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Hanoveroverview

A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

We Need Volunteers!

The Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 is a completely volunteer service providing Firefighting, Rescue, Fire Police and Emergency Medical Service to the residents and business community of Hanover Township, Northampton County. The Fire Company and EMS division respond to approximately one thousand (1,000) calls per year.

While the township contributes \$122,150 to the fire company the majority of their operations are funded through the generous donations they receive during their Annual Fund Drive.

The Fire Company appreciates the donations they receive from the residents and business community, but they need additional help, **YOU!** The Fire Company is in desperate need of volunteers to provide the Township with the appropriate fire protection and EMS services.

The majority of the member's have full time jobs, yet find the time to volunteer. If you have some free time, and want to volunteer, please stop by the Fire Company on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Here are some of the types of calls the fire company responds to:

Auto Accident Rescue
Auto Accident Cleanup
Structure Fire
Vehicle Fire
Fuel Spill
Rescue from heights
Hazardous Material Spills
Automatic Fire Alarms
Brush/Debris Fire
Airport Alerts

Here are some of the types of calls the ems squad responds to:

Heart Attacks Cardiac Arrest
Seizures Fainting Spells
Fractures Strokes
Maternity Calls
Diabetic Emergencies
Respiratory Emergencies
Amputations

Trip to Bahamas opens teens' eyes to poverty

Hanover Twp. church group was surprised at what it found.

By Kathy Lauer-Williams of *The Morning Call*

Less than 10 miles from the lush Bahamian resorts of Nassau and Cable Beach, where well-heeled tourists snorkel and sunbathe, 11 teens from Advent Moravian Church, Hanover Township, Northampton County, discovered a world they didn't realize existed.

Last month, the group and three adults went on a mission trip to the Bahamas, where they taught the Bible with orphans and painted the outside of the orphanage.

Working with the children, who were malnourished, frequently barefoot and had teeth rotting from lack of dental care, was a shock for the students from middle-class backgrounds in Hanover Township and Bethlehem.

"I went there thinking we'll go swimming and help some people out, but I came back with so much more," said Erica Crump, 15. "We were supposed to be the ones teaching these kids about God, but I really think that they taught us."

"The one thing I can't shake is how the only thing that separates orphans from an American kid is an ocean and a loving parent," added her sister Lindsey, 16.

The 13- to 16-year-old students from the church's senior high school youth group all say the experience has changed their lives. On July 11, in place of the sermon, they told the congregation about their trip.

"They learned in a very real way what the world's about," pastor Ron Rice said. "There was no doubt they had to present it to the congregation. And it is too powerful and important not to present it at an actual service."

Rice said he thinks the youths' experiences will stimulate more interest in doing missions among the congregation.

Youth group adviser Denise Arnold said the students began discussing going on a mission trip in August.

It was something no one from the church had ever done, and the students knew they would have to raise \$1,200 per person for travel and lodging on the June 19-27 trip.

So the group decided to create a church directory, for which they took digital photos and sold ads. The

TRIP continued

money they raised was supplemented by a donation from the church.

During the trip, the students spent most of the time at an orphanage on the south side of New Providence Island that was home to 50 children between ages 7 and 18.

"Some looked like they were 10 but were 17, because of malnutrition," said Pat Arnold, 16.

The teens taught the Bible to the children, did crafts and played games. They also painted the outside of the orphanage, but they all agreed the most important thing was spending time with the attention-starved children.

"I met some of the strongest people I will ever know," said Sam Steffen, 15. "They have bare cabinets, tattered clothes, extreme poverty and an upbringing of squalor and physical hardships, but they manage to be thankful for what it is they do have."

Arnold said when the teens went into the children's rooms, they were astonished by the lack of personal items. "The only personal item in the boys wing was a name tag," Arnold said.

The American teens painted a four-square court on the macadam for the children and taught them a four-square game with a soccer ball.

"These kids had little or no material possession, but they had faith, determination, love and most of all hope," Lindsey Crump said.

On a one-day visit to an AIDS camp, the teens were shocked to find a group of children ages 3 to 9 living alone in one of the cabins. Arnold said a pastor oversees the camp, which also includes several cabins for adults, but the children are basically left on their own.

"It's nothing like you see on TV," Arnold said. "There's barbed wire fences around the houses so nothing will be stolen, even though there's nothing inside to steal."

At a birthday party for the children, Arnold said, the children didn't know to unwrap their gifts because they were so unused to getting gifts.

The teens said they left clothes, towels and sheets at the orphanage.

"Pretty much everything we took, we left there," said Jamie Bouch, 16.

The teens said the trip also brought the youth group closer together.

"These Bahamian children with no material possessions taught us more about caring for each other than anyone else could have done," Steffen said. "We have made new friends and strengthened old relationships."

Emily Hooper, 15, said the trip gave her a "new appreciation for how much a hug or a kiss or an 'I love you' does for someone."

Now the teens are looking to next year when they hope to go on a mission trip to Mexico.

Rice said he is glad to see the students taking a leadership role in missions.

"We've talked about it and talked about it and now it's finally happened," he said.

(This article appeared in the July 19, 2004 edition of The Morning Call)

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS



Supervisor Chairman Jay Finnigan will hold two-neighborhood meeting during the month of August. Residents who live south of Stoke Park Road should attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 12th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Westgate Park, corner of Belaire Road and Stonewood Drive.

Residents who live north of Stoke Park Road should attend the meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 19th @ 7:00 p.m. at the Pointe North Recreation Area on corner of Crawford Drive & Harriet Lane.

Residents are encourage to attend and share their thoughts on how to make Hanover a better place to live and seek answers to any questions or concerns they might have. No rain dates are scheduled.

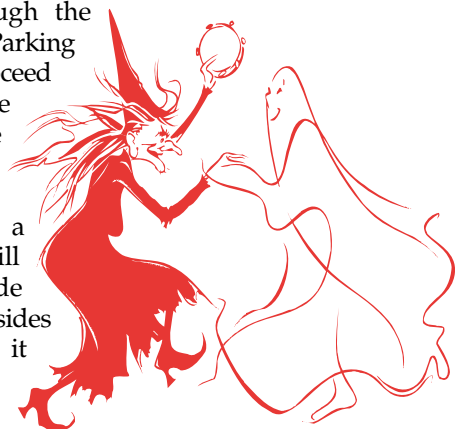
BIG CHANGES for the HANOVER TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARADE

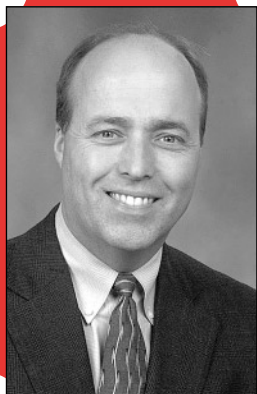
So that we can include the entire Township in the Hanover Halloween Parade, we have decided to change the parade route this year.

This year's Halloween Parade will be Saturday, October 30th and will start at 12:30 pm on Stoke Park Road. The line up will start in front of the Thomas Michael Agency and wind it's way down through the ASA Packer School Parking lot. The parade will proceed down Stoke Park, make a left onto Jacksonville Road and it will end in the Township Municipal Complex with a HUGE Party. We will alternate the parade annually so that both sides of town get to enjoy it from their yards.

The Special Events Committee has also planned another fun-filled celebration after the parade that will include a new circus performer, as well as the traditional pumpkin painting, train ride through the park, food, games and fun. The party will immediately follow the parade and all of the participants and residents are welcome to join in the fun, FREE event.

It is never too early to sign up! If you or your group would like to be in this year's parade please call Debbie Marshall at 610-837-8532 to register.





There is Good News in the 2004-05 State Budget

by Rep. Craig Dally

There were fireworks in Harrisburg the morning of July 4 and they weren't all in the skies. Some political pyrotechnics were set off in the halls of the House and Senate as the Legislature sent the governor a 2004-05 state budget, a bill legalizing slot machines at 14 venues in the state and a property tax relief measure. Because of all the media attention given to the gambling bill, the \$22.88 billion state budget was enacted with little fanfare. It shouldn't, however, go without notice.

The new budget makes historic investments in education with a total of \$4.4 billion for basic education subsidies, a \$150 million increase, and \$929 million for special education, a \$24.6 million increase. It also provides \$200 million for accountability block grants, \$87.7 million for approved private schools and \$57.9 million for public libraries. Students at the college level will benefit from a 3.7 percent increase to \$1.88 billion for higher education. This includes funding to the State System of Higher Education (SSHE), which will receive a 4.3 percent increase; and the community college system, which will receive a 3.1 percent increase.

The Bethlehem Area School District will receive more than \$18 million, an increase of 6.7 percent, nearly \$5.9 million in special education funding, and block grant funding of more than \$1.2 million. The block grant funding is used to help school districts meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Pennsylvania's public libraries, which saw dramatic funding cuts last year, will have some of those funds restored with at least a 20 percent increase.

The original Growing Greener Program, an initiative created to preserve and protect our environment, will continue. I am pleased that at least for now we will not be borrowing against our future and increasing taxes on businesses to fund an expanded Growing Greener Program. An in-depth, bipartisan study to consider a sensible expansion of the program will be conducted in the next few months.

The new budget also includes a \$303 million program to municipal governments for local road maintenance and construction across Pennsylvania and more than \$1.2 billion in state and federal funds for new construction and major repairs of highways and bridges.

The state ended the 2003-04 fiscal year with a \$637 million surplus.

Gov. Ed Rendell signed the budget bill in the Capitol the morning of July 4 and the slots bill the following day at Philadelphia Park in Bensalem. For now the fireworks are over.

JUST SAY "NO" TO WHITE BIRCH TREES






by The Shade Tree Advisory Commission

Have you noticed fewer and fewer white birch trees in our area in recent years? The decline in the white birch is due, primarily, to an insect pest called the bronze birch borer. This pest can kill a mature white birch, along with other varieties of birch trees, within a few years. Adult beetles are greenish brown, and deposit their larvae in crevices of the bark. Upon hatching, the larvae bore into the bark and feed just beneath the surface. Developing larvae make long, meandering tunnels under the bark, which sometimes show as ridges on the bark surface. Symptoms of the bronze birch borer will be rusty red stain on the bark and wilting foliage near the top of the tree. It is the top which becomes infested first, with the borer working its way down.

Although white birches are lovely trees, please choose another type of tree for replacement or beautifying your property. By doing so, you will save yourself time, money and aggravation. The Shade Trees Advisory Commission has a list of prohibited replacement trees, as well as advice on types of trees that are great for our area. Let's keep our beautiful township green!

SHADE TREE NOTES

REMINDERS:

-  You may not remove a live tree near the street without first obtaining a permit and permission from the Shade Tree Commission.
-  If a tree dies near the street, you must obtain a permit and then replace it with a tree from the Approved List.
-  Mulch your trees to protect the trunk and to conserve moisture during the summer: three inch depth with a three-foot diameter, no mulch touching the trunk.
-  Give your young trees a good soaking once a week during dry spells.
-  When pruning branches on your tree, do not leave a stump and do not cut too close to the trunk (see diagram in Tree Care Booklet available in Township Office).

Anyone interested in trees and the environment who would like to volunteer on the Shade Tree Commission, call the Township Office at 610-866-1140.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Individuals who do not live next to a stream may find it difficult to understand how their actions can impact water quality. No matter how distant you are from a waterway, through creeks, rivers, and underground springs we are all connected because We All Live Downstream.

When you get involved in protecting local water quality you can take pride in knowing your efforts will extend beyond the boundaries of your backyard and help improve the quality of life in neighborhoods located further downstream.

Nonpoint source pollution is a collective problem - directly or indirectly it is the result of many individual actions. How can you be a Good Neighbor and help to control nonpoint source pollution?

What Farmers Can Do?

Team up with your local Conservation District. Learn how you can get the maximum value out of animal manure. A nutrient management plan may help you save money and at the same time, protect water quality.

Explore using Integrated Pest Management a program designed to help reduce pesticide pollution. Contact your local Cooperative Extension Office.

Incorporate "Best Management Practices" into your farming operation. They can help optimize your harvest and reduce soil erosion. You may be eligible to receive cost-share assistance for implementing these approved practices. Contact your conservation district for more information.

What Developers and Industry Can Do?

Control runoff from construction sites. Familiarize yourself with Pennsylvania's Erosion and Sediment Control reg-

ulations and seek assistance from your county conservation district office. Minimize disturbances to trees and vegetation. Follow storm water management guidelines when designing and installing drainage systems.

Practice good industrial housekeeping. Control toxics from industrial sites by developing and following a pollution prevention plan. Make sure you have the right permits for oil operations, including manufacture, storage, disposal, and cleanup. Contact your Department of Environmental Protection Regional Office for more information and assistance.

What Everyone Can Do?

Plant trees, shrubs, and groundcovers to prevent soil erosion of your property. Report sediment and erosion control problem to your county conservation district.

Help reduce runoff by using building materials such as brick, flagstone or wood for walkways and patios. Divert runoff from your roof to a well-vegetated area rather than the pavement.

Call your local Cooperative Extension office for help with soil testing to determine the right amount and type of fertilizer to use on your lawn and garden.

Dispose of used motor oil, antifreeze, paints, and other hazardous materials properly.

Never dump substances down a storm drain, onto the soil or into a waterway.

Reduce emissions by using public transportation or car pooling. Save energy by turning off lights, lowering thermostats and insulating hot water pipes in your home.

Support your local government's role in controlling non-point

Local Residents Urged to Donate Blood Shortages Expected During Summer Months

In response to expected blood shortages this summer, Miller-Keystone Blood Center is encouraging all residents to call the Blood Center and make an appointment to donate blood in the coming months.

"Beginning with Memorial Day weekend, through Labor Day, there are typically less blood donations than at any other time during the year," explains Sandra D. Diaz-Thomas, Director of Donor Resources, Miller-Keystone Blood Center. "Reasons for this decline include increased travel and family vacations."

She adds that hospital blood usage also tends to increase during the summer, as increased travel typically leads to an increased number of accidents. "Over 300 units of blood are used daily by the hospitals in our region," she confirms.

The Blood Center currently operates fixed sites in Hanover Township (1465 Valley Center Parkway) and Allentown (1255 S. Cedar Crest Boulevard), and also conducts blood drives daily at locations throughout the region. All local residents are urged to support this vital community service by donating blood. In order to donate, individuals must be over 17 years of age, weigh more than 110 pounds, and must not have donated in the past eight weeks. First-time donors are also asked to bring a photo ID (such as a drivers license).

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 610-691-5850, or visit their web site at "<http://www.GIVEaPINT.org>"



Aircraft Noise Lodge a Complaint

To lodge an aircraft noise complaint contact the Federal Aviation Administration Eastern Region office:

Arlene B. Feldman
Regional Administrator
FAA Eastern Region
One Aviation Plaza
Jamaica, NY 11434-4809

HANOVER TOWNSHIP RECREATION - HTCC

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Fall 2004

HTCC Membership Rates

Annual Basic Membership

This includes use of the gymnasium, game room, locker room, and lounge areas. Also, discounted rates on HTCC programs. Fitness room use is \$5 per visit, aerobic classes are \$3 per class, and babysitting is \$2 per hour per child. Membership paid in full.

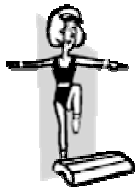


	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$114	\$178
Adult	\$66	\$103
Student/Senior	\$54	\$85



Annual Full Service Membership

This includes all Basic Membership privileges, plus FREE use of fitness room, FREE aerobic classes, FREE babysitting, & discounted rates on HTCC programs. Membership paid in full.



	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$435	\$682
Adult	\$225	\$353
Student/Senior	\$105	\$163

One Year- Monthly Payment Plan

This full service membership offers you the option of paying monthly installments on your credit cards. Service fee apply to all monthly plans. - This is a one year commitment. This plan also locks your payment fee amount for a two year period.

Limited Memberships

HTCC offers one-month and three month memberships. If you are interested in one of these memberships, please contact HTCC.

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$41.25	\$61.83
Adult	\$21.75	\$32.41
Student/Senior	\$11.75	\$15.58



Thank you to Wegmans for making our "Campers" feel at home! HTCC offers summer day camps!

Don't miss out on camps in 2005!

Special points of interest:

- Preschool Programs registering now for 2004/05 classes.
- Unique Hanoveropoly game on sale at HTCC. Makes a great gift! \$20 per game
- Adult Basketball pick-up games – Monday and Wednesdays from 8-10 pm
- TGIF starts up again October 1st, 7-9 pm

HANOVER TOWNSHIP RECREATION - HTCC



Annual HTCC 5K Run
Saturday, November 13, 2004
Race time: 9:00 am

Annual HTCC 5K Run

Join runners at HTCC for the 9th annual 5K run. The course starts at HTCC and takes the runners through Stafore Estates. This relatively flat course is a great first 5K experience. For the seasoned runner it offers a great community event.

Early registration: \$10.00 before November 1st; after Nov. 1 \$15.00

Race day registration begins at 8:00 am

Awards will be given to the first place male and female overall finishers. Awards will also be given out to first, second, and third place finishers in each male and female group. (Note: Overall finishers do not qualify in age groups)

Age Groups:	13 and under			
14-18	30-39	45-49	55+	
19-29	40-44	50-54		

Registration forms available at www.hanovertwp-nc.org

Studies show that 70% of overweight children aged 10-13 years old will be overweight and obese as adults!

B & N Explorer

B & N Explorers is a health and fitness program designed for children 9-13 years old and their families developed by registered dietitians and exercise physiologists to prevent or lower the incidence of obesity and promote healthy lifestyles.

This 6-week food and fitness program will explore food strategies to

develop high energy, prevent disease and overweight with fun activities, and snacks. Each week participants will have the opportunity to try new and exciting ways to move and stay fit for life.

Parent or care giver will be required to participate and each participant will set realistic goals.

The expedition begins:

October 5th – November 17th

Tuesday and Thursday evening

6:30-7:30 pm

Fees: \$79 HTCC Member
\$89 Non-member

Sponsored by: LVHHN

**LEHIGH VALLEY
HOSPITAL
Muhlenberg**

Flu Shots

Monday, Nov. 22

2-6 pm

Adults & Children

@ HTCC

LVHHN and HTCC present

Free Community CPR training Sept. 11th. Registration is taken at the Community Center, with a \$5 deposit to guarantee space.

"Perfect Health in the 21st Century"-

speaker Dr. Leonetti
Monday, Sept. 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm

Heart Health – Are you at Risk? Women's

heart differs from men.

Bring your friends and learn about symptoms, treatments, and how to assess your risk. Includes cardiovascular risk assessment. October 7th-7- 9 pm.

Teens, drugs and alcohol – a Parents role.

Here from our experts on spotting danger signs, identifying problems, keeping abreast of fads, and access to resources, as well as

ways to effectively communicate with your teen. October 21st –7-8:30 pm

Safesitter– babysitting certification course. Saturday, November 13 Time – TBA

Complimentary Flu shots – Monday, Nov. 22 from 2-6 pm.

Please call 610-402-Care to register.

Meeting Rooms available for your special occasion

Contact HTCC for your next meeting or social event.

Conveniently located for easy access to all major roadways and minutes from LV International Airport. Our multi-purpose indoor facility includes: lobby area with seating, full size gymnasium, meetings rooms to meet all size occasions, aerobics studio, classrooms, game room, and fitness/weight room. HTCC also offers a complete kitchen facility with catering

services available.

Additional features include sound system, air conditioning, sink access in several areas, concession area, locker room/shower facilities, audio/video hook up, projector screen, child care area, bleachers, chalk board, PA system, water fountains, wheel chair accessible and more.

With the above-mentioned facilities, it is

easy to see how HTCC can provide you a complete package to make your next business or social function unique and successful. Our customer-oriented staff is eager to accommodate your needs. Call for your booking or personal tour today.

610-317-8701

HTCC is open 7 days a week.



HTCC is only a few minutes away from 512, 22, 33, 78, and 378! Great parking and accessibility. Contact HTCC for more information.

Let us do the work and you have the fun!

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

Enjoy your special day while we provide the location and activity for your child's birthday.

Two hour party includes one hour of organized games and activities designed for your individual child's age and party theme. Activities will be held in either the gymnasium or aerobics studio.

Second hour, the family will have access to a meeting room for cake and presents. (cake to be provided by family.)

Party invitations are available upon request.

For those families who would like to expand their party and include adults, family, and or friends, additional time in the meeting room is available at \$50 an hour.

Party Prices

Members of HTCC

1-10 children	\$70
11-20 children	\$85
21-30 children	\$100

Non-members

1-10 children	\$95
11-20 children	\$115
21-30 children	\$135

Children's

Party?

Linda, our party planner, will contact you to personalize your child's special day!

North East Shotokan Karate Club – Hanover

Hanover is proud to offer an extensive karate program for ages 5 to adult.

Monday and Wednesday evenings. Classes meet from 6-7:15 and 7:15-8:30

Class is divided by age and belt rank.

Fees:

Basic Member \$35
Fitness Member \$25
Non-Members \$50

NEW adult program starting in September.

Monday and Wednesday evenings from 8:30-9:30.

Improve your strength, flexibility, and overall fitness level with this unique fitness class.

Fees:

Basic Member \$35
Fitness Member \$25
Non-Member \$50

Benefits of a Martial Arts program:

- ✦ Weight loss
- ✦ Confidence
- ✦ Self awareness
- ✦ Self defense
- ✦ Stress relief
- ✦ Core Strength



Hanover is the host club for the annual karate tournament. Joining us are the Philadelphia area clubs.

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP
COMMUNITY CENTER**

Fall programs being offered at your Community Center
Watch for your fall/winter recreation newsletter for more detailed information.

Friday Night Volleyball Program

Tennis for Tots

Music/Piano Lessons

Parachute Power

Music for Tots

Kiddy-Dance

Hanover Twirling

Creative Kid Concoctions

Flag Football

After School Sports

Art Fun

Teen Weight Training

Cheer Sport

Semester Preschool Programs

HTCC Aerobic Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30-8:30am		Ask about the 30-minute workout program available at the front desk!				Spinning *Stretching Yoga 8:30-9am
8:30-9:30am	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart Aerobics	Young At Heart 2 nd class-8:45am Low-impact aerobics 45 minutes	Young At Heart Aerobics	8:30-10am Super Saturday Workout
9:30-10:30am "new" spinning start time-9:15	9:30am- Step Interval 10:45 am- Total Body Toning	Spinning 9:15 Floor Aerobics 9:30	45 minute Toning *Yoga 9:30-11am	Spinning 9:15 Instructor's Choice 9:30	Instructor's choice: Interval Training	
4:30-5:30pm			Light – Lively Aerobics			
6-7 pm	Step Aerobics/ awesome abs	Power ball toning 6:45-7:30	Aerobics/ awesome abs	6:30- 7:30pm Power Cardio Mix		
7-8pm		Spinning or Step/ Spin 7:30-8:30pm	Step Interval	Spinning 7:30-8:30pm		

HTCC reserves the right to cancel or replace scheduled classes when necessary.

Mention you saw the "Aerobic Schedule" in the Hanoverview and get one complimentary aerobic day pass.

Township Briefs

The Township through an agreement with the City of Bethlehem, has secured the use of the Bethlehem Compost Center, for Township residents on a permit basis.

Any Resident, who wishes to use the facility, must first secure a permit at a cost of \$10.00 per year from the Township. Permits shall be secured before use. Permits are available Monday through Friday between 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Township Office, 3630 Jacksonville Rd., Bethlehem, PA.

Permits are available at the Township and are for single resident use only. Proof of Identification required for use.

BETHLEHEM COMPOST DROP-OFF CENTER

Schoenersville Road & Eaton Avenue

HOURS:

Monday: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday - Closed

Friday 9:00 - 3:00 Saturday 12:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday 12:00 - 4:00 PM

ACCEPTED MATERIAL

Leaves - loose or in brown paper bags.

Small Brush - up to 4' diameter no longer than 6 feet.

Hedge Trimmings, garden plant residue.

Christmas tree's free of ornaments and tinsel.

Christmas tree's may be put in compost bunkers outside the gates. NO PLASTIC BAGS

NOT ACCEPTED MATERIAL

GRASS CLIPPINGS

COMPOST CENTER TIPS:

✳ Finished compost as available is offered FREE to the public (both residents and non - residents in bunkers outside the gate.

✳ Do not leave material outside the gates.

✳ Plastic bags used to transport materials shall be taken home.

✳ Recycle your grass by 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 and excellent lawn fertilizer.

LOT AND PROPERTY OWNERS:

Please remember weeds are not permitted above 12 inches.

STORM DRAINS:

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

Drain oil, Anti-Freeze, Paints or Thinners.

Dog or cat feces.

Grass clippings.

PET OWNERS:

1. Dogs are not allowed in Parks or on Township Property.

2. Dogs shall be under owner's control at all times.

3. Please clean up after your animals.

4. All dogs shall be licensed with the County. (Forms available at Municipal Building)

5. Cat owners! Please be aware that as a cat owner YOU are responsible to keep your animal on your property. This has become a big problem over the past few years.

Reunion Reunion Reunion

Hanover Elementary Reunion for Students and Parents

Anyone who attended from the years
1981-1991

November 27, 2004 11 AM to 1 PM

Hanover Elementary School

Light refreshments will be served.

Come reacquaint yourself with your
teachers and fellow classmates...renew
friendships and tell that
favorite teacher what you
became when you grew up!

RSVP Leslie Kingston 610-866-6970
or Pat Loguidice 610-604-8607

Lions Club News

The Hanover Township Lions Club celebrated fifteen years of service at their June 2nd meeting. The speaker at the meeting was Officer John Fiori, from the Lehigh Valley International Airport Police and his K9 dog Ben. Officer Fiori and Ben demonstrated the K9's many talents for searching for drugs and explosives. Lions' President Bernice Kulp presented Officer Fiori a check to be used towards the care of the dog. The Bethlehem Lioness and Hanover Club worked together and sent a donation for the purchase of a canine duel system opener and heat sensor for the airport K9 vehicle.

The Lions Club would like to thank the community for your support. With your help they have donated 762 pair of glasses and contributed \$4,000 to charitable programs during the past year.

The Lions Club will host a Spaghetti Dinner on November 6, 2004 at the Christ UCC Hall on Airport Road from 4 - 7 p.m.



IMPRESSIONS

by
State Senator
Charles W. Dent
16th Senatorial District



While most people were getting ready for parades, picnics and fireworks on Independence Day, the Pennsylvania General Assembly was hard at work hammering out the final details of several important issues.

We worked well into the July 4 weekend wrapping up a gaming bill (which I opposed), a property tax relief bill (which I supported) and the final state budget for Fiscal Year 2004-05, which began on July 1.

Of all the matters that come before the General Assembly, the budget is arguably the most important year. The budget provides funding for many important state services, augments the finances of school districts, and generally sets the Commonwealth's priorities for the coming year.

This year's budget is no different in that aspect.

The \$22.8 billion budget package for Fiscal Year 2004-05 includes substantial increases in education funding, provides a 2 percent COLA for mental health and drug and alcohol services, and allocates more money for libraries, mass transit and approved private schools.

The package does not include Governor Ed Rendell's Growing Greener II proposal, but lawmakers have committed to working towards including some of those environmental programs as part of next year's budget.

HB 2579 includes a \$150.4 million increase (3.6 percent) in basic education for a proposed total of \$4.36 billion. Special education subsidies would increase by \$24.5 million (2.7 percent) to \$929 million in FY 2004-05.

Overall, state funding for education for 2004-05 is increasing by 7.2 percent. Every school district in the Commonwealth is guaranteed a minimum 2 percent increase in basic and special education funding. The Governor's original budget request in February included a 1.5 percent minimum increase in state funding to schools.

The budget also adds \$10 million in funding to Pennsylvania's libraries, which includes \$4.7 million more than what the Governor requested. The Senate also added \$23 million to help resolve funding problems in state payments to Approved Private Schools.

The budget package also adds 90 troopers to the Pennsylvania State Police, with one third of the funding (\$2.3 million) coming from the general fund and two-thirds (\$4.9 million) coming from the Motor License Fund.

Responding to concerns raised by social services professionals, lawmakers and the administration agreed to include \$36 million in the 2004-05 budget to provide a 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for mental health/metal retardation and drug and alcohol treatment programs.

The budget also provides an additional \$8.5 million for mass transit services, addressing a funding problem that has some public transportation providers considering reducing routes or raising fares. The budget also restores \$3 million in federal Access to Jobs funding, a key support program for people moving off of welfare and into the workforce.

The budget package does not include the Growing Greener II proposal, but lawmakers will study ways to implement some of those programs as part of the Fiscal Year 2005-06 budget.

There are some worthwhile proposals in the Governor's Growing Greener proposals and we plan to study them further later this year. We will look at specific programs and costs. There is also a proposal to put a referendum on the ballot next spring to determine if the voters are willing to approve the bond issue that would be required to fund some of those programs.

Fire Company News *By Mindy George First Vice President*

On behalf of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1, I would like to thank those township residents who are graciously sending us their financial donations. I invite those individuals who are interested in joining the ranks of the fire company as either a fire fighter or ambulance attendant to visit us any Monday evening after 7 p.m. at our station on Stoke Park Road, next to Wegmans.

Now as the summer is here and everyone is planning vacations (daily trips or weekly trips) just remember the fire company does not go on vacation, we are here 365 days a year for any and all emergencies that

arise in the township. Yes, our members plan vacations as well and once in a while we rely on neighboring companies to help cover our shortages and we help them as well.

The fire company officers and members would like to thank you for the support shown to us at the Fire, Police & Public Works Appreciation Day held in June. We hope that those who stopped and looked at and into the fire trucks and ambulances were impressed with the equipment we have to protect the residents of the township. We enjoyed competing against the police and road crew and I can only speak for the fire company --we had fun!

The Main Library, 11 W. Church St., is open Monday thorough Thursday 9AM to 9PM, Friday 9AM to 6PM, and Saturday 9AM to 5PM. The South Side Branch, 4th & Webster streets is open Monday and Thursday 11AM to 8PM, Tuesday and Wednesday 11AM to 5PM, and Saturday 11AM to 2:30PM. Book drops are available at both locations.



Due to budget cuts the library will be closed on Columbus Day (October 11), Election Day (November 2) and two days at Thanksgiving (November 25 & 26).

FAMILY PLACE PARENT/CHILD WORKSHOPS are free five week sessions designed to encourage toddlers to play while their parents interact with their children, other parents, and learn about valuable community resources. Enroll in a daytime session beginning September 23. For more information visit the library's web site at www.bapl.org or phone 610 867-3761 x206.

BACK TO SCHOOL BOOK SALE is scheduled for Thursday, September 30 from noon to 8PM and Saturday, October 2 from 10AM to 4PM. Over 10,000 carefully selected books, CDs, videos, and DVDs are arranged by author and subject and available at low prices. We've been collecting donations all summer long. This will be the best sale of the year in terms of quality and quantity. The library accepts donations of books and audio visual materials in good condition at the circulation desk during regular library hours anytime throughout the year. The last book sale of the year is scheduled for November 18 and 20. Call 610 867-3761 x259.

Watch for special incentives during **TEEN READ WEEK: IT'S ALIVE @ YOUR LIBRARY!** What's big and read and is for 12-18 year olds? It's the intersection of horror, suspense, black and white movies from the '50s, and even modern concepts like genetic engineering. Teens will be reading for the fun of it to celebrate Teen Read Week, October 17 – 23, 2004.

Let's rock... let's roll... let's move... let's go... let's discover... let's fly... let's do it all... with children's books. Get ready for **NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK**, celebrated **November 15 – 21**. The theme this year is *"Let's book!"*

Aspiring young poets, grades one through twelve, may submit up to two entries in the Annual Poetry Contest by Saturday, November 20. All entries must have the student's name, grade, school, and home phone number on the back.

Cheer your bookmobile on in the Halloween parade!

Don't forget to register your children for the daytime preschool storytimes or the evening **TEDDY BEAR FAMILY STORY** Times.

Fall BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE HANOVER TOWNSHIP effective September 1, 2004 *Mondays (except for Southland & Toni)*

TOWNSHIP BLDG., JACKSONVILLE RD.	SCHEDULE	A&B	3:00 – 4:00
MERRIVALE AT CLEARVIEW	SCHEDULE	A&B	4:00 – 4:55
STONEWOOD DR. & BELAIRE RD.	SCHEDULE	A&B	5:00 – 5:45
LORD BYRON DR.	SCHEDULE	A&B	6:45 – 8:15
SOUTHLAND DR. & GRACE AVE.- <i>Thursday</i>	SCHEDULE	A	4:45 – 5:45
TONI LN. AT CRAWFORD DR.- <i>Thursday</i>	SCHEDULE	B	4:45 – 5:45

SCHEDULE A				SCHEDULE B			
MON	TUES	WED	THURS	MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Sept 1	Sept 2	Closed	Sept 7	Sept 8	Sept 9	Sept 13	Sept 14
Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 20	Sept 21	Sept 22	Sept 23	Sept 27	Sept 28
Sept 29	Sept 30	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6	Oct 7	Closed	Oct 12
Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 25	Oct 26
Oct 27	Oct 28	Nov 1	closed	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 8	Nov 9
Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 22	Nov 23
Closed	5pm	Closed	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 6
Dec 7	Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 13	Dec 14	Dec 15	Dec 16	Dec 20
Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	

FUN FOR ALL AT THE FIRE, POLICE & PUBLIC WORKS APPRECIATION DAY



"Chief Sieple in "the TANK""

Members of CRPD prior to competition during "Fire, Police & Public Works Appreciation Day."



"Participants ready themselves for the target shooting competition"



PennStar Crew with helicopter

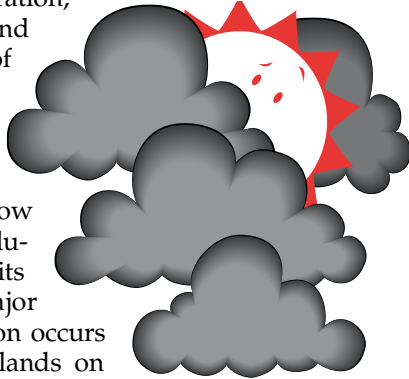


Hose competition: "Members of the CRPD, Fire Company and Public Works Crew during the hose competition".

WHEN RAINWATER TURNS TO DRAINWATER

By James B. Birdsall, P.E., Township Engineer

The cycle of evaporation, transpiration, rain and snow is nature's way of providing a fresh supply of clean water for the use and enjoyment of all creation. While rainwater and snow picks up some air pollution contaminant's on its way to earth, a major source of water pollution occurs after the precipitation lands on earth. Stormwater runoff from our streets, driveways, yards, and farm fields becomes polluted when this stormwater runoff picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Although we do not normally think of stormwater as being a "pollution problem", it is and will continue to be a significant cause of stream flow water quality degradation.



Each one of us can take steps "locally" to minimize sources of pollution that enter the streams of the Township. Over the next several years, the Township will be starting to take an active role in providing "public education" and the monitoring of stormwater discharge points. This program of public education and pollution control is required by new regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, but above and beyond that, the Township Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission are concerned about this problem and support the activities for increased public awareness and Township monitoring.

Specific ways you can help include:

- Minimize the use of fertilizer, herbicides, or insecticides, especially in portions of your lawn or field that are adjacent to a stormwater channel and/or the gutter along your street frontage.
- Do not place grass clippings or leaves in a stormwater channel or stream.
- Do not place pet waste in storm sewer inlets and/or a stormwater channel.
- Wherever possible and reasonable, direct the runoff from your driveway or parking area to a grassy area that will allow entrapment of pollutants before stormwater runoff from your driveway or parking area enters into a stormwater channel or catch basin and piping system.
- Do not, under any circumstances, dispose of paints, motor vehicle oil waste, coolants, household cleaners or solvents, or any other similar fluids into a stormwater channel, catch basin, and/or onto the surface of the ground.

For further information, you can visit the Department of Environmental Protection website:

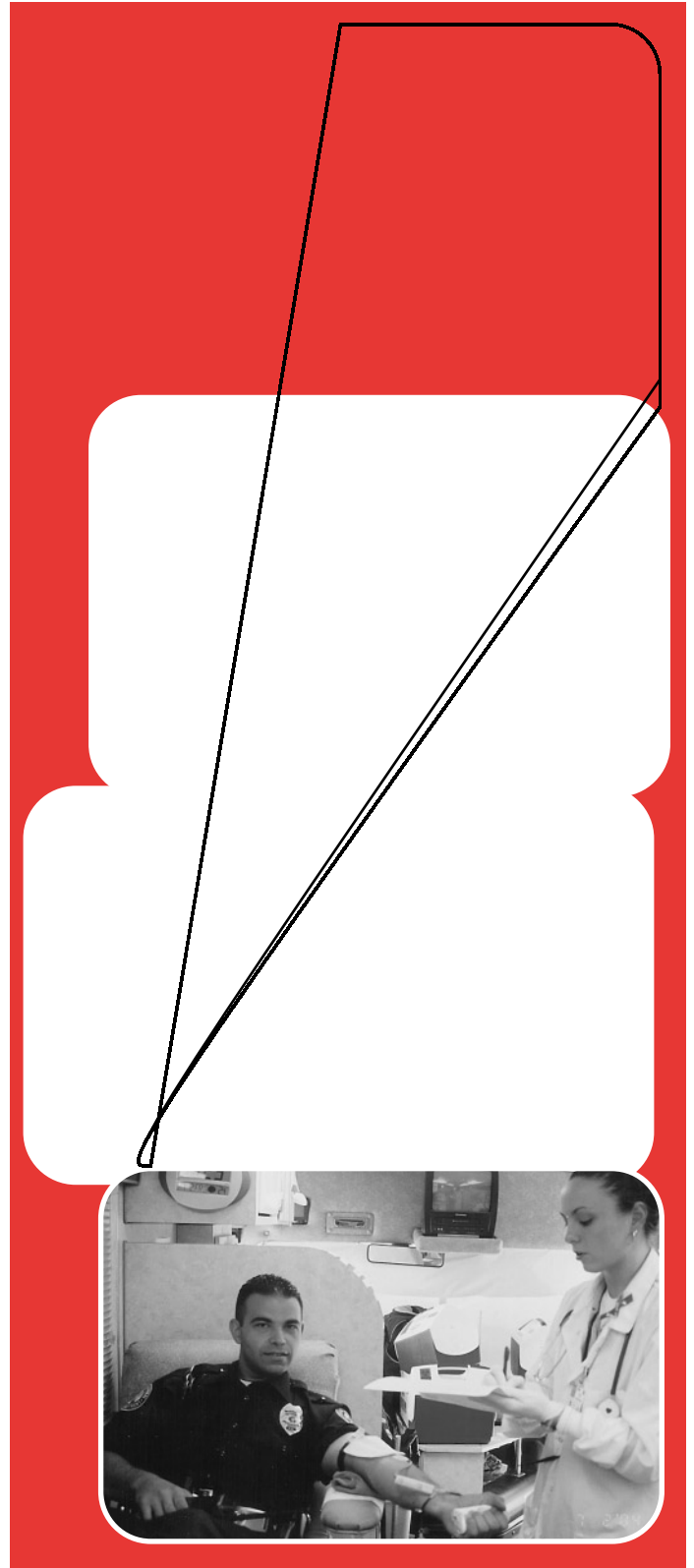
<http://www.dep.state.pa.us>

If you observe any of your neighbors practicing habits that are resulting in stormwater pollution, please remind them of the helpful hints that will reduce this pollution risk.

Small steps taken locally will yield great improvements.

Colonial Regional Police Blood Drive

On Friday, July 2nd the Colonial Regional Police hosted a Blood Drive at Wegmans. The Miller-Keystone Blood Center received over thirty pints of valuable blood. During the blood drive the CRPD also provided KidCards.



MEETING OF BOARDS AND COMMISSION

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards and Commissions for 2004. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road. All meetings to start at 7:30 p.m. except where noted. Residents are urged to attend these meetings. Don't let one of these boards decision effect you without your input!

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Regular meetings are held the SECOND and FOURTH TUESDAY of each month. Workshop sessions are held the THIRD TUESDAY of each month.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Meetings are held the FIRST MONDAY of each month, however, the July, August and September meetings will be held on the second Monday.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Meetings are held the THIRD WEDNESDAY of each month starting at 8:00 p.m.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month starting at 8:00 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 1st Monday in June. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH: Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every other month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. Remaining meetings for 2004 are August, October & December.



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