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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

K9 Officer Eyra Gets Body Armor

By Bernie O'Hare

Colonial Regional Police Department's K9 Eyra recently received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization *Vested Interest in K9s, Inc.* K9 Eyra's vest is sponsored by The Landis Family Foundation, Lehigh Valley, PA and was embroidered with the sentiment "Gifted with Gratitude".

Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. was established in 2009 to assist law enforcement agencies with this potentially lifesaving body armor for their four-legged K9 officers. Since its inception, Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provided over 1,900 protective vests, in 49 states, through private and corporate donations, at a cost of over \$1.6 million. All vests are custom



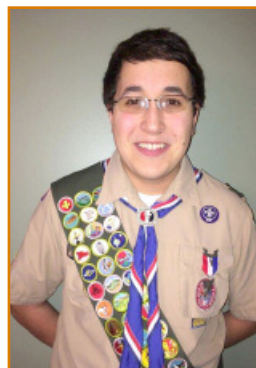
made in the USA by Armor Express in Central Lake, MI.

The program is open to dogs at least 20 months of age who are actively employed with a certified law enforcement agency.

Each vest has a value between \$1,795 – \$2,234 and a five-year warranty, and an average weight of 4-5 lbs. There are an estimated 30,000 law enforcement K9s throughout the United States. For more infor-

mation or to learn about volunteer opportunities, please call 508-824-6978. Vested Interest in K9s, Inc. provides information, lists events, and accepts tax-deductible donations of any denomination at www.vik9s.org or mailed to P.O. Box 9, East Taunton, MA 02718.

Eagle Scout Marcelo Benatti



Marcelo Benatti, a member of Boy Scout Troop 302, First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem earned his Eagle Scout Award, the highest rank of the Boy Scouts of America. He had served the troop as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Den Chief, and Junior Assistant Scout Master. He is an Ordeal Member of the Order of the Arrow and attended the National Youth Leadership Training. His Eagle Service Project was the construction of the outdoor classroom at the Freemansburg Canal Education Center (FCEC)

located at Lock 44 site which included four oversized tables with benches to accommodate a total of 35-40 students and a roofed structure to mount a white board. The project involved 49 hours of his own time and almost 200 hours of additional time contributed by the troop and his family.

The FCEC has been developed as a field trip site for fourth grade students in more than 70 elementary schools in the D&L Corridor. Marcelo's project will serve hundreds of students per year on those field trips. Marcelo graduated from Liberty in June and was the Secretary and Treasurer at the FBLA in the 2013-2015 terms.

In September Marcelo began attending Bloomsburg University majoring in Computer Information Systems.



EMS CORNER

by EMS Captain Karen Van Why



EMS CALL STATISTICS JANUARY – AUGUST 2016

Medical Emergencies	1,223
Motor Vehicle Accidents	86
Fire Support	127
Total calls thru August	1,436

WHAT IS ZIKA???

WHAT THE CDC (Center for Disease Control) KNOWS:

- Zika is spread mostly by the bite of an infected mosquito. These mosquitoes are aggressive daytime biters. They can also bite at night.
- Zika can be passed from a pregnant woman to her fetus. Infection during pregnancy can cause certain birth defects.
- There is no vaccine or medicine for Zika.

HOW IT SPREADS

- Mosquito bites
- From a pregnant woman to her fetus
- Sex
- Blood transfusion (very likely but not confirmed)

SYMPTOMS

Many people infected with Zika virus won't have symptoms or will only have mild symptoms. The most common symptoms are:

- Fever
- Rash
- Joint pain
- Conjunctivitis (red eyes)

Other symptoms include:

- Muscle pain
- Headache

Symptoms can last for several days to a week. People usually don't get sick enough to go to the hospital, and they very rarely die of Zika. Once a person has been infected with Zika, they are likely to be protected from future infections.

HOW TO PREVENT ZIKA

- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants
- Use insect repellent with DEET as an active ingredient
- Stay indoors if possible
- Practice safe sex by using protection
- Make sure you remove standing water around the outside of your home

HOW IT IS DIAGNOSED

- Blood or urine test

THE SEARCH FOR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

I am planning a ceremony for this fall to honor men and women from the 138th Legislative District who served our country during the Vietnam War-era. The 138th District consists of the Townships of Bethlehem (Wards 01 and 04, as well as Division 04 of Ward 03), Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover, Lower Nazareth, Moore (the Eastern and Pt. Phillips districts) and Plainfield; as well as the boroughs of Bath, Chapman, Pen Argyl and Wind Gap.

In order to attend this event, the pin

recipient must be a United States veteran who served on active duty in the United States Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975, regardless of stationing location.

If you or someone you know served our country during that period of time, please contact my district office at (610) 746-2100 and give us their name, rank and branch of service. We'd like to invite them to the event, which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 1st at Northampton Community College.

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 and 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 fol-



lowed. 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; Stephen R. Salvesen, originally elected in 1983, John D. "Jack" Nagle, originally in 1995, Mark J. Tanczos, first elected in 2010 after being appointed in 2008 and Michael J. Prendeville, first elected in 2015. 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 17.15 in the City.**

Recreation News



www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

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Senator Tim Kaine visits the Community Center



Senator Tim Kaine offered a low-key 40 minute speech to about 400 faithful attendees on Wednesday, August 31 at the Hanover Township Community Center. Senator Kaine's visit marks the first time a presidential or vice presidential nominee or candidate visited the Community Center. The visit was also a long day for Senator Kaine, making another stop in the Lehigh Valley that day. He stopped at the Hispanic Center of the Lehigh Valley located in Bethlehem for an impromptu lunch.

The day was also filled with extreme happiness to one fellow Hanover Township Community Center employee, Rebecca Cotter, who was lucky enough to get a photo with the Senator. Senator Kaine spent a good twenty minutes after his speech shaking hands, signing autographs and taking "selfies" with those who waited.

On a side note, Pennsylvania Senator Bob Casey Jr, was also in attendance.



Upcoming Events

✓ Vera Bradley
Bingo & Field of
Pink

October 16th,
2016

✓ HTCC/PSU
Lehigh Valley
THON 5K

November 6th,
2016

✓ Tree Lighting
December 2nd,
2016

Youth Basketball League Sponsored by HTCC & GLVA

After last years inaugural season which saw 8 basketball teams compete, HTCC & GLVA is excited to announce year 2 of the Youth Basketball League.

The league will be comprised of 2-3 age divisions, encompassing youth from age 7-12. Each play-

er will be assigned to a team in their age division and receive a youth shirt for league games.

Each player should expect to practice once per week at HTCC and have one basketball game once per week. We look forward to a new chapter for both organizations. *For more information/registration visit:*

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

www.greaterlehighvalleyathletics.com



Community Outreach: Bingo & Field of Pink

In 2016, we have decided to combine both Vera Bradley Bingo and the Field of Pink into one day. Since both provide awareness for the same cause, help us make the day special: **Sunday, October 16!**

HTCC offers a platform for many different causes throughout the year. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and our annual events show awareness towards these causes.

The annual **Field of Pink** (planting Oct. 16) is another way we give back to our community raising dollars for the Pink

Ribbon Fund of the LVHHN. HTCC will be collecting donations through the month of October in many different ways. The center is holding various raffles in support of the cause, as well as, the annual planting of flags for those wishing to sponsor a loved one who has been affected by breast cancer.

Flags are \$2 each are currently for sale at the Community Center.

• Community Bingo

First Thursday of every month!

6:30 pm Early Bird/ 7 pm Start

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



• Vera Bradley Bingo

Sunday, October 16, 2015

1 pm @ 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.



Lifestyle Programming

Soup & Salad and a Movie

Sponsored by

Westminster Village

Monday, October 17, 2016

Lunch at 12pm and movie at 1pm

The Phantom of the Opera (2004)

Members \$4 Non-members \$8

Must pre-register at front desk by 10/14

Fall Social w/Lunch & Entertainment

Thursday, November 10, 2016

Lunch at 12pm and entertainment at 1pm, Mentalist Jesse Dameron (nationally recognized)

Members \$6 Non-members \$12

Must pre-register at front desk by 11/7

Afternoon Matinee

Every Monday at 1pm

Members: \$1 Non-members: \$2

Bridge

Mondays at 1pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1

Quilting

Tuesdays at 1pm

Mahjongg

2nd, 3rd, 4th Wednesdays at 1pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1

Cooking with Joan

2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm

Members: \$3 Non-members: \$6

Pinochle

Thursdays at 1pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1

Lifestyle programs continue almost all year round. We offer many different opportunities for our 55+ members to meet new people, expand their social circle, and have fun! Movies, educational classes, cards and games, outings, and quarterly luncheons with live entertainment. Participating is a great way to maintain a healthy and active lifestyle! RSVP for special afternoon activities and programs.

Program Highlights: *something for everyone*

2 options for your children to stay in shape on days off of school!!



Flag Football Clinics

Clinic is for boys and girls of all skills levels, they will have chance to learn from coaches of Greater Lehigh Valley Athletics. Each class is limited to 20 roster spots. Cost is per date.

Dates: Sunday, November 27th

Wednesday, December 28th

Ages: 5-7 11am-1pm \$20 per child

Ages: 8-13 10:45am-1pm \$20 per child

Basketball Clinics

All clinics are held from 9am-12pm and focus on fundamental skills & drills, play and mini tournaments. Ages 7-14 are welcome (Co-ed)

Monday, January 18, 2016

Monday, February 15, 2016

Cost: \$15 per child

Pickleball

Get moving this winter with pickle ball in the HTCC gymnasium! Space is limited register now!

January 13 through February 17

All Ages

6 weeks long

Fee: \$24 members/\$48 non-members

Winter Basketball Mini Camp

Get moving on your day off of school with a basketball clinic.

CALL HTCC FOR AVAILABLE DATES

Ages: 6-12

10am-12pm

Fee: \$20

Basics of Buying & Selling on Ebay

Monday, October 24, 2016

6:30-7:45 pm

Class is for the beginner who wants to buy or sell items (whatever it may be) on Ebay, the world's largest online marketplace. Just over one hour of instruction is related to opening an account, doing your homework and researching what you may wish to buy or sell, creating listings, pricing strategies, and monitoring and shipping items. The last part of class is creating a live listing!

This is the class you want to get you started in a pinch!

Fee: \$20

Special Events

Tree Lighting - Friday, December 2, 2016, Hanover Township Community Center

Ring in the Holiday Season!

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: *NEW- LIVE REINDEER

- * Marshmallow & Hot Dog Roasting on an open fire!
- * Music Sung by a Choir
- * Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides on a lighted path!
- * Ice Sculpting Demonstrations
- * And a visit with our special guest for the evening...**Santa!**



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 with our one of a kind backdrop!

Please call 610-317-8701 or rcepin@hanoverwp-cc.org for more information.

Thanks to our 2016 Special Event Sponsors:

Wegmans, TD Bank, Spark Orthodontics, GLVA, The Puppy Palace, ESSA Bank & Trust, Bright Dental, Highmark & Theatre Tots

Free Personal Training in PM

The *first and second Monday* of each month, HTCC will offer a crash course in basics within the fitness room for 30 minutes. Class is based on a first come, first serve basis. Class size is unlimited and will cover basic utilization of machines and exercise within the fitness room. Class will be offered *December through March* for **FREE!**

Class is 6:30-7pm



Fitness Fair

Saturday, January 7, 2017



- ◆ Membership Discounts!! Free use of facility for day
- ◆ Valuable Information on health and wellness
- ◆ Meet the staff and tour the facility
- ◆ Personal training specials
- ◆ 9am-12pm
- ◆ Featuring our Discount Lottery - first 50 people to attend the *Fitness Fair* have an opportunity to win a free membership!

Art Classes at HTCC - taught by Lisa Magyarics

Art is an amazing way for kids to express themselves. I believe that all children have a need to create and express their view of their world. Becoming familiar with new materials and techniques helps children take their ideas from concept to fruition. Art education is widely believed to improve abilities in math and language – in fact, many of the great thinkers and inventors throughout history have also been artists!

2 options! Fall 2: October 9-November 19 Winter: January 8-February 18

FUNDamentals of Art (grades 1-3) Mondays • 4:30-5:30 pm

We'll try a wide variety of media (watercolor, tempera, marker, pencil, ink, etc.) as explore new techniques. We will view work by selected artists and discuss color, shape, line, balance, and scale. Emphasis will be placed on process.

Fee: \$60 member/\$72 non-member + \$10 materials fee (payable at 1 st class)

Explorations in Art (grades 4-5) Mondays • 4:00-5:30 pm

This class builds on the skills learned in FUNDamentals while we explore a wider variety of media and techniques. Projects are individualized to students' interests and level. Emphasis is on process with an increased awareness of outcome.

Fee: \$78 member/\$90 non-member + \$15 materials fee (payable at 1 st class)

Adult/Teen Art Class Mondays 6:30-8:30pm

Class will run and be registered for on a monthly basis. Class will run monthly September through May (no summer classes)

Fee: \$50 member/\$60 non-member

Hanover Township Community Center Programming Weather Policy-PLEASE NOTE

Fitness Classes: Morning Classes will follow the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) schedule. When BASD is cancelled classes are cancelled – no exceptions; when there is a two (2) hour delay classes are cancelled; when there is a one (1) hour delay – classes will run as scheduled.

The status of Evening classes will be decided by 4:00 p.m. depending upon weather conditions. Cancellations or status will be posted on the HTCC website and/or the HTCC Facebook page.

Preschool Age Programming: Preschool programs follow the Bethlehem Area School District policy. When school is cancelled all Preschool Age Programming is cancelled. When there is either a one (1) or two (2) hour delay all programs will start at 10 a.m. and follow normal schedule subsequently.

After School Programming: If the HTCC is open, classes will go on as scheduled unless an instructor cannot attend at which point we will call and cancel. All decisions will be made by 4 p.m. If the building closes early, information concerning programming will be posted on



Fighting Opioid Abuse and Drug Overdose

BY STATE SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO,
40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The opioid and drug abuse epidemic has become a serious issue throughout Pennsylvania, particularly here in Monroe and Northampton counties. Since being sworn in as Senator of the 40th District, more than 180 individuals have tragically overdosed in our two county region. As a state and as lawmakers, it is critical that we do everything possible to address this crisis.

The issue of heroin and opioid abuse has generated serious concern in Harrisburg, with the General Assembly and Governor working together to provide resources and regulations necessary to combat the drug epidemic. An excessive reliance on prescription opiate pain medications must be prevented and the resources to help those with addiction must be made more readily available.

The state has provided “A Commonwealth Crisis” (www.acommonwealthcrisis.com) as a tool to assist Pennsylvanians in learning about the ever growing drug crisis. The website provides information regarding upcoming town hall meetings, links to important resources, and updates on legislative proposals. The following opioid-related legislation has been signed into law, in addition to the \$15 million the Legislature devoted as part of the 2016-17 budget, to help fight the opioid abuse crisis.

- Act 80 of 2015, established the non-narcotic Medication Assisted Substance Abuse Treatment Grant Pilot Program within the Department of Corrections (DOC).
- Act 139 of 2015, also known as David’s Law, provides legal protection for witnesses, or Good Samaritans providing medical help at the scene of an overdose. It also allowed naloxone, a synthetic drug that blocks opiate receptors in the nervous system, to be prescribed to a third party, such as a friend or family member, and administered by law enforcement and firefighters.
- Act 191 of 2014, expanded the types of drugs monitored under the state’s existing Prescription Drug



Rep. Mario M. Scavello

Monitoring Program (PDMP) to include Schedule II through V controlled substances. It also created a Board within the Department of Health to establish and oversee an electronic data system listing.

In addition to legislative action, several local and community-wide efforts are taking place to help combat the drug crisis.

The Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs is accepting public comment on its website regarding consumer access to addiction treatment programs. Public comments will help the department's

newly created task force compile a report with recommendations to remove barriers to treatment, to be submitted to the General Assembly in May 2017. Additionally, Pennsylvania has established a permanent medication drop box program through the state, county, and local law enforcement agencies. The program will expand the options currently available for households to dispose of discontinued, expired or unwanted medications in a manner that considers public health, as well as the environment.

Medical drop boxes are located at the following Northampton County locations:

- Easton Police Department
25 S. 3rd Street, Easton, PA 18042
- Nazareth Borough Police Department
134 S. Main Street, Nazareth, PA 18064
- Slate Belt Regional Police Department
6292 Sullivan Trail Road, Nazareth, PA 18064
- Bushkill Township Police Department
1114 Bushkill Center Road, Nazareth, PA 18064
- Northampton County Sheriff's Department
669 Washington Street, Easton, PA 18042
- Colonial Regional Police Department
248 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18017

Fire Company News

THANK YOU

The Officers and Members of the Hanover Township Vol. Fire Company would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and gave us donations for our raffles for our Open House. The heat was a bit extreme however it was a fun filled day for all.



They learned what to do if there house would catch on fire.

They learned how to put out a fire with a fire extinguishers.



They squirted the fire hose to put out the flames on the house fire.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa will make his annual trip through the Township on Saturday, December 10th beginning at 9 am. Donations are always welcome.



JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always looking for new volunteers to help serve our Township. If you may be interested in joining our team or learning more about what is involved in volunteering stop by our station. We have training every Monday night at 7 p.m. stop in and see what we are all about. <http://www.htvfc.org>. All required training and equipment is provided FREE of charge.



Safety Precautions for Portable Electric Heaters

By Craig Wasem, Fire Chief

Portable electric heaters are high-wattage appliances that have the potential to ignite nearby combustible materials like curtains, beds, furniture, paper, clothing, and flammable liquids. If ignition results from a heater left on and unattended, a major fire could occur causing death. Heating equipment continues to be the second leading cause of home fires behind cooking and the second leading cause of home fire deaths behind smoking.

The HTVFC recommends you follow the safety tips listed and maintain a three-foot "kid-free zone" around all open fires and space heaters.

- Never operate a heater you suspect is damaged. Before use, inspect the heater, cord, and plug for damage. Follow all operation and maintenance instructions.
- Visit www.SaferProducts.gov to see if your electric heater has been recalled.
- Never leave the heater operating while unattended, or while you are sleeping.
- Keep combustible material such as beds, furniture, curtains, papers, and clothes at least 3 feet from the front, sides, and rear of the heater.
- Be sure the heater plug fits tightly into the wall outlet. If not, do not use the outlet to power the heater.
- During use, check frequently to determine if the heater plug, cord, wall outlet, or faceplate is hot. If the plug, outlet, or faceplate is hot, discontinue use of the heater, and have a qualified electrician check and/or replace the plug or faulty wall outlet. If the cord is hot, disconnect the heater, and have it inspected/repared by an authorized repair person.
- NEVER POWER THE HEATER WITH AN EXTENSION CORD OR POWER STRIP.
- Insure that the heater is placed on a stable, level surface, and located where it will not be knocked over.
- When purchasing a heater, ask the salesperson whether the heater has been safety-certified. A certified heater will have a safety certification mark.
- Never run the heater's cord under rugs or carpeting. This can damage the cord, causing it and nearby objects to burn.
- Turn heaters off when you leave the room or go to bed

If you have any additional questions or concerns contact HTFVC at 610-867-2103.



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TOWNSHIPS TODAY

A NEWSLETTER
BROUGHT TO YOU BY
HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Share the Love: Make Sure Your Dog is Licensed

Dogs have often been referred to as man's best friend.

They are the first ones to greet you at the door and are happy to sit next to you while you read or catch up on the daily news. They are more than companions. They become members of our families.

That unconditional love is something they always give, and one way we can show that same love in return is by having them licensed.

The state Department of Agriculture and its Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement reminds Pennsylvanians that the best way to protect their dog is by ensuring that he has a current license. In fact, a license increases the likelihood that, if separated, you'll be reunited.

Therefore, licensing is not only the right thing to do, but it's also the law.

Licensing makes sense

The dog license application is simple to complete and only requires owner contact information and details about the dog being licensed, such as name, age, breed, and color. County treasurers, state dog wardens, animal control officers, and shelters use this information primarily to identify lost dogs and get them home safely.



Pennsylvania's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement says that a current license, worn all the time, is the best way to protect your dog. In fact, a license increases the likelihood that, if separated, you'll be reunited.

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Some counties in Pennsylvania do not have a shelter where lost dogs can stay, which means that these pets are transported several counties away, a situation that makes it even more difficult to reunite the dog and owner. While county treasurers can share lots of happy stories about reuniting licensed dogs with their families, it's disheartening to think that a number of dogs can't make their way back home simply because their owners haven't taken this important step.

Throughout the spring and early summer months, dog wardens complete compliance checks by visiting homes to check for your dog's current license and rabies vaccinations. Some may wonder why these checks include the vaccination check. The reason is simple: Rabies is a fatal viral infection of the central nervous system that infected animals can spread. The virus can also be spread from animal to human.

Dogs can easily come into contact with such rabies carriers as raccoons, bats, cats, skunks, and foxes. Therefore, all dogs and nonferal cats (*three months of age and older*) in Pennsylvania must be vaccinated against rabies. These vaccinations must be administered periodically to maintain lifelong immunity.

Licensing requirements

Under Pennsylvania law, all dogs three months or older must be licensed by January 1 of each

year and should wear their license on their collar at all times.

The licensing fee is \$6.50 for each spayed or neutered dog and \$8.50 for other dogs. Older adults and people with disabilities may purchase a license for \$4.50 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$6.50 for others.

When you purchase a dog license, you're helping dogs throughout the state by supporting the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement. The bureau enforces regulations, including licensing individual dogs and licensing and inspecting kennels, managing dogs that are running at large or classified as dangerous, and processing claims for livestock damage that has been caused by dogs and coyotes. Part of your licensing fee also is returned to your county.

Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.

Licenses may be purchased through your county treasurer or a registered issuing agent. For more information, visit www.licenseyourdogPA.com, a consumer-focused website that provides contact information for county treasurers and dog wardens and inspection data for kennels and shelters.

Remember: Licensing your dog is the right thing to do — it's the right thing for your pet, and it's the law.

When you purchase a dog license, you're helping dogs throughout the state by supporting the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

What are Pennsylvania's dog licensing requirements?

- All dogs, three months or older, must be licensed by January 1 of each year. Licenses go on sale December 1 for the upcoming license year.
- An annual license is \$8.50 and a lifetime license is \$51.50. If the dog is spayed or neutered, the annual fee is \$6.50 and lifetime is \$31.50. Prior to obtaining a lifetime license, a dog must have a microchip or tattoo. Discount licenses are available to older adults and people with disabilities.
- All dogs and nonferal cats, three months of age and older, must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Violators can be cited with a maximum fine of \$300 per violation plus court costs.
- Licenses may be purchased through your county treasurer.

Why get your dog licensed?

- If your dog gets lost, a current license is the fastest way for your dog to be reunited with you.
- Stray dogs without current licenses can be taken to shelters far from their homes and adopted after 48 hours if no owner is identified.

General Dog Law information

- The Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement is responsible for ensuring the welfare of all dogs and puppies in kennels, regulating dogs classified as "dangerous," and overseeing annual licensure and rabies vaccinations for dogs.
- Complaints or tips may be submitted to the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement at www.licenseyourdogPA.com or by contacting your local dog warden.

Hanover Elementary School

By Tim Lynch, Principal

Bethlehem Area School District- Shaping the future. One child at a time.

VISION — At Hanover, we empower students to be respectful, responsible, critical thinkers and lifelong learners in a culturally diverse world.

August 30, 2015, marked the start of another school year for 245 students at Hanover Elementary School. The teachers and staff spent numerous hours over the summer preparing to greet the energetic and enthusiastic learners. We welcomed Mrs. West (Kindergarten), Mrs. Guman (Speech/Language Therapist), Mrs. Nemchik (Associate Nurse), Mrs. Paxton (ESOL), Mr. Quigley (Custodian). We congratulated Mrs. Masemore (Kindergarten Teacher) on her retirement and wished her the best of luck as she begins a new chapter in her life.

The new school year brings a new math textbook to grades 3, 4, and 5, and the commitment to ensure that all students are reading proficiently by grade 3. The students and staff will be studying Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People as we bring forth the leadership skills in each of us.

The calendar of events and happenings is full of opportunities for the students and families to complete community outreach projects and numerous PTA and Student Council sponsored activities. We will strive to be a "No

Place For Hate" school as we complete projects throughout the year to obtain the "No Place For Hate" designation. The program is designed to teach tolerance, learn about diversity and acceptance for all. On September 21, 2016, our property will be filled with Pinwheels for Peace as we take part in World Peace Day. The pinwheels will be decorated on one side and contain the student's wish for world peace on the other side.

The annual Hawk Walk will be held on the school grounds On October 21, 2016. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk through a monetary donation or corporate sponsorship please contact the school at (610) 691-3210.

October 10th – 13th is Bethlehem Education Week and we invite parents and community members to visit our school and classrooms to observe the wonderful curricular offerings in the Bethlehem Area School District. On October 14, 2016 students will welcome the special people in their lives as we celebrate "Great Persons Day". The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Bethlehem Education Week and Great Persons Day.

Thank you to the staff members, students, PTA, parents, and community partners for being part of our recipe for success. We look forward to another year filled with academic and personal growth as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks.

Shade Tree Advisory Board

TREE CARE TIPS

1. DON'T ALLOW ANYONE TO TOP OR TIP YOUR TREES. Topping has no value and is harmful to the tree.

For proper pruning, see the Township website for Tree Care or visit the ISA website, www.treesaregood.org, which also contains a specific article titled "Why Topping Hurts Trees".

2. WATER YOUNG TREES. We have experienced a severe lack of rain this past summer which is extremely stressful to all trees, especially young ones. Give trees a good, deep watering at least once a week during drought conditions and make sure they are well watered before the ground freezes. A drip hose under the tree out to the drip line or a 5-gallon bucket with holes in the bottom set on the mulch area works well.

3. MULCH. Place mulch 2-3 inches deep in a wide circle, not touching the trunk. This keeps the ground cool, holds moisture, and prevents lawn mower and weed-wacker damage.

4. REMOVE SHOOTS growing from the base of the tree. Never use an herbicide on these shoots, since that could kill the tree.

REMINDER: If your street tree has died, you must replace it with a tree at least 2" in diameter from the Township's Approved Tree List. A permit can be obtained on-line or at the Township Office.

Yard Waste Barrels

The Township still has Yard Waste Barrels available. Please come to the Township Building Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and we will provide you with one. These are 96-Gallon Yard Waste Barrels. The barrels are for homeowners only (one per residence) and will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis free of charge. The barrel 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 Raritan Valley.

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

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Alarm System Owners:

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

Storm Drains:

Please remember it is illegal to dump ANYTHING in a storm drain, i.e., engine oil, Anti-Freeze, paints or thinners, dog or cat feces, grass clippings, etc.

Property Owners:

Please note that when time permits, the Township trims 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 should not 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 pedestrians walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you. We recommend a 7' clearance.

Remember to remove the weeds from the curb line along your property (front and rear).

Properties with sidewalks should maintain them clear of all debris, grass and weeds from edge to edge.

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

Asa Packer Elementary School News

By Jonathan Horvath, Principal

On August 30, 2016, 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. 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. Our school welcomed new staff Mrs. Story, Mrs. D. Weber, Mrs. Lutz and Mr. Curto to our Pride.

Pride in our school, self and community was stressed in our grade level assemblies that initiated the school year. This year we will focus on finding the strengths and talents of each individual student and will make it an effort to differentiate the learning styles to meet all students' needs. We are also in the first year of implementing The Leader in Me Program. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

Last year, we were once again recognized with the designation of a "No Place for Hate" school. During this year, we will continue to strive for a sixth 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' first project will take place in honor of World Peace Day. Students and staff will be creating pinwheels and displaying them on our school property.

Our Back to School Open House was held on September 1, 2016. Picture Day is scheduled for September 30. School will be closed on October 12. Parent and VIP visitations will occur during American Education Week that is scheduled from October 10 through October 14. The Scholastic Book Fair will also take place during this week.

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. You can follow us on Twitter @AsaPackerBASD to see our events as they occur during the year.



Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal Ordinance



As a reminder it is the responsibility of property owners to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks as follows:

- 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.



STARS FOR OUR TROOPS ★

The *Stars for Our Troops* project accepts retired US Flags with embroidered (sewn) stars. Each star is cut out, placed in plastic and given or mailed to members of the Armed Forces or Veterans at home, on base, or overseas with a card that reads: *"I am part of the American Flag. I have flown over a home in the USA. I can no longer fly for the wind and the rain have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me with you as a reminder – You are not forgotten!"*

★ If you wish to assist in the endeavor, please drop

your retired flag off at the Municipal Building or Community Center. A representative from *Stars for Our Troops* will visit and remove the stars. *Stars for Our Troops* only accepts flags that are destined to be burned or buried. Those dropped off at the Municipal Building or Community Center will be burned annually during the Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 11th.

Stars are available at either the Municipal Building or Community Center should you want one for yourself or others. Please assist Hanover in supporting this worthwhile endeavor. ★



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 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 to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

Section III – Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

The 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 finished.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Water & Sewer

The City of Bethlehem provides public water and sewer service for the majority of the Township. If you have an issue with either of these utilities, such as discolored water, contact them directly @ (610) 865-7074.

If you live south of Route 22, your water provider is Utilities, Inc and their contact number is (800) 525-7990.

Street Lights

The street lights in the Township are owned and operated by PPL. If a street light is out you can call PPL directly. The PPL street light outage number is 1.800.342.5775, option 1, option 4. To report the outage you will need the pole or light number.

PPL owned street lights (utility poles or individual lights) should all have a yellow or silver sticker at eye level with two sets of numbers on them. If the stickers are missing you can report an outage by the closest address.

ALERT IMPORTANT ALERT

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. Recently we've sent updates about residential break-ins, yard waste, etc. Shortly, depending on the weather we'll be sending out messages concerning snow emergencies. Stay informed and up-to-date, register today.

BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Main Library

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

HOURS

Monday-Wednesday: 10AM-8PM
Thursday & Friday: 10AM-6PM
Saturday: 10AM-5PM

South Side Branch HOURS

400 Webster Street Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 11AM-8PM
Bethlehem, PA 18015 Saturday: noon-4PM
610 867-7852

The Library is closed November 24, December 24 & 26.

Take a virtual tour of your new, amazing **Children's Center** at www.bapl.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION Phone **Main Library** at 610-867-3761 x399, **Children's Center** at 610-867-3761 x499
South Side Branch at 610-867-7852 OR visit www.bapl.org for details.

My library card did my homework!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Jazz concert
Author visits
Poetry workshop
Yoga classes
Knitting classes
Psychology workshop
Legal Rights consultation
Spanish classes

TEEN PROGRAMS

Game nights
Movie Marathon
Fear Factor

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STEM programs
StoryTimes
Learn & Grow for toddlers
Building Bonanza
Block parties
Music programs
Holiday events



Coming this fall!

New Maker Space with creative projects in the Children's Center!

Access 24/7 with a library card

- **eBooks** popular fiction and nonfiction titles
- **Digital magazines** (back issues, too)
- **Online resources** for career help, homework, business use, and personal research

BAPL Book Sales

www.bestbooksale.org

15,000 books, DVDs & CDs in great condition!

Wednesday, **Nov. 30** · noon-8PM
Saturday, **Dec. 3** · 10AM-4PM

Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning October 10)

11:30-12:30	Hanover Elementary School (<i>Saturdays</i>)
12:15-1:15	Cheryl Dr. at <i>Southland Condos</i> (<i>Thursdays</i>)
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 October 3)

12:15-1:15	Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. (<i>Thursdays</i>)
3:00-4:00	Hanover Township Community Center
4:05-4:50	Bridle Path Rd. at <i>Traditions of America</i>
5:00-5:45	Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15	Chesterfield near Lord Byron

DELIVER AS ADDRESSED
OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

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 1,449 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.