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Armed Services Park Dedication June 14, 2011 • 3:00 p.m.



Armed Services Park is being dedicated in honor of deceased, retired, active and future members of the United States Armed Service. The park is located at the intersection of Hanoverville Road and S.R. 0512. Hanover Township extends an invitation to all former and current members of the United States Armed Services, their families and friends. Announcements have been sent to over fifty veteran's organization in the immediate area as well as recruiting locations, army, navy, airforce, marine and guard facilities. Please come as we honor those who protect our freedom.

Armed Services Park Dedication, Traffic Detour – June 14th

On Tuesday, June 14th starting at 12:30 p.m. Hanoverville Road between S.R. 0512 and Harriet Lane will be closed to traffic. Vehicular traffic will be detoured using Harriet Lane and Crawford Drive.

ARE YOU READY?

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) COLLECTION

Keystone Collections to Replace Berkheimer for Hanover Township Earned Income Tax Collection

Hanover Township imposes an earned income and net profits tax (EIT tax) on all residents and non-residents who work in Hanover Township. Beginning in 2012, all Northampton County municipalities (except North Catasauqua) and school districts will have a single EIT collector, Keystone Collection Group. Also beginning 2012, taxpayers and employers will need to follow new rules in connection with the collection of local EIT. The EIT tax rate and exemptions will not increase as a result of these changes.

Pennsylvania Act 32 of 2008 (Act 32) mandates local EIT collection on a County wide-basis beginning 2012, and the use of a single tax collector. The County-wide tax collection district is known as the Northampton Tax Collection District (TCD). The TCD is governed by the Northampton Tax Collection Committee (TCC) which consists of appointed representatives from each municipality and school district in the TCD.

Act 32 requires the TCC to select a single EIT collector for the TCD. After reviewing the tax collection rates and capabilities of several tax collection firms, the TCC voted to appoint **Keystone Collections Group (www.keystonecollects.com)** as the EIT collector for Northampton TCD, effective 2012. The new collection commission rate of 1.48% is lower than the current rate for most of the municipalities and school districts within the TCD.

The transition from Berkheimer, the current EIT collector to Keystone will soon be underway. Keystone will be contacting all businesses in the TCD to provide information about the change and any new collection processes. Residents will have to file their 2012 earned income tax return with Keystone, but much of the process should stay the same.

The current EIT collector Berkheimer will continue to process the 2011 tax year payments and 2011 final returns until June 30, 2012. Thus, payments towards a taxpayer's 2011 tax obligation shall continue to be paid to the current collector (Berkheimer, until June 30, 2012) and the taxpayer's final 2011 return should be filed with the current EIT collector. Payments of the 2012 tax, beginning with the first quarter of 2012, shall be paid to Keystone Collection Group as the new 2012 EIT Collector. All payments made, and returns filed, after June 30, 2012, should be with Keystone.

Act 32 also requires uniform employer withholding, remittance, distribution and reporting. Act 32 establishes uniform statewide rules and regulations and provides for accountability, oversight and enforcement of the local EIT collection system. The Act also mandates that employers register with their TCD collector and have a "certificate of residency" form on file for each employee. Employers must automatically withhold and submit EIT for each employee. Taxpayers who are wage earners and whose wages are subject already to withholding should not be significantly impacted by the Act 32 changes.

These changes in EIT collection do not change the municipality's or school district's system for collection of the Local Service Tax.

Additional information is available at <http://www.keystonecollects.com>.

To learn more about Act 32 and implementation of the Commonwealth's consolidation of local EIT collection, go to www.newpa.com and type in "DCED Act 32" in the search box.



The Township continues to receive numerous 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 the nice weather approaching and

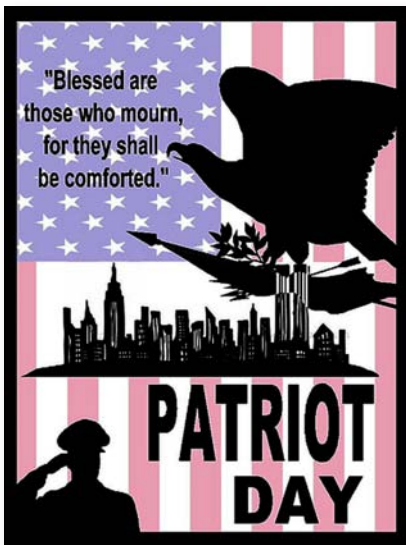
the expected seasonal increase in pedestrian and bicycle traffic on the roads, safe driving should be foremost in all motorists' minds.

IT'S KNIGHT TIME!

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

will be held at Hanover Township's Municipal Complex on Tuesday, August 2nd from 6-9 p.m. You are invited to meet with members of the Colonial Regional Police and the Township Crime Watch who will be on hand with games and prizes for the kids, "Kids Picture ID cards" and Homeland Security Packets. Rain or shine, there will be free hot dogs, ice cream and birch beer. Look for flyers during the summer for further information.





PATRIOT DAY - 911 REMEMBRANCE Sunday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Most people remember where they were during the events of September 11, 2001. It is an event that has left an indelible mark on our nation.

On the 10th Anniversary of this tragic event, we ask residents to display the American Flag to honor those who were victims of the attacks but also for the responders who selflessly and courageously answered calls for help in New York City, at the Pentagon and in Shanksville, PA.

Also, please join us at the Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road to observe a moment of silence and share in the commemorative activities. Enjoy the amazing vocals of the "Dream Kids" along with guest speakers who will pay tribute to those who perished

A FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

will follow the remembrance ceremony. Please bring worn and tattered American flags to so that they may be properly retired during a Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony. Refreshments to follow in the Community Center. Please call 610-866-1140 for more information.



Colonial Regional Police Department News

New Detective Sergeant

Sergeant Melinsky started his career as a Bath Borough Police Officer in 1985 leaving in 1988 to join the Nazareth Area Police Department. He joined the Colonial Regional Police Department in 1995 with the formation of the Department. Sergeant Melinsky was promoted to Patrol Sergeant in 1997. He was laterally transferred in May of 2010 to fill the newly created position of Detective Sergeant. Sergeant Melinsky has dedicated his career to drug law enforcement realizing early in his career that substance abuse in our society and communities was effecting our quality of life and had crossed all social and economic boundaries.

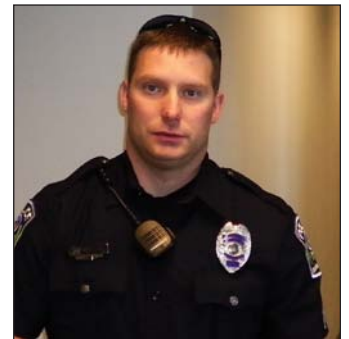


Sergeant Melinsky is a 1986 Graduate of the Allentown Police Academy and a 2002 graduate of Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command. He has extensive training in Drug Law Enforcement and holds numerous Training certificates from such Agencies as the FBI, DEA, Pennsylvania State Police and The Office of the Attorney General.

Sergeant Melinsky is currently a Supervisor of the Northampton County Drug Task Force and oversees all drug investigations in the Northern tier of the county

New Sergeant

On November 22, 2010, Officer Michael Enstrom was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Enstrom has been with the Department for twelve years, starting in May 1998. He had served in the Army for three years attaining the rank of Specialist E-4, specializing in communications. He is married to Jennifer and together they have two sons, Hunter and Noah. He has attended Central Texas College and the Northampton County Community College continuing to earn credits toward a Criminal Justice degree.



New Officer

On April 13, 2011, District Judge James Narlesky swore in a new police officer for the Colonial Regional Police Department.

Officer Thomas Migliore joined the Colonial Regional Police Department in April of 2011. He currently resides in Easton, PA and has resided in the Lehigh Valley his entire life with the exception of four years in which he was serving in the US Marine Corps. He received an honorable discharge after attaining the rank of corporal. Officer Migliore was formally a part-time patrol officer for the Borough of Wilson, school police officer for the Easton Area School District and a patrol and K-9 officer for the City of Easton Police Department.



HANOVER SWIM TEAM

The Hanover Swim Team is excited to be hosting the Suburban Swim League Championship Meet this year on Saturday, July 23, at the Hanover Township Community Pool. Swimmers and their families will travel from all over the Lehigh Valley to attend this all-day event.



Please consider helping support the Hanover Swim Team (which inspires children and nurtures champions as evidenced by our staggering enrollment of over 150 swimmers ranging from age 6 to 18) by placing an ad in our souvenir Championship program that will reach potential customers from all over the Lehigh Valley.

- ★ Package 1: Platinum Sponsorship (full page ad)\$130
- ★ Package 2: Gold Sponsorship (half page ad)\$ 75
- ★ Package 3: Silver Sponsorship (quarter page ad)\$ 50
- ★ Business Card Advertisement:\$35

You may also help by making a donation of merchandise or a gift certificate for our basket raffle. All business donations will be acknowledged in the Championship Program and at the swim meet. Please contact Carol Merwarth at 610-954-0539 or cmerwarth@verizon.net regarding donations.

Ads will be in black and white and are acceptable in pdf or jpeg formats. Email all files to Amy Ledger at ledger5@rcn.com no later than July 8.

Please make check payable to: Hanover Swim Team; mail to Amy Ledger, 4631 Virginia Drive, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

Municipal Complex Parking – July 23rd

The Hanover Swim Team and the Hanover Township Pool are proud to host the 2011 Suburban Swim League Championship Meet on Saturday, July 23rd. We thank you in advance for your understanding as there will be an excessive number of cars in our neighborhoods that day, especially for those who live near the pool. We appreciate your understanding.

Congratulations EAGLE SCOUTS

DOUGLAS J. MILLER, a member of Boy Scout Troop 306, St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, was honored at a May 28, 2011 Eagle Scout Court of Honor at First Baptist Church. The Eagle Scout Ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.

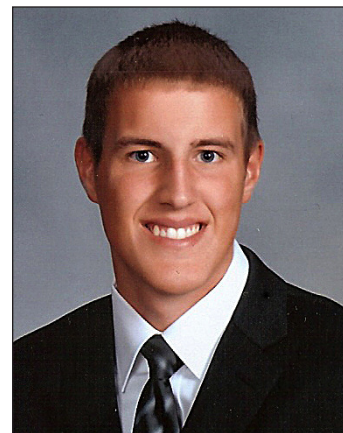
Through the years, Douglas has held leadership positions for his troop such as Pastoral Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aid and Junior Assistant Scout Master.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project, scouts, family and Hanover and Bethlehem residents completed over 140 hours of service constructing picnic tables, some with handicap access along the Lehigh River in the Native Plant Reserve.

Douglas currently attends Liberty High School where he is a member of the soccer team and is also an active member of First Baptist Church Student Ministries.

He plans on attending University of Maryland, majoring in journalism and will spend his first semester abroad as a part of the Maryland Scholars Study Abroad Program.

Douglas is the son of Rev. Dale and Deborah Miller. He is the brother of Beverly Miller Rash of Middletown, DE and 1st Lieutenant Craig Miller stationed at Fort Carlson, Colorado Springs, CO.



KEEGAN AMAL BOYLE, a member of Boy Scout Troop 306, St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church, will be honored at a July 31, 2011 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle Scout Ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.

Through the years, Keegan has held leadership positions for his troop such as Troop Scribe and Order of the Arrow Representative.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project Keegan interviewed local World War II veterans and provided the Bethlehem Area Public Library with a booklet that provided a collection of their stories. The aim was to preserve the memories of the war experiences while simultaneously educating the community of its history.

Keegan currently attends Liberty High School where he is a member of the cross country and track & field teams, swimming team and is a staff writer for the school newspaper. He plans on attending McDaniel College, majoring in pre-law. In June and July of 2011 Keegan will tour India. Keegan is the son of Matthew & Shupriya Boyle and the brother of Kylee.



A Responsible Budget Proposal

A COLUMN BY REPRESENTATIVE MARCIA M. HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

When Gov. Tom Corbett made his budget address in March, many of the initial responses to what he said were not favorable. While expressing displeasure for what he laid on the table that day, those who questioned him needed to keep in mind that the opinions he voiced were nothing more than proposals. No state budget ever passed in Pennsylvania has mirrored what was initially offered as a spending plan.

Budget addresses need to be viewed as the initial step in what is often a long and deeply involved negotiating process.

House Republicans have come out with a budget proposal of our own, an amendment/response to what the governor laid out. It concurs with some of the things he would like to see happen and addresses other elements we feel need dealt with in a different manner.

House Bill 1485, the response to Corbett's plan, agrees with his spending figure of \$27.3 billion. While there are signs that the economy is turning around, they are very elementary signs. Government needs to live within its means now more than ever. Holding the line on spending is a must, as we seek to be better stewards of taxpayer dollars. Pennsylvanians everywhere continue to be forced to do more with less. State government needs to do likewise.

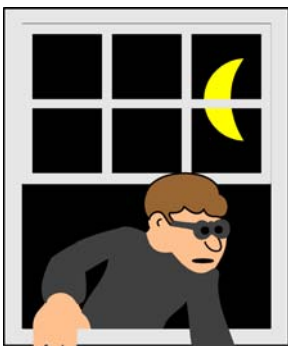
To that end, our proposal reduces the amount of money budgeted for the Legislature by \$15.3 million. This is nothing new for our caucus, which has been more cost conscious over the last few years with issues such as staffing. House Bill 1485 is a continuation of that practice.

By far, the biggest adjustment to the Corbett budget proposal deals with education. While our school districts need to be more frugal in this economic climate, they are being asked by the governor's plan to cut far too deeply. Our proposal increases K-12 education funding by more than \$200 million. As a result, all Pennsylvania school districts would be supported at pre-federal stimulus (2008-09) levels.

House Bill 1485 also raises the amount of higher education funding by \$380 million over Corbett's proposal. It increases support for the State System of Higher Education by \$195 million, thus reducing the governor's proposed 54 percent cut to 15 percent, including lost stimulus money. The amendment also raises funding levels to state-related universities by \$180 million, again reducing the governor's proposed cut from 51 percent to 25 percent.

What allows us to increase support for education while maintaining a set spending figure is our treatment of welfare. Incidents of fraud, waste and abuse in the system have been uncovered by Auditor General Jack Wagner, but weren't sufficiently addressed by Corbett's plan. Our proposal cuts welfare spending by \$470 million. The Rendell administration acknowledged but failed to do anything about a 4 percent "error rate" in the welfare system. Welfare fraud robs the taxpayers and cheats the people who truly deserve such support. Our budget proposal confronts the problem head on.

Many legislators who have served in office longer than I say this is the most challenging budget we have ever had to craft. The economy, coupled with past practice by the previous administration, leave us in a hole that will not be easy to climb out. Tough choices must be made, something that is no different than many of you have been forced to do. We feel the proposal we have put forth balances difficult decisions with emphasis on support for essential areas, thus combining to keep Pennsylvania on track for the days when times are better.



TIPS FOR AVOIDING SUMMER CRIME

❖ **LOCK YOUR DOORS, GARAGES AND CARS.** Most of the few crimes occurring in our township are crimes of opportunity. Don't give thieves the opportunity to make you a victim.

❖ **DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN VIEW** from windows or doors, especially in the rear of the home, where criminals can easily spot valuables and break in to get them.

❖ **DO NOT LEAVE BIKES and other toys IN PLAIN VIEW ON THE LAWN.**

❖ **USE LIGHTS TO DETER CRIMINALS.** Using lights has been shown to be the best single deterrent of crime. Light up doors, driveways, and sidewalks; a combination of timers and motion detectors provides formidable protection, leading a thief to move on to easier targets.

❖ **USE DEADBOLT LOCKS WHEN POSSIBLE** and be sure that they move all the way into locking position, reaching the final click.

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**Things to
remember:****National Park &
Recreation Month** **JULY**

<i>Rock our Parks— join today!</i>	
POOL OPENS	6/11
<i>American Red Cross Blood Drive</i>	6/25
<i>Truck Touch</i>	6/25
<i>Pampered Chef BINGO</i>	8/4
<i>First Strides—"fall"</i>	July start

2011 Park Highlights!

- Change in park hours for 2011; evening park will only be held at Pharo and the Lions Pavilion.
- Field Trips: Bowling— 6/30, Dorney Park— 7/14, The Iron Pig's Baseball Game— 7/28 and Mini Golf — 8/4!
- All special events days are held at HTCC unless posted otherwise.
- Weekly Calendars can be found at each park. Register at park or HTCC for Summer Parks!
- **New** for 2011— Park registration includes a basic family membership to HTCC for 8 weeks!
- Park fees: HTCC Members \$20 1st child/\$10 each additional child & HTCC Non-members \$50 1st child/\$10 each additional child.

Hanover Township Community Center**Park &
Recreation****Community Service Scholarship Award**

Thank you to **TD Bank** and the HTCC Bingo Thursday for sponsoring the very first Community Service Scholarship Award. This award was approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2010, seniors graduating in June of 2011 were eligible to apply. Applications were due by April 1st. Our winner this year is a young lady who attends The Lehigh Valley Performing Arts School, Rebecca Connelly. Her community service was completed in the past 4 years at the Community Center participating in Special Events, helping at 5K runs, and assisting in our Child Care area. Rebecca also organized a collection of "school boxes" for victims of the Haiti Earthquakes within HTCC lobby. Her essay, which follows, indicates her commitment to community. The staff at HTCC congratulates her for her graduation from high school and wishes her much success in her future education. Ms. Connelly will be attending Northampton Community College in the fall where she will be pursuing her love of singing and songwriting with Phatboi Productions in NYC. Eventually, Ms. Connelly would like to use her musical talents to help children through Music Therapy. Scholarship information can be found at: www.hanovercommunitycenter.com Class of '12 - Deadline is March 1, 2012!

Community Essay by Rebecca Connelly

Community means a group of people living together in one place, but to me community means so much more. To me it means a place of belonging, a place of comfort, a place to feel safe, a place where everyone watches out for one another. These are the people that have influenced my life in such a profound way. Community has been such a huge part of my life. It has molded me into being the person I am today.

Community has influenced my life in several different ways. For one, the relationships I have built within the community, are one of the main things that have impacted me most. Growing up and going to the park program every hot summer morning, going to school together, going to the community pool in the summer, or even hanging at the community center, these are all the places where I have met some of the best people. These are also places where I have made many memories. Good and bad, I have taken a lesson out of each experience, and if it weren't for the elders in the community that helped guide me, I wouldn't be where I am today. To me community is a place where I feel most comfortable, it's a place where I'll always feel at home.

Community has also provided me with a lot of different opportunities. I'm forever grateful for these opportunities. I've gotten many great experiences from my community. Experiences like singing at the annual Christmas tree lightings, playing trumpet at local churches and even helping neighbors in the community, working at the community center and participating in many of the activities that were held there. These experiences have helped me practice what I love to do most music and giving to others. These experiences have helped me grow into the person I want to be. Community always made me feel comfortable performing and doing the things that I am so passionate about doing, only because I got to do them in front of friends and family who watched me grow up and cared about me. It's people in the community who gave me these chances to be apart of the activities that have made such a huge impact on my life.

Without community, I wouldn't have ever had such wonderful memories, I wouldn't have ever made so many friends, and I definitely wouldn't have the sense of giving that I do. While helping out around the community you learn that giving is rewarding. It has taught me to care about my environment, how to give and not always receive by giving of my time and my talents. Most importantly community has taught me to be thankful for the people and things I have in my life because if it wasn't for community, I wouldn't be me.

First Strides

Fall program starts in Mid July...Thursday evenings. Watch for date to be announced.

Fitness Updates at HTCC

Insurance Highlights:

Have you checked to see if you have

any discounts for fitness memberships through your employer? HTCC is a participating facility in many Insurance programs; call your insurance carrier and find out your insurance benefits. Ask for the FOREVER FIT program and join today!

Aerobic Schedules - ZUMBA is still popular- a fun way to get fit! Zumba is offered at HTCC on Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm and Saturdays at 9 am. Other

classes include: stretch/yoga, Pilates, step, Spin interval, Boot Camp, p90x, and Spin. Drop ins are welcome; no membership necessary- \$6 student fee/\$8 adult fee. ZUMBA punch cards available for \$5 a class in 4 or 10 punches. Watch for the new R.I.P.P.E.D program coming soon! Aerobic Classes - Mon. to Fri. 8:30 classes consist of low impact aerobic, toning or yoga classes @ 9/9:30 the intensity gets higher with spinning options or P90X exercise classes. Evenings classes start at 6 pm Mon. to Thurs. - full schedule is listed online.

Free Blood Pressure Checks- in the lobby 1st Wednesday of the month. 9-10 am -Sponsored by St. Luke's VNA

Personal Trainers available to work with you on improving your fitness; affordable help. \$20 a half hour/\$25 hour. Every Tuesday at 10:30 meet the trainer and ask your fitness questions! Location: fitness room

All HTCC fitness schedules and program information can be found in the bi-annual brochure as well as online.

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com



Truck Touch

Sunday -June 25, 2011

American Red Cross - Blood Drive at the event this year. Live, laugh, learn at this free event! 1-4 pm

Program Highlights @ HTCC

Zumba Birthday Parties!

What: Zumba Party

Time/When: by schedule

Who: Youth 8 to 12 years old!

Cost: B-day Party package + \$25

Call to schedule your unique party plan!

Zumba instructor Lisa Rodriguez will take your party to the next level of FUN!



Summer Programs include:

HTCC Day Camps: Theme camps for the child who needs all day care; time at the pool, field trips, gym time, crafts, and more!

Tennis Programs: Tennis clinics at the outdoor courts. USTA grants recently provided us with a new "wind" screen for our courts! Come check it out...

Strength & Speed Camp: correction camps begins June 14th!

3 On 3 Basketball League: In its second year this middle school basketball league is a great recreation program to keep you active while you practice your skills. Grades 5-8 Cost- \$25 6week program to start June 20th.

Specialty Programs: The list of specialty program grows each year! Join us for Basketball Camp, Volleyball Camp, Strength & Speed Clinics, Cheer programs and more!

New Pool Programs for summer 2011!

Raft and Craft:

What: 25 minutes of crafts and 20 minutes of pool time!

When: Friday's 12-12:45 pm

Who: Youth age 5-9 years old

Session 1: June 17, 24 July 1,8

Session 2: July 22, 29 Aug. 5, 12

Cost: \$35/\$55

*Children must be able to swim one length of the pool.

Swim Lessons:

Sessions offered throughout the summer, American Red Cross all levels, semi-private and HTCC Mini Stars for 3 to 5 years old.

Little Stingrays:

What: A pre-swim team experience for swimmers who have never been on a team before and need some skill enforcement.

Who: swimmers 5-9 years old

When: 6/13 and runs through 7/20

Practice Times: 10:00-10:45 Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Register with Hanover Swim Team Rep. Laurie Muller

Email: muller.laurie17@gmail.com

Cost: \$50.00/per swimmer*

Must be member of Hanover Pool.

Water Fitness:

What: Fitness in the Water! - low impact work out, great for new comers or cross trainers! A mix of water aerobics and lap swim. New format this year- great for all fitness levels. Discounted to HTCC members

Who: 14 and over

When: Tuesday/ Thursday

Time: 10 to 10:45 am

Session 1: 6/21 to 7/14

Session 2: 7/26 to 8/18

Make up classes will be available the week between and the week after sessions.

Cost: \$45 member/\$65 non-member

2011 Bingo Schedule – first Thursday of the month!

BINGO Thursday continues to be a popular program at the Center!

We feel fortunate to have donated to the following organizations through our BINGO program and look forward to more great months of Bingo:

February - HTCC -New Year!

March- Strides for Shelter

April– American Red Cross

May– Senior Day Care YWCA

June– Veteran's Sanctuary

July– HTCC Scholarship fund!

August- SPECIAL Pampered Chef Bingo only- \$15 ticket!

September–OPEN

October– OPEN

November– Santa to a Senior

December– Toys for Tots/
Bring an unwrapped gift!

If you know of a non-profit who would like to partner with HTCC and be exposed to our community, call us– we would love to highlight them for a month.



Specialty Bingo's include Vera Bradley Bingo in April & Oct.!

These two programs support Breast Cancer Awareness and the

Pampered Chef Bingo

When: Thursday, August 4th

Time: 7 pm 12 GAMES

Cost: \$15 prior/ \$20 at door

Prizes: Pampered Chef Items

All players will take home a Cookbook from PC. Thank You to our Pampered Chef Consultant: Joan Steinberg

Vera Bradley Bingo

When: Sunday

Time: 1 pm 12 GAMES

Date: October 16, 2011

Prizes: Vera Bradley Bags



Preschool & School Age Enrichment

Hanover Preschool is now accepting application for the 2011-12 school year.

Classes available for young 3's through PreK– new this year is the option for a 4 year old 4 or 5 day class program. Traditional preschool programs can be enhanced by our Enrichment program offering hours from 7 am to 6 pm.

School Age Enrichment is an afterschool program that supports homework help, social and physical activity. Create the schedule that works best for your family. Call today to reserve your spot for the fall programs.

NEW for Summer 2011

K- Camps– Not ready for the “big kid” camp yet but want a little more for your 5/6 year old. Hanover Preschool is sponsoring an additional option this summer. Staffed by a qualified Hanover Preschool teacher, the program will give your Kindergarten child the opportunity to stay fresh with school lessons while enjoying a camp environment. Limited to 6 children per week. Register early! Call 610-317-8701 ext. 104 for more details!



HTCC Memberships – Pick one for you!

Short Term Membership Plans!

Perfect for the College student home for the summer or break. Membership starts on the day of purchase; see your friends from the neighborhood and stay in shape for the summer!

	Resident	Non-Resident
Adult	1 Month \$52.00	\$77.00
	3 Month \$90.00	\$140.00
Student	1 Month \$25.00	\$37.00
	3 Month \$42.50	\$65.00
Family	1 Month \$97.00	\$147.00
	3 Month \$173.00	\$275.00

NEW 2011 Memberships:

Program Membership: designed so a family can take advantage of member rates; includes one free program w/ purchase!

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family Only	\$75.00	\$120.00

Basketball Membership: designed for the adult who just wants to play basketball; does not include basic membership privileges. Adult only 18+

Resident	\$67	Non-Resident	\$106.00
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Employee Highlight:

Kelly Cascario

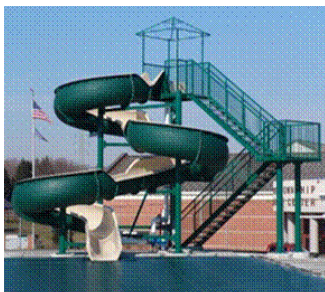
Kelly is one of our motivated fitness instructors; you can find her teaching spinning and specialty classes throughout the week at HTCC. On Tuesday mornings Kelly is in the fitness room at 10:30 am answering your fitness questions and suggesting a work out for the day.

Kelly recently completed the TOUGH MUDDER, an extreme event held at Bear Creek Resort. This challenging course took Kelly and others over 11 miles of “craziness” - a run through fire and live electric wires, a swim in the freezing lake, rope climbs, muddy hill climbs and more. Kelly brings this same enthusiasm to classes at HTCC. On Monday mornings she has turned her “interval class” into a tough obstacle interval bringing the “tough mudder” attitude with her! Kelly challenges you to come join us any day of the week to get “tough” like her!



Kelly Cascario
and her husband
Tough Mudder
2011

Hanover Pool Happenings



After 5:00 pm - cost for pool pass drops to \$2.00 for all ages!

Pool may close at the discretion of management for weather/maintenance.

Important pool information:

Phone: 610-868-3202

Opening Day: JUNE 11th

NEW Hours: 1 pm to 7 pm daily; 6/11 to 9/5

June 11th to September 5th

Pool Closes at 4 pm for Swim Team: 6/20, 6/30, 7/7, 7/14, & 7/21

Pool Closed on 7/23 for Swim Team Championships!

Dip & Dances: 1-3 pm 6/16, 7/21, and 8/4; music provided by D.H. Production.

Pool Parties: Birthday Party packages are available at the pool. Contact HTCC to schedule your private party!

Pick up **Pool Passes** in the HTCC lobby prior to pool opening.

Pool closed: Mon. to Fri. 8/22-26 & 8/29-9/2

Reopens: Sat. & Sun. 8/27 & 28 *Open Labor Day Weekend - Sept. 3,4,&5.

To receive resident rate, please provide copy of current utility bill with address and name listed.

All families must provide proof of minors with insurance or documentation.

Summer Membership Fees:

	Resident	HTCC Member
Family-	110.00	91.00
Adult-	83.00	68.00
Youth-	47.00	39.00
Senior-	42.00	35.00
Week Day Rates:		
	Youth/Senior 6.00	Adult 8.00
	Weekend/Holiday : 7.00	9.00

S.T.E.P

Student Teen Empowerment Program

On Friday April 8, 2011, a group of high school students met at the Hanover Township Community Center to attend an Open Mic Night. The Open Mic Night was open to all high school students in need of Community Service. The night was a success and the students had a chance to socialize as well as eat, listen to music, watch cool acts and learn about the initiatives of STEP.

The Student Teen Empowerment Program (STEP) is a non-profit organization that enables students to give and learn from their community. The STEP is designed to help students earn their community service hours while learning from and enjoying the time they spend volunteering.

The committee's goal is to keep organizing events to allow students to help their community and learn from the work they do. This way they will learn more from their experiences. A study shows that colleges are not concerned about how many community service hours a student has, but rather what they have learned from the time they spent volunteering.

Asu Bilirgen, president of STEP, organized the event with the help of Mrs. Heimsoth, the recreational director of the Hanover Township Community Center. Wegmans and Weiss graciously donated food to the organization for the event, and everyone who came received two hours of community service. Also, Julia Lipkiss won the raffle and received a free three month membership to the gym in the community center from the HTCC.

The attendees enjoyed a night of pizza, soda, and snacks accompanied by Julia Lipkiss's beautiful violin solo. The group also discussed their plans for the next event. There is a frisbee golf tournament looming in the future. The group also thought about events that could take place over the summer, and are in high hopes for a pool party, a schedule of free music in the park to appreciate the artistic wonders of musicians in the area, and a free tennis program for the young child.

If you are interested in the program and want to find out more information about it, please feel free to contact Asu Bilirgen at htccSTEP2@yahoo.com. We are always excited to include new members in the committee so we hope to see you soon!

Email Asu at htccSTEP2@yahoo.com Other ways to learn more: <http://www.htccstep.webs.com/> or <http://www.htccstep.blogspot.com>

Submitted by: Asu Bilirgen



EAGLE SCOUTS/GOLD AWARD projects available in the township recreation department! Share your energies with your community...

Community Service Recognition:

Thank you to all the high school students who completed their community service hours with Hanover Township.

We would like to recognize, Mark Miller, for completing 115 hours between April '10 to April '11 -job well done!

The following students were in the top 10 combining for huge numbers! Iqra Fahkrudin 58 hrs, Emma Rawlings 51 hrs, Logan Shively 50 hrs, Mike Miller 50 hrs, Destiny Lawson 40.5 hrs, Chelsey Persaud 36 hrs, Christina Kolb 32.5, Greg Noack 32.5hrs, and Taylor Piasson 32.5 hrs

68 Students from various High Schools completed a combined 1097+ hours!

Students with 45+ hours will be eligible to apply for the Community Service Award as Seniors.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2011!



S.T.E.P - kicked off their community service with a Mic Night at HTCC 4/8
Learn more:
htccSTEP2@yahoo.com

Concession

10% discount off purchase

Polish Water Ice,
Slushies, Sodas,
Gatorade, Candy, Chips
and more!

Expires August 2011

Books available in the lobby for the community!
Check out more community information on-line:
www.hanovercommunitycenter.com



Colonial Regional Police

HISTORY

In 1995 the municipalities of Bath Borough, Hanover Township and Lower Nazareth Township organized the Colonial Regional Police Commission to provide police services to their municipalities. Prior to 1995 Bath Borough had their own department, Hanover Township had been receiving police services from the Pennsylvania State Police and Lower Nazareth Township received contractual police services from Nazareth Borough. In January of 2000 the department started to provide contractual police services to the Borough of Chapman. The total resident population of the jurisdiction is 20,000+ individuals.

COMMISSION

The Colonial Regional Police Commission is the governing and policy making body. The Chief of Police answers directly to the Commission and is charged with the overall supervision of the Department. Bath Borough, Hanover Township and Lower Nazareth Township are each represented by two elected officials from the municipality. One representative from each municipality is the primary delegate and one is an alternate. Each municipality has only one vote on Commission matters. An alternate can only vote on an issue in the absence of the primary delegate. Commission Members are appointed annually by their municipalities. The Commission Members annually elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. The Commission annually appoints a solicitor and a person to be the Commission Secretary. Currently Glenn R. Walbert is serving as the Chairman.

BUDGET

The Commission develops and approves the annual budget of the Police Department. The 2011 Budget of the Police Department is \$2,878,992.41 with Hanover's share \$1,481,269.37.

PERSONNEL

The Police Department became operational on October 1, 1995 and consisted of the Chief, eight officers and one clerical person. In November of 1995 six more officers and a part-time clerical person were employed bringing the total complement to 17. As of May 16, 2011, the authorized complement is 25 employees; the Chief, Deputy Chief, 4 Patrol Sergeants, 14 Patrol Officers, 1 Detective Sergeant, 2 Detectives and 2 full time administrative personnel.

PROGRAMS

The Department offers 24 hour a day, seven day a week service and provides K-9 services, D.A.R.E. instructions, Crime Prevention Programs, KIDS Card Program and Child Car Seat Safety Inspections. Members of the Department are active in drug enforcement as members of the Northampton County District Attorney's Drug Task Force and the Department is an active participant in the Lehigh Valley DUI Task Force.

EMPHASIS

Colonial Regional Police Department places strong emphasis on the enforcement of the Vehicle Code in the belief that the deaths, injuries and financial impact of automobile crashes cause more injury to citizens, their families and businesses than all types of other crimes together.

STATISTICS

In 2010, Colonial Regional Police Department investigated and/or responded to 9,006 incidents or complaints and was involved in 3,790 enforcement actions of violators of the Crimes Code, Vehicle Code or Municipal Ordinances.

CONTACT US

Colonial Regional Police Department has a website on the World Wide Web. Please visit us at:

www.ColonialRegionalPD.org

Colonial Regional Police Department has an e-mail address at: Info@ColonialRegionalPD.org.

Or visit us at our headquarters located on Brodhead Road in Hanover Township, Pennsylvania. Our office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

2010 Budget Review *by Jay Finnigan*

The Township of Hanover continues to be financially sound. The Township of Hanover has committed itself to being fiscally responsible over the years and appropriately addressing Township needs.

To share some highlights from 2010, the Township paid off its 2006A and 2004 debt obligations early leaving only two remaining notes outstanding. Our debt service after 2015 will be just 30% of our current levels. The fund we established to provide for replacement of fire apparatus is developing nicely. The general fund did present a "loss" for the year, which were mainly the result of a large mercantile tax refund to a local corporation and the unexpected expense of a sinkhole repair. Across the board, the general fund functional categories of expense were all under budget, demonstrating our efforts to keep a tight rein on expenditures. Due to the current economy, assessed valuations of property in the township increased at a considerably lower trend, resulting in lower than expected tax revenue, which the Township was able to absorb given our current reserves. We are delighted that our sound reserves continue to allow us to meet the public service needs of our residence without the need for short term borrowing or deferring our repair and maintenance projects.

In addition, the Township's system of financial planning, budgeting and internal financial controls are well regarded, as official audits have demonstrated. The Township plans to continue its sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

IMPORTANT WEBSITE INFORMATION AND ADDRESSES

If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Hanover Township Website recently you are missing a lot of valuable Township information, facts and events. The Township Staff, Community Center Staff and the various boards, commission and committees within the Township keep our website updated constantly.

Due to the many events that occur in the township it is now impossible to cover everything in our newsletter. You are encouraged to visit the website often for a constant flow of valuable information.

Hanover Township –

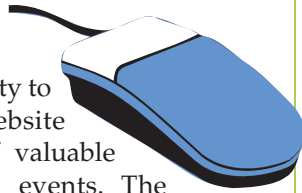
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Colonial Regional Police Department –

www.colonialregionalpd.org

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 –

www.htvfc.org



Township EMS Initiative

by Jay Finnigan, Township Manager

The EMS Council delivered its Final Report to the EMS Committee in April. The findings and recommendations are currently being reviewed and the committee will be making its initial recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors in the coming months with the full implementation by the end of 2011 so that the Township will be in compliance with Title 35.

Effective April 1, 2011 TEAMS ceased to operate and the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company put a paid crew on from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Township. Station 17 – Bethlehem Township Volunteer Fire Company continues to be the Township's primary ALS provider.



Community Sponsors

**Pizza Village IV
Pointe North**

Pointe North 610-954-7675

**Tanczos
Beverages**

Jacksonville Road

610-866-8039



**HANOVER TOWNSHIP
FAMILY DENTISTRY**

MARY P. COUNTS, DMD
4044 AUTUMN RIDGE ROAD
BETHLEHEM, PA 18017
610-867-2007

Half mile north of Hanover Elementary



dentistry for infants,
children, adolescents, and
patients with special
health care needs

Lehigh Valley Pediatric Dentistry

Amith K. Majumdar DMD
610-694-0711



It's all about the smile.

Main Library

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

HOURS

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

South Side Branch

400 Webster St.
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610 867-7852

HOURS

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



The Library is closed May 28 & 30, July 2 & 4

Visit our website at www.bapl.org

Registration is required for many programs. Register online at www.bapl.org. Use your current library card to register. Phone Youth Services at the Main Library at 610-867-3761 x499 or the South Side Branch at 610 867-7852 for more information. For details about the adult programs and the book sales, phone 610 867-3761 x259.

Beach Reading Book Sale: 10,000+ books, movies and music.

Thursday, June 23: noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, June 25: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.bestbooksale.org for more info.

Coming this summer: Overdrive for BAPL patrons! **Download eBooks and audiobooks** to your computer or mobile device. It will be available for *Windows & Mac computers, plus Kindle, Nook, Android, BlackBerry, iPhone & iPad*. Free!

Have a question? The answer is at the tip of your tongue! **Text a librarian** during business hours at 260 BAPLTX. Standard text message rates apply. Check with your mobile phone provider.

One World, Many Stories


Summer Reading 2011 kicks off on Saturday, June 11 with exciting programs and activities at both Main and South Side locations. Youth ages 2 through teen, stop in, pick up your reading log, and begin reading for fun prizes and incentives. FREE events for all ages are scheduled throughout the summer months including Family Fun Nights, teen events, preschool play groups, World Wednesdays with multicultural games and art, story times, and the NEW Back Porch Stories at the Main Library. South Side Branch offers story and craft sessions for preschool and school age participants, and family events including the fantastic end of summer Beach Party.

Golfers' Alert: Embassy Bank and the Bethlehem & Morning Star Rotary Clubs present **The 15th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament** in support of the Library's Room to Grow project on **June 6, 2011 at Silver Creek Country Club**. Win a car contributed by the Greater Lehigh Valley Auto Dealers Association. *Call Butch Macri at 610 691-2400 for tickets or more information.*

Fashionistas Alert: Library's **2nd Annual Fashion Show** sponsored by Just Born is also on June 6, 2011 at the Clubhouse at Silver Creek. Enjoy a sumptuous luncheon and preview *Coldwater Creek's* summer line. Win prizes and raffle baskets. *Buy Fashion show & Luncheon tickets online at www.bapl.org or at the Main Library, South Side Branch or Bookmobile.*

Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

(Week of June 1 is A week. June 6 is B week, etc.)

Hanover Township Community Center	Monday	... A & B Week	... 3:00-4:00
Stonewood Drive & Belaire Road	Monday	... A Week	... 4:05-4:50
Monocacy Drive	Monday	... A & B Week	... 5:00-5:45
Chesterfield Lane near Lord Byron Drive	Monday	... A & B Week	... 6:45-8:15
Blair Road (New location)	Monday	... B Week	... 4:05-4:50
Greenbrier Drive near Mulberry Drive	Thursday	... A Week	... 12:15-1:15
Toni Lane near Crawford Drive	Thursday	... B Week	... 12:15-1:15

Asa Packer School News

by Jonathan C. Horvath, Principal

It's difficult to believe that we're looking at the end of another year. Although the weather is getting nicer, our school's atmosphere continues to reflect one of engaged students actively involved in their learning process. Classrooms hum with the sounds of excited students as they encounter challenging lessons, interactions with others, and personal growth on a daily basis. As the year's end approaches, we strive to achieve a high standard of success for all.

As usual, the end of the year will prove to be extremely busy; however, there are many fun and exciting events planned. The transition process for our Grade Five students going to middle school is well underway. We have already welcomed our incoming Kindergarten class. Various class trips are approaching.

Our PTA continues their efforts in raising funds for projectors for our classrooms. Money from our Pretzel Days, as well as from several upcoming raffles, will help as we strive to reach our goal of obtaining a projector in each grade level, and ultimately in each classroom. In addition to the laptop cart purchased by our PTA last year, a SMART Board was purchased by Asa Packer administration for use in the school. It is vital for current technology to be available to all staff and students on a daily basis.

The faculty and staff would also like to thank all the parent volunteers who have assisted throughout the school year in various classroom activities, and on various committees. Without their hard work, many of the exciting activities that took place at Asa Packer would not have been possible. The International Dinner, the Talent Show, and the book fair were all well planned, well attended, and appreciated. Our Literacy Night also proved to be a success due to the efforts of various groups and participants. The events sponsored and/or initiated through our PTA and/or parent volunteers are far too numerous to list; however, all serve as memorable events contributing to the overall growth of our student population. We look forward to continued support and the limitless Puma Pride. Enjoy your summer.

BE RECOGNIZED

The Board of Supervisors and the *Hanoverview* would like to recognize township residents on significant milestones or accomplishments. The type of accomplishments or milestones that should be forwarded are the achievement of an Eagle Scout, Gold Award, significant Wedding Anniversaries or Birthdays, Athletic Team or individual achievements. Others are significant volunteer or charity efforts. If you would like someone recognized, please contact Jay Finnigan.

Hanover Township Lions News



Hanover Township Lion officers for the lions year 2011-2012 are President Paul Tanzosh, Corresponding Secretary John McGaughey and Treasurer Richard Lambert.

The club recently voted to support a camper at Beacon Lodge Lions Camp for the Blind and to donate \$225.00 for

other programs at the camp. The camp is located in Mount Union and you can learn more about the camp and the many other programs on their website www.beaconlodge.com.

The Lions Club meets the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 610-865-5440

RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING BILLING 2010 & 2011

In January each **residential property owner** received their 2011 Residential Waste & Recycling bill which had a discount date of March 15, 2011 and a due date of April 15, 2011. Bills that have not been paid received a reminder notice postcard, on or about May 6th. Please pay your bill as soon as possible to avoid additional fees and charges.

2010 DELINQUENT BILLS

Fifty-seven (57) homeowners who did not pay their 2010 bills after numerous billings and reminders had their properties lien to collect their fees. This was up from fifty-two (52) in 2009. The debt must be satisfied prior to a property being sold. Just so you understand the importance of paying your Waste and Recycling Bill. Single family residential properties (original bill \$295.00) lien will need to pay \$654.50 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Multifamily residential (original bill \$150.00 (collected via dumpster service)) will need to pay \$495.00 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Once the Township receives payment in full the lien will be removed from the property.



YARD WASTE INFORMATION REMINDER

The pickup will start in the northern most part of each sector on MONDAY (unless noted on the schedule available at www.hanovertwp-nc.org) and proceed southerly. Yard waste must be curbside NO LATER than 7:00 a.m. on the dates noted on the schedule. The yard waste truck will make only one pass through each sector during the week identified. Material must be placed curbside either in the

92-gallon Township container, other rigid container or YARD WASTE BAGS available at most hardware or building material stores. Containers and/or bags, other than the 92-gallon barrels provided by the Township must weigh less than 70 lbs. Yard waste placed in plastic bags will not be collected.

YARD WASTE ACCEPTED MATERIAL	NOT ACCEPTED
Leaves (1)	Grass(2)
Small Brush – up to 4" in diameter (no longer than 6 feet, tied & bundled)	Sod
Hedge & shrub trimmings, garden plants residue	Tree stumps
Christmas trees free of ornaments, lights, garland, tinsel & stands	

- (1) Leaves will be picked up starting the 2nd week of October continuing through the 1st week of December when raked to the curb.
- (2) Recycle your grass using a mulching mower or by cutting your lawn frequently and leaving the grass on the lawn. This does not contribute to thatch and provides an excellent fertilizer. You can place your grass out for the regular trash collection but this is not recommended by the Township or the Department of Environmental Protection.

Yard waste is only picked up where residents place refuse and recycling curbside for collection. If you have questions, please contact the Township @ 610.866.1140, ext 224.

Schedule is also available on the Township Website www.hanovertwp-nc.org

SHADE TREE NEWS — BY SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

NEW PARK TREES:

In the past year 33 new trees have been planted in Crawford and Troxell Parks. The trees include some new varieties for our parks: Black Gum, English Oak, Chinkapin Oak, Willow Oak, Black Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, and Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple. The other trees planted include Red Oak, Bur Oak, Shingle Oak and Sweet Gum. In the years to come, these trees will be beautiful additions to our park system.

SUMMER TREE CARE:

WATER young trees deeply once a week if there is no rain

MULCH around tree, 2 – 3 inches deep with no mulch touching the trunk

REMOVE SPROUTS growing from the base of the tree

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

If a tree in the Township right-of-way dies, it must be replaced. Get a permit from the Township Office or on-line and replace the tree with one from the Approved List.

A live tree cannot be removed from the right-of-way without permission and a permit.

HANOVER FIRE COMPANY

by Scott R. Milham, Fire Chief, Karen Van Why, Ambulance Captain & Frank Almer, President (edited prior to publication)

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co #1 of Northampton County has been serving the residents, businesses, visitors and commuters of Hanover Township since 1943. The fire company has three divisions providing services to the community. The Fire Division provides firefighting and rescue services; Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Division provides ambulance services; and the Fire Police Division provides traffic control support services for the Fire and EMS Divisions. The fire company through these three divisions also supports community events within the township such as 5K runs, Asa Packer Fun Festival, Township carnival and many more events.

The manpower that enables the company to provide these emergency and non-emergency services consists principally of volunteers who provide their time and effort at no cost to Hanover Township. Not only do these volunteers pass Pennsylvania State qualification exams in order to become certified in providing emergency services, members must undergo continual training to keep current with trends in the emergency services and regularly practice these skills in order to be ready for any emergency. The amount of man-hours that these volunteers provide without compensation has never been calculated. However, we have many members that in addition to all the required training, respond to 200, 300 and even 400 emergency calls per year. Considering the amount of time these volunteers

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ARE YOU READY?

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING LOCAL EARNED INCOME TAX (EIT) COLLECTION

Critical EMPLOYER EIT Withholding Requirements under Act 32

Pennsylvania Act 32 of 2008 (Act 32) provides for significant changes in the collection of local earned income tax (EIT), including imposing new requirements on employers. The following are only some of the employer requirements under Act 32.

- Every employer must register with the designated local EIT Collector. Beginning 2012, Keystone Collections Group will be the single EIT Collector for all Northampton County municipalities and school districts, except North Catasauqua. For more information see Keystone's "Employer Resources" web page at www.keystonecollects.com. However, employers will send all tax payments and forms for all taxes withheld from employees in 2011 (including the fourth quarter of 2011) to their current collector.

- Employers must require each employee to complete the "Certificate of Residency" form provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED).

- Every employer must deduct from payroll the greater of the employee's resident tax (where the employee lives) or the employee's nonresident tax (where the employee works).

- Employers must track and report the Political Subdivision Code for each employee. This may require modifications to your payroll system.

- Every employer will be required to file a quarterly return and submit the amount of income taxes deducted during the preceding calendar quarter.

- Every employer will be required to file an annual return.

Additional information can be obtained by visiting <http://www.keystonecollects.com/>, or calling 888-328-0558.

These changes in EIT collection do not change the municipality's or the school district's system for collection of the Local Service Tax.

To help employers prepare for the transition to Act 32 compliance, Keystone Collections Group will be conducting free educational sessions. Keystone will introduce the new requirements related to employers, mandatory withholding and collection of earned income tax.

HANOVER FIRE COMPANY *continued*

are involved in providing necessary emergency services, being on call for a potential emergency response, and training, it can be safely said that township property taxes would be considerably higher since the township does not have to hire personnel to perform these functions. Typically, manpower cost is the most expensive component of providing emergency services.

The fire company also has an active program for junior members. These junior members earn credits for community service required by the school district while becoming familiar with fire and ambulance equipment and learning some of the techniques important to the emergency services. There are two levels of the Junior program, those 14 and 15 years old and those that are 16 and 17 years old. The younger juniors can only participate in training and very limited non-emergency duties. The older 16 and 17 year olds can go on calls but are not allowed to enter any burning structures nor use any rescue tools at an auto accident. However, these older juniors perform many other functions at fires and accidents that let the fire fighters over the age of 18 focus on the important tasks such as putting out the fire or cutting a trapped person out of their vehicle. These junior members are carefully monitored in compliance with state guidelines. Additionally, the fire station provides a safe monitored place for them to 'hang out'. What does the fire company get out of the program? The fire company hopes that when the junior member turns 18 that he/she will want to become an active member. Many of our current members including the Fire Chief and 1st Asst. Chief both started out as Junior Firefighters.

There are many strains in providing EMS services that are not unique to Hanover Township. Principle among these is the diminished availability of volunteers. Modern society just about demands that both adults in a household work in order to maintain a decent standard of living and there are additional demands on their time if children exist in the family. Many families just do not have the time to raise a family, satisfy their other pursuits and still provide time for volunteer emergency services. To solve that problem, in 1998 Hanover in conjunction with three other municipalities formed TEAMS, a daytime staffing organization with paid professionals to provide EMS service. Each municipality had the crew based in their area for two weeks out of an eight week rotation. The crew would then answer EMS calls in the four municipalities (Bath, East Allen, Lower Nazareth & Hanover). The system worked well providing daytime EMS services for thirteen years but there have been challenges in recent years which were manageable. One of the more troubling problems was that the on-call ambulance could be stationed at a different station other than Hanover when the request EMS emergency services was in Hanover Township, this typically resulted in a longer than ideal response times in Hanover Township. Another problem was that if the crew was on a call in another municipality and there was a call in Hanover, another EMS squad (mutual-aid) was dispatched in their place which could also result in longer than ideal response times. The passage of Act 37 of 2009 by the legislature of the Commonwealth of PA made the use of the TEAMS concept in providing EMS services non-compliant. At the end of March TEAMS was disbanded, as a result of East Allen & Hecktown voting to withdraw. To satisfy the need for daytime EMS staffing the fire company hired two full time EMT's and several part-time EMT's to provide coverage from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

The Township Board of Supervisors recently engaged the services of the Eastern Pennsylvania EMS Council to determine the most appropriate EMS Services for the residents, businesses and visitors to Hanover. The EMS Council provided four (4) recommendations/options to the Township and those recommendations/options are currently being weighed. The writers of this article would like to thank the Township Supervisors, residents and business community for their support.

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OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

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2011 Meeting 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.