man-made disasters. Our goal is to save lives and protect property through the coordination of an integrated emergency management system with all emergency response organizations, support services and volunteers. We will be an advocate for greater community efforts, including educating the general public to mitigate and prepare for potential emergencies. We will support efforts to train and exercise emergency responders in both the public and private sectors. We will manage and coordinate efforts toward a rapid recovery from disasters with an effective disaster assistance program.

It is the governmental policy of Hanover Township to protect lives, property, the environment and the economy during an emergency or disaster. To address these potential threats, the Hanover Township Office of Emergency Management has prepared and maintains an updated comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan. This plan provides the framework upon which Hanover Township prepares for, responds to and recovers from man-made and technological hazards.

Emergency Management Staff:

- Kristopher S. Mattson, CEM
Emergency Management Coordinator
- Vincent G. Milite, Deputy EMC
NIMS Compliance Officer
- John J. Finnigan, Jr., Deputy EMC

Fire protection is provided by the **Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1** and police protection is handled by the **Colonial Regional Police Department**.

Other important Emergency Management websites:
FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - FEMA — <http://www.fema.gov>

PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - PEMA — <http://www.pema.state.pa.us>

NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, MT. HOLLY, NJ
(A great source as a major weather event approaches)
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/ler/phi>
Northampton County 911 Operations Center
<http://www.nc911.org/index.html>

Pennsylvania Local Government — Why Townships?

Townships are the oldest form of organized government in the United States, dating back to the 17th century. When the pilgrims first came to America from England, they brought the concept of township with them, and by order of the Mayflower Compact, townships became the first political subdivisions in the new world.

William Penn began establishing townships in Pennsylvania as early as 1682, with about 10 families to each. But as the Industrial Revolution brought more and more development to the Commonwealth, the existence of many townships was jeopardized. As growth intensified around cities and boroughs, developed portions of adjacent townships were annexed into them.

In 1899, the legislature attempted to remedy this problem by providing for two categories of township - first and second class. At that time, all townships with a population density greater than 300 people per square mile were designated as first class townships. This separate classification enabled townships to preserve their character and fiscal integrity, and it gave first class townships greater power when dealing with the impact of growth. It wasn't until the 1930s and 1940s that townships of the second class were granted greater powers in this regard.

The 1899 legislation was later amended to allow for a transition from second to first class township status, and these transition requirements remain the same today. To become a first class township, townships of the second

class must have a population density of 300 people per square mile and voters must approve the change of classification in a referendum. However, many townships have chosen to remain second class townships even though they meet the population density requirements to become first class townships.

The 1,456 townships of the second class are the most common form of government in the Commonwealth, *representing more Pennsylvanians than any other form of government.*

Hanover Township operates as a second class township Under the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Second Class Township Code. In townships of the second class, the governing body is typically composed of three supervisors who are elected at large. Two additional supervisors may be elected if approved by the voters in referendum, and all are elected for six-year terms. In November of 1978 the voters of Hanover approved a referendum to increase the number of supervisors to five. Unlike commissioners in first class townships, supervisors may be employed to work for the municipality.

Many townships have a professional manager who is hired by the governing body. The manager is responsible for carrying out the policies and enforcing the ordinances of the governing body, relieving them of the day to day administration.

NO need for **SPEED** in Hanover

The Township continues to receive a large number of complaints from residents who are concerned with drivers speeding, not only on major and secondary roads in the Township but also in our residential neighborhoods. The speed limit on local roads in residential neighborhoods is 25 miles per hour; with nice weather approaching and the expected seasonal increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the roads, safe driving should be foremost in all motorists' minds.



TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In October staff will present the Board of Supervisors with the 2013 Township Budget. Once the Budget is presented it will be available on the Township website for review. The final 2013 Budget should be available around the 27th of November.

From the desk of the Public Works Director:

PROPERTY OWNERS

Please note that the Public Works Department 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.

This is **HANOVER TOWNSHIP**, not Bethlehem!

You reside and work in Hanover Township – Northampton County

What European settlers' first saw when they looked upon the land that now comprises Hanover Township, Northampton County, was a watersparse wilderness covered with scruboaks. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that they called it "The Barrens" or "The Dry Lands". By the early nineteenth century, however, Pennsylvania Dutch farmers had turned the area into some of the most fertile farmland in the state. Originally, the Township was part of 23,000 acres which formed John and Richard Penn's "Manor of Fermor". In 1747, it became part of Allen Township, which was comprised of what are now Allen, East Allen, and the two Hanover Townships. Hanover Township was officially incorporated as a separate entity on August 8, 1798. The Township acquired its present boundaries in 1812 when Lehigh County was created. At that time, Hanover was split into two separate townships with approximately one third of the land and one-half of the population remaining in Northampton County. Farming predominated Township life throughout the nineteenth century and into the twentieth. During that time, development centered around the village of Hanoverville in the east and Schoenersville in the west. Each had a tavern, a store, a post office, and a handful of dwellings. Power for grist and sawmills and a brewery was provided by the Township's only stream, the Monocacy, which flows along the southeastern boundary. Until 1956, three one-room schools were the locations for the education of Township children. Schortz School, the oldest of the three, is located on Jacksonville Road, across from the present Hanover Elementary School. Knauss School was in the northeastern section of the Township on Hanoverville Road directly behind Golden View Dinner. The third school, Rudolph, was located on Jacksonville Road near the Schoenersville Road intersection on land that now houses Tanczos Beverages. In 1965, nine years after the opening of Hanover Elementary School, Hanover Township joined with three other local townships and the City of Bethlehem to form the Bethlehem Area School District. A second elementary school, Asa Packer, was built at the western end of Stoke Park Road on Kenwood Drive in 1967.



Population growth in the Township remained slow and steady until the 1920's when the trend toward suburbanization began. Hanover's population doubled between 1950 and 1960 and nearly tripled in the decade that followed. The 1990 Census showed 7,136 individuals living

in the Township. During the next 10 years the population increased by 34% with the 2000 Census showing 9,563 residents. The 2010 census indicated the Township now has 10,866 residents a 13.6% increase over 2000. Hanover Township today is a residential community with excellent recreation facilities, highlighted by the Hanover Township Community Center that opened in November of 1996. The township is located northwest of the City of Bethlehem

allowing easy access to urban facilities. Well planned employment districts have been developed, allowing employment opportunities within the Township.

Hanover Township is a Second Class Township under the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning

Code and is governed by a five-member Board of Supervisors. The current board of Supervisors is comprised of John N. Diacogiannis, originally elected in 1984, after being appointed during 1984; Glenn R. Walbert, originally elected in 1984; Stephen R. Salvesen, originally elected in 1983, John D. "Jack" Nagle, originally in 1995 and Mark J. Tanczos, elected in 2010 after being appointed in 2008. The Township Manager, John J. "Jay" Finnigan, Jr. is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the township. A six year employee of the Township Jay was appointed in 1995 after serving six years on the Board of Supervisors.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 provides fire protection and police protection is handled by the Colonial Regional Police Department.

Unfortunately, many people think they live in the City of Bethlehem due to their mailing address. However, Hanover Township is a completely autonomous municipality, without any jurisdiction or oversight by the City. A very concrete example is the millage rate for Township taxes is –currently 3.90 versus 14.85 in the City.

DELIVER AS ADDRESSED
OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

Meetings of Boards and Commission

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: January, February, March, April, May June, September, October and November on the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY; July and August the FOURTH TUESDAY and December the THIRD TUESDAY all starting at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION: February, March, April, May, June, October, November and December on the FIRST MONDAY and January, July, August and September the SECOND MONDAY all starting at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Meetings are held the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Meetings are held the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month whenever required. Time(s) of the hearing will be announced when scheduled.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: Meetings are held the LAST MONDAY of each month, except May which is held the last Wednesday of the month and August meeting which is held September 3. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH: March, May, July, September and November on the SECOND WEDNESDAY. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.