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State of the Township A State of Change

By John N. Diacogiannis Chairman Board of Supervisors

A few weeks ago, a friend brought up all the Changes that have occurred in the Township this past year. There's no doubt that 2007 was a very busy year for Township government and that we've seen changes unlike any we've experienced in recent years. In contemplating the idea of change itself, change on its own is often thought of in a negative light, especially if it interrupts what is considered the norm or status quo. If we like the status quo, we will not necessarily enjoy any change, good or bad. In that context, such change

might be considered bad. course, if we don't like the norm, then there is a possibility of a "good" change. About the only thing for sure is that a change is a deviation from the status quo and most of us will either be positively or negatively affected. Such is the dilemma for those of us in Township government. honestly try to



Jacksonville/Crawford/Orchard Traffic Signal is now operational

make the best decisions for our citizens and taxpayers. Some changes are self imposed, while some we have no control over. For sure, whatever the Township government does will affect us all.

One of the most significant pressures we face, often externally imposed, is increased traffic. While we have been able to address infrastructure improvement in conjunction with the traffic impact of new developments within the Township, we have no control over the tremendous development growth in areas to the north and east of Hanover. Much of that traffic traverses major roads in the Township. Certainly, changes in traffic volumes and patterns did not occur overnight and meeting PADOT prerequisites for traffic controls requires waiting until conditions are often unbearable. However, some of

the more recent improvements have been planned for many years. The traffic signalization of major intersections along Jacksonville Road has reached a milestone with the recent completion of the long-awaited signal at the intersection of Jacksonville Road, Crawford Drive and Orchard Lane. This will greatly improve the safety of that intersection.

We have also seen significant changes to the Route 512 corridor at and around Hanoverville Road. While Route 512 has been straightened out

> and the Hanoverville Road intersection has been relocated and opened west of Route 512. additional intersection improvements and the roadway system through the Jaindl Land Company development remain project unfinished. It's expectation that the improvements will be completed this year, hopefully by the end of July.

The past year has also witnessed several changes to trash and recycling collection in the Township. The first was a switch in trash and recycling service to J.P. Mascaro & Sons as of last April and the creation of two collection zones with different collection days. As with most changes, early transitional issues have been essentially resolved and we are enjoying a level of service that we have all come to expect.

Unrelated to the change of hauler, much consternation has been raised because of changes to "yard waste" recycling. The state environmental regulatory agency has been clamping down on what we are all supposed to be doing with our "yard waste". Changes to the curbside and composing center collection system were imposed by



State of the Township A State of Change continued

DEP. All haulers, landfills and municipalities are being required to comply with regulations that have been in place for some time. As reported previously, Hanover Township will be acquiring a yard waste truck (essentially a garbage truck) and will beginning periodic curbside collection of yard waste this spring. Another state compliance issue resulted in the enforcement of mandated recycling by business and industry in the Township effective December 1, 2007. While businesses make their own arrangements for recycling, Hanover will monitor compliance and record keeping.

One very important change that we experienced last year was the testing of our emergency management procedures and capabilities. A total of three mock drills or active exercises were completed last year, including the simulated school disaster that involved Colonial Regional Police, the Hanover Township Fire Co., the Hanover Township Volunteer Ambulance Corp, several neighboring ambulance corps, Northampton County Emergency Management officials and of course, Hanover Township Emergency Management officials, who coordinated the whole exercise. The time and efforts of these organizations and the high school volunteer "victims" were very much appreciated. We look forward to continuing these valuable learning experiences.

The most underreported change last year occurred during the yearend budgetary approval process. Two major changes were made. First, the Board of Supervisors established a fire and ambulance capital reserve account for future purchases of major fire apparatus and ambulances. Until now, we have been funding the purchase of fire apparatus with a much shorter term capital fund and current operating funds. Capital replacement projections for the next 20 years indicated a need to fund earlier and over a much longer period. This would help us to avoid larger changes that would otherwise occur if we continued a "pay-as-you-go" approach, especially as the Township approaches nearly full build-out. To fund this account, we have earmarked a half mill "fire tax", which will be included in property tax bills this year. State law allows establishing up to a 1 mill fire tax, however we believe that we currently need only a half mill to meet projected needs.

The second major change was the way trash and recycling collection is billed to residents. My recent letter to residents more fully described the change. While not billed directly (as in most municipalities that have municipal collection), we have been absorbing this cost on an aggregate basis within the operating costs of the Township. To many, it appeared as a "free" service, but in fact it was supported by all Township revenues, including but certainly not limited to property taxes. Simply put, the Supervisors felt that the old way of "charging" for this service through tax revenue was inequitable. The fees that were established are consistent with the cost of collection service. The base fee for single family residential is \$295 for 2008, with discounts or penalties for early or late payments. Multifamily residential (non-apartment, noncommercial) served by "dumpsters" is \$150 for 2008, with discounts or penalties for early or late payments. For comparative purposes, other local municipalities are charging over \$300 and one is charging \$400.

As a partial offset to both of these changes, the Board approved a reduction of the millage rate from 4.67 to 3.9 mills. The 3.9

mills is broken down as 3.4 mills for general governmental operations and .5 mills for the "fire tax". The net impact to each of us depends on our own property tax valuation. Most of us with older, lesser assessed value homes will likely be paying a net total more in property tax and trash/recycling fee combined.

Finally, the number one challenge that your Board of Supervisors and Township Manager have wrestled with for almost two years has been the relocation of Colonial Regional Police to our recently renovated facility at 248 Brodhead Road (the former State Farm Insurance Claims Office). Hanover's position has been misunderstood and often misrepresented in the press. Since we have been in protracted litigation, in and out of the courthouse, we have been unable to properly inform the public and most importantly our citizens. Township Manager Finnigan took strides to at least clarify the facts in an article that he wrote in last year's Summer 2007 issue (Volume 30, Number 3). Hopefully, by the time this Hanoverview issue is in your hands, we will have reached a fair and amicable settlement with the Borough of Bath. It is my fervent hope and personal goal to soon occupy 248 Brodhead Road as a police facility, most preferably with the Colonial Regional Police intact. The police will be joining the offices and District Court of the Hon. Judge James J. Narlesky, Esq. that have been open for business in the new facility since early January.

TOWNSHIP RECEIVES DEP GRANT

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) recently announced that Hanover Township has been awarded a \$214,835 Recycling Development and Implementation Grant through the Department.

This grant will enhance the curbside yard waste program in the township. Proper disposal of yard waste helps to maintain a clean, safe environment for residents, while reducing the amount of yard waste in landfills. The grant will be used to purchase new equipment, including a yard waste truck, leaf vacuum and recycling bins, and to boost education and public relations efforts.

The Recycling Development and Implementation Grant Program was established as part of Act 101 enacted by the General Assembly in 1988. Act 101 of 1988 mandates that municipalities must recycle their yard waste. It also requires counties to submit plans and implement recycling programs within county limits, and provides for state grants to assist in funding these programs.

The current yard waste plan and pick-up schedule announced late last year will continue in place until the yard waste truck is purchased and delivered to the Township. That schedule is on page 20 of this newsletter.

Once the yard waste truck is placed in service an updated schedule will be posted on the Township Website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org) and resident will be notified through the Township messaging system. To receive this important notification, please register for email notifications on the Township Website.

CRPD Briefs

Colonial Regional Police Department would like you to meet two of their newest officers:

Officer Cody Hendershot – Badge # 935, joined the Department in December 2007. Officer Hendershot is originally from the Slate Belt. He attended Moravian College where he received his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Prior to joining CRPD Hendershot was employed by the Lehigh County Prison.

Officer Jason Spirito – Badge # 936, also joined the Department in December 2007. Officer Spirito is a graduate from Bridgewater-Raritan High School and obtained an Associates Degree in criminal justice from Raritan Valley Community College. In May of 2006, Officer Spirito graduated from the Cape May County

Police Academy in New Jersey. He worked as a part-time police officer in North Wildwood, NJ before being hired by the Colonial Regional Police Department.



Officer Cody Hendershot



Officer Jason Spirito

Township Adopts Snow Removal Policy

Following is a brief description of Hanover's winter road maintenance policy & activities. We ask for your cooperation so our municipality can service its residents, businesses and visitors efficiently and safely.

There are no annual public works activities that have more uncontrollable factors and that have more impact on our community than winter snow and ice control operations. Most of those uncontrollable factors relate to weather, the amount of snowfall, the rate of snowfall, the duration of the storm, conditions, and the type of snow (wet or dry). These factors impact the planning of resources and associated costs, including manpower, equipment, and materials.

Hanover Township budgets sufficient funds for winter road maintenance operations. The Road Crew services approximately 55 miles of township roads. We do provide winter services on Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (State) Roads, specifically Hanoverville Road.

We have developed a snow plan which coordinates our twelve (12) drivers in specific areas as segmented on maps. The Board of Supervisors also provide for the hiring of additional plows and operators in the event of a "major" snow and/or ice event. Our priority policy for addressing road clearing is:

- 1. Emergency facilities
- 2. Major collector roads used as school routes
- 3. Developments
- 4. Cul-de-sac bulb clearing & intersection cleaning
- 5. Township owned property and sidewalks

The operation may deviate from the above priority list in the case of unforeseen emergency requirements such as ambulance, fire or medical emergencies. It is the policy of Hanover Township to clear all roads from "curb to curb" in anticipation of future storms and provide safe traveling for the motoring public.

Heavier populated areas of the township present a problem for

snow removal due to vehicle parking. If possible remove your vehicle from the roadway area and park in your driveway.

The Board of Supervisors has adopted the "right-of-way" policies of PADOT and neighboring municipalities. The policy regards the placement of trees, flower gardens, fences, mailboxes, posts, etc., along the roadway. The Township will not reimburse for any damages to items placed in its "right-of-way" caused by snow removal. It is not the intent of any employee of Hanover Township to willfully cause damage to the property of its residents. Our equipment will discharge snow in driveways during the course of snow plowing. This is not done with willful intent, but is a result of normal plowing operation and the moving of snow.

Hanover Township may find it necessary to declare a "Snow Emergency" when the effects of the weather dictate. When Hanover Township declares a "Snow Emergency' it is broadcast on WAEB – 790 AM, WFMZ – Channel 69 and via the Hanover Township Email Alert System. Hanover Township is not responsible should these outlets not broadcast a message in a timely manner after notification.

Please plan your activities accordingly with predicted or actual snowfall or icing events. Your assistance and patience will aid us in providing a reasonable level of service during the winter months.

Should you need special assistance or have a unique problem you can call the township office at (610.866.1140) and we will appraise and prioritize your situation and act on it accordingly.



Salt and Cinders stockpiled for next winter storm.



EMS Information

by Bill Krause, 2nd Lieutenant

The officers and members of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 (HTVFC) would like to thank all of the residents and businesses of Hanover Township, Northampton County for their support in 2007. Your support of the fire company directly, and through support of the township, enables us to better serve your family, and fellow Hanover Township residents. We look forward to serving you in 2008 and wish you a Happy New Year!

Ask your children what they learned during Fire Prevention Week! We participated in Fire Prevention Week by visiting elementary and day-schools in October. Here's a few reminders to help you and your family with Fire Prevention. 1. Replace your

smoke detector batteries every time you change your clocks for daylight savings time. When you replace the batteries, familiarize your family with the sound they make. Test your smoke detectors once a month. 2. Develop a home fire escape plan, and practice it with your children. 3.

Designate an outside meeting spot, away from the house. 4. If there is a fire, evacuate and call from a neighbor's house. Teach your children to crawl low on the floor, below the smoke, when evacuating. 5. Once you evacuate, do not return into the house.

We enjoyed participating in the annual tree lighting ceremony. An emergency call caused us to be slightly delayed in delivering Santa to the Community Center. He was really eager to get there to meet all of the residents, but told us that he understood why we were a little late. He did tell us that he really enjoyed the S'Mores! We were also very privileged to be able to chauffeur Santa around the township on Dec 8th, our annual Santa Day. He told us that he really enjoyed greeting all the residents of the township, but in particular, the children and pets. We would like to thank the residents of the township for both their encouragement and financial support during Santa Day.

We are often asked "Why are there two ambulances" or "Why one of the ambulances is from outside Hanover Township?" Quality Emergency Services, whether fire, EMS or Fire Police results from a team of organizations that work well together. In many cases, an officer from the Colonial Regional Police Department will be the first on scene. Their normal patrols allow

them to respond quickly. Our police officer are all trained as "First Responders" and are able to provide patient care until other EMS units arrive on scene. Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company provides a Basic Life Support (BLS) ambulance. For many injuries and illnesses our Emergency Medical Technicians are able to provide the care required to treat and transport patients to one of our area's many excellent hospitals. In some cases, for example, heart or breathing related problems, injuries that involve the head, neck, or back, more advanced care is required. In these cases, an Advanced Life Support (ALS or medic) unit, usually from Bethlehem Township, will be dispatched as well. These units are staffed with Paramedics, who are able to provide medications, perform heart monitoring, and other more advanced treatments and procedures. The patient will usually be transported in a BLS unit, with the

medic on board, with the medic truck following. During weekday hours, you may see a BLS truck from one of our neighboring communities. When obtaining daytime volunteers became a significant challenge, we collaborated with three neighboring communities to form a staffing

agency called "TEAMS". During the daytime hours, a single paid crew is staffed at one of the 4 stations; Hanover, East Allen, Lower Nazaereth or Bath. (The crew rotates between the stations.) This crew responds to emergency calls in any of the four townships. Additionally, we have mutual aid agreements that assure that all emergency calls will be covered should all of our units and/or personnel be otherwise committed. It may seem complex, but in reality, it's simply a well-integrated team of people whose singular focus is to provide the residents of our communities with quality Emergency Services. (Should you have additional questions, feel free to contact us!)

Please consider joining our team. Not only will you share the satisfaction felt while serving others within our community, but the knowledge and training you receive enables you to care for your friends and family should the need arise! We truly appreciate that Fire, Rescue, EMS and Fire Police services are all provided by HTVFC. Not only are many of our members cross-trained, but we frequently train together, which enhances our ability to respond efficiently. We are in need of additional volunteers. If you would like more information, stop by on a Monday night at 7 p.m. during our weekly training, or check out our web site http://www.htvfc.org.

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Lions Club News

Ark your calendar and plan to attend the All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Supper on Saturday April 19th 2008 at the UCC Church on the corner of Airport Road and Orchard Lane (The extension of Crawford Drive). For \$7.00 you can feast on the most delicious meatballs and gravy, salad bar and home made desserts. It's sure to be a sell out. Call

Replace your smoke detector batteries

every time you change your clocks

for daylight savings time.

to reserve your tickets today. Contact Maggie Dominici, 484.893.6046

The Hanover Township Lions Club is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City on Sunday April 27th. We will be traveling by Bieber Bus from Tanzosh Beverage. The cost is \$25.00. Call for tickets Bernice/Willard Kulp 610.865.5440

John Phillip Sousa Concert Sunday, May 4th 2:00 pm

The Special Events Committee is proud to welcome back both the Easton Municipal and the Liberty Alumni Bands for an afternoon of memorable music. The 11th Annual John Phillip Sousa Concert will be held on Sunday, May 4th at 2:00 pm at the Hanover Township Community Center.

The concert is free and open to everyone. Refreshments will be served before the show.

A Message from the fire Chief

— by Scott Milham

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the township residents and businesses for their support in 2007 and I look forward to your support in 2008. Your Hanover Township volunteer fire company consisting of firefighters, EMS personnel and fire police personnel responded to 370 fire calls and 863 EMS calls / medical emergencies in 2007. In addition I would like to mention that during the month of October which was fire prevention month, our firefighter and EMS personnel lead by Fire Marshal Robert VanWhy Jr. visited all of the schools in Hanover Township and conducted fire prevention education for all of the students. There are also a few fire prevention tips I would like to share with our residents.

- 1. When you change your clock for daylight savings time also change your smoke alarm batteries.
- 2. There should be a minimum of 1 working smoke detector on every floor of your home, and preferably also 1 in each bedroom. If you have Oil heat or Gas heat you should also have at least 1 working carbon monoxide detector for each floor of your home. You can buy combination smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at your local hardware store so that you only need 1 unit instead of two for each floor. Also you should test the smoke alarms monthly to check their operation.
- 3. Smoke detectors only have a ten year life after which their ability to detect smoke starts to diminish, so if you have any that are over ten years old, they should be replaced.
- 4. You should have a fire escape plan and practice evacuating your home. Part of that plan should be having a meeting place away from the home for everyone to gather such as the mailbox or end of your driveway.
- 5. If you discover a fire in your home, leave the home immediately and make sure all occupants are out. Go to a neighbor's house or use a cell phone to report the fire. A fire dou-



bles in size every minute so do not attempt to put out a fire yourself, as a small fire can grow exponentially if there is a delay in reporting the fire to the 911 center.

- 6. If you must use portable space heaters, please make sure to use them carefully and read their instructions. Make sure there is nothing that can burn within 5 feet in all directions around the heater and the heater should only be used while someone is home. Also the heater should not be used when the residents have all gone to sleep.
- 7. If you must use an extension cord for an electrical appliance make sure its capacity is rated for the type of appliance you plan to use it for. For instance don't use a regular extension cord for a high amperage draw appliance such as a space heater or air conditioner. Also never run extension cords under furniture or carpets as they can rub through and cause a fire. When using a multiple outlet strip, make sure you do not plug too many electrical appliances into it. Just because it may have outlets for 8 appliances does not mean it is safe to plug in that many.

I hope that these safety tips have helped you and I wish you all a safe and healthy 2008.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS NOTES

At their Annual Re-organization meeting, the Supervisors elected and made the following appointments:

- ★ Re-Elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- ★ Re-Elected Glenn Walbert as Vice Chairman
- ★ Re-appointed James Broughal as the Township Solicitor
- ★ Re-appointed James Birdsall as the Township Engineer
- ★ Re-appointed Robert VanWhy as the Township Fire Marshall
- ★ Re-appointed Dale Broadway as the Assistant Township Fire Marshall
- ★ Re-appointed Timothy A. Brooks as Emergency Management Coordinator
- ★ Re-appointed Kristopher S. Mattson & Vincent G. Milite as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinators
- ★ Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Planning Commission: Mark J. Tanczos & Hon. James J. Narlesky, Esq.

- ★ Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Zoning Hearing Board: Joan L. Rosenthal
- ★ Re-appointed the following member(s) to the Shade Tree Commission: Susan A. Scholl
- ★ Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Airport Advisory Board: Albert J. Young, Jr.
- ★ Re-appointed or appointed the following member(s) to the Recreation Advisory Board: Elizabeth J. Soltys and Robert Roll
- ★ Appointed the following member(s) of the Special Events Committee: Emily Kocis & Barbara L. Baldo, Esq.
- ★ Re-appointed Robert Schoenen, Jr. as Township Representative to the Bethlehem Public Library
- ★ Re-appointed the Supervisors Chairman of the following Committees: Jack Nagle – Administration; Glenn Walbert – Planning & Zoning; Frank Colon – Development and Steve Salvesen – Public Works

Hanover Township Recreation Recreation News



How we effect change:

- 2007— Vera Bradley Bingo proceeds donated \$1300 to the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation
- Fundraisers & Partnerships allow for free wellness programs
- HTCC & American Heart Association raise \$1,000 at Heart Walk 2007
- Thursday Bingo donated funds to numerous non-profits & two boxes of toys to Toys for Tots in 2007!
- HT Recreation supports: healthier residents, sense of well-being in the community, safer neighborhoods, a higher quality of life, and increased property values!
- If you want to help continue the positive outreach through volunteering your time or talent, contact Cathy at 610-317-8701!
 Together we create community!

Community Outreach w/ HTCC

Hanover Township Community Center is the cornerstone of the Recreation department in Hanover Township. Through the mission and vision set, our main goal is to enhance the quality of life in Hanover Township. How do we do that? By working every day to build a better community center: a place to learn and play, a place to be safe and secure, and a place to create and imagine!

Through promoting health and wellness, providing social and recreational experience, we can foster a stronger community environment!

Over the past year our community has successfully contributed to many non-profit organizations: contributing funds as well as providing visibility to these organizations allowing them to get their message to the people they can help and to those that can support their causes.

In 2008 the goal is to continue these efforts. In February HTCC will be hosting Blingo- a fun day of bingo for jewelry! This event will benefit HTCC & The Hanover Township Memorial Golf Tournament. This tournament was designed to raise scholarship money for Hanover Township Children who have lost a parent. For more information regarding the HTMGT the website is www.htmgt.org

NEW - Marquee Bingo

Win a free 3 Month Memberships!

FREE TO PLAY!

HTCC is excited to announce a new bingo game that is absolutely free to play!

Starting March 1, HTCC will place one bingo number on the outside marquee sign. Every 2 weeks a new number will be given. First to get bingo, straight line in any direction will win! Once a winner is confirmed, a new game will start. Boards can be picked up at the center front desk!

New games will be announced on the board.

Join in on the fun!

Dates to mark your calendar!

TGIF- First	2/1
Friday of Every	3/7
month!	4/4
Easter Egg Hunt	3/08
First Strides	3/24
12 week women's	
fitness program!	
Women's 5K	6/07
walk/run	
Thursday Bingo	2/07
	3/06
	4/03
Blingo-Bingo for	2/17
Jewelry! 1 pm	
Center closed for	3/23

Marquee Bingo Rules:

3/29

11:30

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Hanover Swim

Team registration

- Only 1 entry per household
- Must use a validated bingo sheet from HTCC
- First to present bingo card is winner
- Must complete a registration sheet in order to receive bingo card
- Bingo sheets include three boards
- All numbers will be picked randomly

Kaplan in your Community



Hanover Township Community Center is teaming up with Kaplan to provide free seminars and educational workshops for our teens looking ahead to a college education. Together we will help provide free and discounted programming to prepare your child for the SAT testing.

Free Workshops and seminars will include:

- College Admissions 101
- College Application Essay
- SAT Critical Reading Workshop
- SAT Essay Workshop
- Financial Aid 101

Kaplan's 12 Session prep Class will be offered at HTCC with a discounted rate. Spring class to be announced.

In addition to these opportunities, Kaplan will be providing the Community with a College Resource Library. Start with joining the Kaplan's College Network on line; kaptest.com/college

It includes: Interactive Admissions Planner, Test Information, Practice Labs for SAT & ACT, Admissions Timeline, Free enewsletters, free QuizBank, Podcast Series, Free Practice Tests, Financial Aid Information, Resume Clinic and message boards!

Dates of programs to be announced. For more information contact Cathy at 610.317.8701.

Tutoring Program

Elementary Age Children

Kathleen Kelly, an experienced teaching professional, with a masters in reading will be offering 6 week sessions at HTCC.

What: Group tutoring - maximum of 5 children per session.

Who: Children in elementary school When: Tuesday or Thursday 4-5 pm Fee: \$90 Session- (\$15 an hour!)

Focus: Math or Reading

Sessions:

I. Tuesday, March 4th to Tuesday, April 8th
II. Thursday, March 6th to Thursday, April 10th

Get quality help for your child at an affordable cost. Individual help will be given to each child in the session.

Together, we can build a plan to help assist your child in the areas of learning that may require some extra focus. Private tutoring also available by appointment. Register at HTCC

Email Special

Would you like to be included on the Township Wide email distribution?

Includes valuable information on: township emergency notifications, updates from HTCC, and Special Event notices. If HTCC collects your email information at the center, we will send you a free week pass to our fitness area for either yourself or a friend! This data is not sold or shared with any other organizations!



Preschool registration for 2008-09 year has started! Don't miss your spot!

Any inquiries for Preschool or programs designed for the 2 to 5 year old, contact Susan Lavelle at 610-317-8701

Hanover Township Preschool

Our preschool consists of four 3-year old programs and four 4year old programs as well as 'Added- Value' programs.

Programs for 2 1/2 and 3

Funshine Club/Young 3's Mon/Wed 10:00-11:30 Tuesday/Thursday 3's (2 classes) 9:00-11:30 Tuesday/Thursday 3's (1 class) 12-2:30

Programs for 4's and 5's

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4's AM (2 classes) 9:00-11:30 Monday/Wednesday/Friday 4's PM (1 class) 12:30-3:00 Pre-K Monday/Tuesday Wednesday/Thursday (1 class) 12:30-3:00

Summer Camps

June and July only

Monday-Thursday 9:00-12:00 Summertime is a great time for thematic programming. Our classes include days filled with arts and crafts, story time, outdoor play and so much more! Each week is a different adventure!

NEW in 2008 Hanover Preschool will be offering special once a week summer programs for the child 3-5 in addition to the week /camp environment! Stay tuned!!

TEEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Who: High School Students
When: Once a Month
What: Guided group to encourage service projects, resource for college preparation,
trips and more. Time to be
determined. FREE!

Rob Cepin will be guiding the teens while allowing them the opportunity to develop this new and exciting program.

Rob is available at 610-317-8701 Tuesday thru Saturday to answer any questions.

Call HTCC and put your name on the roster!!



Rob Cepin -Assistant Director of Programs and Aquatics

Top Ten Reasons to have your next birthday party at HTCC:

- 10. Saves money on gas
- Kids love the fun!
- 8.Easy to plan.
- Pizza delivery!
- Great Parking!
- It's not in your
- 4. No huge clean up!
- Big gym for big fun!
- 2. Affordable!
- 1. You don't have to think about it!

Hanover Township Recreation

Welcome New Assistant Director - Rob Cepin

You may have noticed someone new walking in the gym at HTCC.

He usually has a smile on his face and his enthusiasm is contagious.

Please welcome Rob Cepin to the staff at HTCC. Rob comes to us with his masters in Sports Management from California University of Pennsylvania. His undergraduate work was completed at Penn State. His experience in working camps

and organizing sport events will be an asset to our facility. Rob also is an Adjunct Instructor at Lehigh Carbon Community College. He has worked as a substitute teacher in the Hazleton area, so his experience with youth will enhance our programs.

Rob has hit the ground running at HTCC implementing several new programs such as:

Santa Letters & 2007 Madden X-Box Tournaments.

Rob's goals for 2008 are to increase the number of participants in our existing programs, improve the existing programs and develop new and creative recreational opportuni-

- Congratulations to Tommy Black for winning the first Madden Tournament!
- Watch for monthly tournaments to be posted at HTCC!

Adult Basketball & Soccer w/ Karen

Come join us if ...you are looking for a great cardio workout, or maybe you are a former athlete who misses the action, or you just want to have fun!

New -Basketball program; this grass roots effort started with a few women looking for a fun way to exercise! It started on January 22nd, join at any time and we will pro-rate the registration!

Tues, Jan 22 thru Feb. 26th 7:30-8:30 from Weds, Jan 23rd thru Feb. 27th from 10:30 to 11:30 am

Fee: \$15 members/ \$20 nonmembers

Child care available at both

times. See front desk for details. The next women's movement? Soccer anyone....once you start playing again you won't want to stop!

Weds, March 26 thru April 30 am session 10:30-11:30 session 6:30-7:30 fees remain the same!

Other Basketball Opportunities!



HTCC's Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament for Middle School Players! February 22nd

HTCC 3 0n 3 Basketball Tournament:

When: Friday, February 22nd

Time: 7-10 pm Who: Grades 6-8

Fee: \$15 per team registration

Max. 4 players Referee on hand/ 1/2 court play Open to girls & boys!

Traci Cyr Basketball Clinics:

When: Monday-February 18

& March 24th

Time: 9 am to 12 pm Who: boys & girls 8-14 yrs.

Fee: \$20 per clinic

Before and after care activities available! Drop off as early as 7 am/pick up by 6 pm. Fee applies.

Open Pick Up Games Weekly!

When: Monday & Wednesdays Time: 8-10 pm

Additional open gym time available – see calendars or front desk for details.

Guest passes available at \$8 for adults and \$6 for full time students. Basic memberships: Adult resident fee \$73 a year!

Did you know that a basic family membership costs less then .36 cents a day?

Memberships at HTCC - there is a membership for everyone!

Annual Basic Membership

This includes use of the gymnasium, game room, locker room, and lounge areas. Also, discounted rates of HTCC programs. Fitness room use is \$5 per visit, aerobic classes are \$3 per class, and babysitting is \$2 per hour per child. Basic memberships are available only by the year.

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$125	\$195
Adult	\$73	\$113
Student	\$60	\$93
Senior (62+)	\$60	\$93

- Student: full time student under 22 years old.
- Family Membership includes 2 adults and children under the age of 22 living in the same household

Annual Fitness Membership

This includes all Basic Membership privileges, plus FREE use of the fitness room, FREE aerobic classes, FREE babysitting, & discounted rates on HTCC programs. Prices quoted are for memberships paid in

	Resident	Non-Resident
Family	\$478	\$698
Adult	\$247	\$370
Student	\$115	\$175
Senior (62+)	\$115	\$175

- Fitness members are entitled to one free appointment with our personal trainer.
- Check your Health Insurance-HTCC participates in Highmark, Forever Fit for Seniors, and other discounted insurances.

Personal Training @ HTCC

Personal training at HTCC is an added value service to your membership. The fees are kept at a reduced cost so that many members can take advantage of this service.

Q. Do I need to be a serious weight trainer to utilize this service?

A. NO- a personal trainer can simply review what you are doing and make suggestions on how to improve your routine in order to increase your results.

tating an injury?

review your workout.

A. You must always check with your doctor first with any kind of

Q. Do I need to meet once a week? exercise. If you have home exer-A. NO-you can set up appoint- cises prescribed by your physician, ments as often you feel necessary; the PT can assist you in the facility once a month, every six weeks, and make sure you are rehabilitatonce every three months...we rec- ing correctly for a quick recovery. ommend that you take advantage If you have any questions you

of your free visit to get you started would like to ask the personal and then check back in with the PT trainer, please submit them to the in 4 weeks to ask guestions and front desk and we will forward them to the trainer. HTCC Personal Q. Can the PT help with rehabili- Trainer: Karen Horvath is also a certified Nutrition Consultant. Ask Karen about her nutrition consul-

Diet + Exercise = Weight Loss

"Now is the time to value your health as much as you value the health of your loved ones!" Karen Horvath, Personal Trainer

30 minutes- \$15 60 minutes-\$20 990 minutes-\$35 *Includes PT & Nutrition consult!



FITNESS COUPON

BRING THIS COUPON IN FOR ONE FREE WEEK OF FITNESS PRIVLEDGES AT HTCC!

LET US KICK START YOUR FITNESS EFFORTS.... FITNESS CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE MONDAY THRU SATURDAY IN THE MORNING AND EVENING HOURS. FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE GO TO WWW.HANOVERTWP-NC.ORG

FITNESS ROOM OPEN - 6 TO 10 MON. TO FRL/7 TO 6 SAT/11 TO 5 SUN.

EXPIRES: 3/31/08



Free Blood Pressure check up- first Wed. of the month,9:15-10:15 am



2008 Consolidated Budget

General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Recreation Fund, State Highway Aid Fund

	Consolidated Budget	General Fund	Recreation Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	State Fund (Highway Aid)
Beginning Balance January 1, 2008	\$ 11,923,505	\$ 5,913,025	\$ 15,073	\$ 5,723,904	\$ 271,503
REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES					
Property Taxes & Fees Other Taxes	\$ 1,570,954 3,456,992	1,570,954 3,456,992			
Licenses and Fines	85,000	85,000			
Fines and Forfeits	65,000	65,000			
Interest	404,620	175,000	900	206,417	22,304
Intergovernmental Revenue (recycling grants, sanitary sewer fees, insurance premium taxes, state aid)	654,930	384,683		15,000	255,247
Charges for Services (building permit fees, inspection fees, public utilities tax, solid waste & disposal fees)	1,949,177	1,228,856	720,322		
Miscellaneous Revenues	838,878	152,822		686,055	
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	1,258,879	37,000		1,221,879	
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	273,006		273,006		
TOTAL REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 10,557,436	\$ 7,156,307	\$ 994,227	\$ 2,129,351	\$ 277,551
General Government (legislative, executive, financial, tax collection, clerical, legal, engineering, buildings and plant)	\$ 661,719	\$ 648,521	\$ 13,198		
	1,891,848	1,891,848	\$ 10,100		
(police, fire, crossing guards, fire hydrant rentals)	1,001,010	1,001,010			
Public Works - Sanitation (refuse collection)	1,088,840	1,088,840			
Public Works (road maintenance, snow removal, traffic signals/signs maintenance, street lighting, equipment)	1,941,504	918,884		617,150	405,470
Public Works - Other	2,350	2,350			
Debt Service	822,129			822,129	
Culture Recreation (recreation, community center, library contribution)	983,468	170,994	812,474		
Conservation and Development	34,024	34,024			
Employee Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, Insurance, Miscellaneous	1,074,516	905,961	168,555		
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	1,221,879	1,221,879			
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	273,006	273,006			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES	\$ 9,995,283	\$ 7,156,307	\$ 994,227	\$ 1,439,279	\$ 405,470
Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2008	\$ 12,485,658	\$ 5,913,025	\$ 15,073	\$ 6,413,976	\$ 143,584

Give All Law Enforcement Officers the Power to Enforce Gun Laws

A column by Representative Craig A. Dally, 138th Legislative District

Representative Craig Dally

n the year just ended, there were 391 homicides in the city of Philadelphia. The city leads the 10 largest cities in homicides. Clearly, these are statistics that deserve the General Assembly's attention. Unfortunately, much of the media's attention has been on restricting the constitutional rights of legitimate gun owners in the Commonwealth.

Three events drew significant attention from the mainstream press: On Nov. 20, Gov. Ed Rendell addressed the House Judiciary Committee, on which I serve, in support of several gun control measures. The committee rejected the bills he supported with the exception of a measure imposing a mandatory minimum jail sentence of 20 years on anyone who shoots at a police officer. On Dec. 5, the Black Caucus in the state House staged a walkout demanding that House leaders address gun control measures. And on Dec. 10, Rendell and mayors from across the state rallied for stronger handgun laws.

Neither the governor nor his allies in the General Assembly have been able to provide a nexus between proposed gun laws and a reduction in crime. A letter to the editor,

which appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on April 10, 2007, is particularly instructive, Joseph Fox, chief of detectives of the Philadelphia Police Department, stated the following:

"We have to stop pointing the finger everywhere but at the very people who prey on us each day. Over time, we have allowed our value system to erode. We refuse to hold people accountable for their actions and constantly make excuses for their inexcusable behavior. The incessant cry for tougher gun laws is a good example. Until we're ready to strictly enforce the current laws, there is no reason for tougher ones."

So far in the current legislative session, I have supported several pieces of well-drafted legislation aimed at the criminal misuse of firearms and the enforcement of current gun laws. I believe all law enforcement officials should have the wherewithal to enforce laws now on the books.

Earlier this year, I reintroduced a bill that would give Pennsylvania's 2,500 deputy sheriffs the authority to participate in law enforcement and emergency activities as needed in their counties. Over the years, the office of the sheriff has evolved into much more than court security and prisoner transfer agencies. Some sheriffs' offices, such as Allegheny County, operate in the same fashion as local and state police.

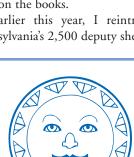
My bill would reaffirm the sheriffs' authority to perform law enforcement duties, based on the needs of the community. Sheriffs would be restricted in which duties they could perform by governing body of each county. In Northampton County, that would be the county executive and county council who are accountable to the voters.

Legislative action is necessary since the February 2006 decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court in Kopko et al. vs. Miller, which determined that sheriffs were not "investigative or law enforcement officers" under state law, and a more recent decision where justices applied that view to a case where deputy sheriffs discovered a meth lab when visiting a property.

The court issued its original ruling while considering whether deputy sheriffs could receive training for wiretap investigations. However, the ruling created confusion over whether sheriffs are allowed to perform other law enforcement functions. Following the court ruling, the Pennsylvania Attorney General was forced to suspend approximately 75 deputy sheriffs who served on the Attorney General Drug Task Force operations across the state.

During the 2007 Valentine's Day snow storm, deputy sheriffs in Pennsylvania assisted state and local police and the Pennsylvania National Guard with stranded motorists and emergency services during the snowstorm. In Berks County, the state police requested assistance from the Berks County Sheriff's Office to help with motorists on Interstate 78. My legislation is designed to promote this type of cooperation and protect our communities.

Sheriffs and their trained deputies are being paid and their talents should be used to the fullest extent possible to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. They should be full partners in the fight against crime.



a summer of reading fun

"READY TO READ" PROGRAM

Children ages 2-6

Friday, May 2nd • 12-2 pm

Kick off a summer of reading fun with township guests as they read to children in small groups around the Hanover Township Community Center gym on Friday, May 2nd from 12:00-2:00pm. The children will receive prizes as they go from reader to reader. The day's activities include a craft, a visit to the bookmobile, raffles (this year we are giving away two bicycles and a Leap Pad). Pizza and juice will be served to the children and there will be entertainment for everyone!

This program is free but reservations are required. Please call early, the reading program fills up quickly. Call the Community Center at 610-317-8701.

2008 Hanover Township Trash and

Recycling Calendar

Pick up will occur on Tuesday or Thursday depending on where you live. Please see both Map & Calendar for details. On Tuesday, everything WEST of Jacksonville Road (including Jacksonville Road) and NORTH of Hanoverville Road (including Hanoverville Road & Township Line Road – NORTH and SOUTH of Hanoverville Road) will be collected. On Thursday, everything EAST of Jacksonville Road and SOUTH of Hanoverville Road will be picked up.

Questions or Problems, Give us a Call at 1-800-333-4624





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MCARE STILL NEEDED TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE IN PA

A column by Senator Pat Browne, 16th Senatorial District

Where would you go in an emergency if your local hospital was closed? Who would deliver your child if all of the OB-GYNs were gone? What would you do if a loved one needed emergency brain surgery and there were no neurosurgeons left in Pennsylvania?

Those were questions that the Commonwealth was facing not so many years ago as medical malpractice insurance premiums were skyrocketing and increased costs were taking a dramatic toll on the number of health care providers in Pennsylvania – especially those in critical specialties that inherently carry higher patient risk levels.

Not only were experienced physicians closing their offices or moving out of state, but the high cost of medical malpractice insurance coverage was also pushing out new medical practitioners. From 2002 to 2004, the percentage of resident physicians who trained in Pennsylvania and then stayed in the state to practice fell from 24 percent to 8 percent.

Five years ago, in response to those needs, the Legislature created the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error, or MCARE, program to assist physicians in paying a portion of their medical malpractice insurance premiums. The fund helps pay a portion of the \$500,000 in MCARE fund coverage that the state requires each doctor to secure, in addition to the \$500,000 in primary coverage from the private marketplace.

MCARE assistance is financed primarily by a 25-cent tax on packs of cigarettes and a surcharge on traffic citations.

As it stands now, the authorization for this important program

will sunset on December 31, 2007. However, we are taking steps to protect this important safety net for Pennsylvania's health care providers as the Senate recently approved Senate Bill 1137, which will reauthorize the MCARE program until December 31, 2008.

SB 1137 also provides significant reforms to the program as well. Thanks to the improving medical liability market and the stabilization of premiums, due in large measure to the reforms contained in the MCARE Act signed into law by Governor Mark Schweiker in 2002, premium costs have been reduced to a level approximately \$115 million below its \$220 million annual allocation.

SB 1137 establishes basic, common sense restrictions on how dollars not needed for the abatement can be used:

- ◆ 50 percent would be placed in an escrow account to reduce the unfunded liability of the MCARE fund:
- ◆ 25 percent would be used to establish a medical safety automation fund (electronic medical records) for grants to health care providers;
- ◆ 25 percent would be used for the fund to support the reduction of health care associated infections.

With these and other new reforms in place, we can begin looking toward a future where the MCARE program may no longer be needed. However, until then, it is essential that we act to reauthorize this important program and protect the quality and accessibility of health care in Pennsylvania.



There's A New Star Rising Over Bethlehem

Mark your calendars as the **Star of Bethlehem Festival** will debut May 16-18, 2008 in Bethlehem on the green between Spring and Lehigh Streets (near the Hill-to-Hill Bridge). The event planners are proud to be bringing together the best of two well respected events from the past: The Rose Garden Children's Festival and the Christmas City Fair. The festival will provide learning experiences for children in the arts and sciences through hands-on participation. Our visitors will be treated to a variety of local and regional entertainment talent. Vendors will provide tasty culinary delights and refreshing beverages will be available throughout the weekend.

Crafters will also be on site to showcase their talents and market their creations. Festival President George Sobetsky, along with Paul Fistner, Rich Flyte, Dee Sobetsky, Tom & Linda Merkel, Carol Parker, Liz Hahn, Cindy Workman,

Ron Devine and many others are dedicated to producing an event they believe will entertain and educate, and become a shining new addition to Bethlehem's family of festivals. Sponsorship opportunities are now available at the Guiding, Shooting, Rising and Twinkling Star levels. Visit our website at www.starofbethlehemfestival.org for information.

The festival will be in need of volunteers which is also listed on the website. Proceeds from this new family event will benefit the Bethlehem Area Education Foundation and Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers. Hope to see you in May when this new festival shines in downtown Bethlehem. For information and questions, please call: 610-866-2245. You'll be hearing more about us soon!

Community Service Hours

Students wishing to complete Community Service Hours here in the township may contact Margaret Giordano at 610-866-1140.

Get involved in your Community!!!!!!!!

The Special Events Committee is eager to welcome new volunteers to share their time and talents and assist in the planning and organization of community events such as the Ready to Read Program, Sousa Concert, Hanover Fair, Halloween Parade, and Tree Lighting. For more information, please call 610-866-1140 ext 230.



Main Library

11 W. Church St. Bethlehem, PA 18018 610 867-7-3761

Mon.-Thurs.: 9 AM-9PM Friday: 9AM-6PM Saturday: 9AM-5PM



South Side Branch

4th & Webster Bethlehem, PA 18015 610 867-7852

Mon. & Thurs.:11AM-8PM Tues. & Wed.: 11AM-5PM Saturday: 11AM-2:30PM

The library will be closed on March 21 and May 26.

Family Place Parent/child workshops are free five week sessions that make available a welcoming space filled with toys and books where toddlers (ages one to three) play while their parents share parenting tips and concerns with other parents and community experts. For more information visit the library's web site at www.bapl.org or phone 610 867-3761 x499.

Register your children for the daytime preschool **storytimes** or the evening **Teddy Bear Family Story Times**. The first session of Spring storytimes begins mid-March. Classes are available for infants, toddlers, and pre-kindergarten. The evening family program is offered one night a month at the Main Library. Check the library's web site for more details or phone 610 867-3761 x499. The South Side Branch has family storytimes on Tuesdays. Registration is required. Phone 610 867-7852 for info.

Don't miss it! March Madness Book Sale is scheduled for Thursday, March 13 from noon to 8PM and Saturday, March 15 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. The library accepts donations of books and audio visual materials in good condition at the main desk during regular library hours anytime throughout the year. Call 610 867-3761 x259. The book sale web site is www.bestbooksale.org. The Spring Cleaning Book Sale is May 1 and 3.

Phone 610 867-3761x259 for the spring schedule of **computer classes for adults**. Three classes are offered: Introduction to Computer, Microsoft WORD®, and Searching the Internet. Classes begin in early February.

Check the library's web site at www.bapl.org or phone 610 867-3761 x499 for programs for students. Tutoring, SAT workshops, book discussions, and the annual Read Across America are some of the programs planned for 2008.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

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EAGLE SCOUTS

ALEX PYPIUK of Boy Scout Troop 362, Bethlehem will receive his Eagle Badge at an Eagle Court of Honor planned for Spring of 2008. His Eagle Scout project took place at St. Luke's Hospice House in Lower Saucon Township. The project involved the clearing and mulching of a tree-lined pathway running along the property of Hospice House. A hand-made wooden sign, created by Alex's grandfather Terrence Pypiuk, was also



part of the project and was placed at the entrance of the path. Fliers were also designed and will be placed in the information packets for families, encouraging them to walk the meditation garden path. The project took Alex and his fellow Scouts most of the summer of 2007 to complete. Alex's Eagle Board of Review was held November 15, 2007.

Alex started his Scouting career as a Cub Scout in first grade. While a Cub Scout, Alex earned the Religion Award and the Arrow of Light Award. As a Boy Scout he served as a den chief for Pack 368 for three years. Alex completed 31 merit badges and is a member of Order of the Arrow, Scouting's National Honor Society. He earned the World Conservation Award as a Boy Scout as well. He has held many leadership positions in the troop and has worked at Camp Minsi for three summers. He traveled to Philmont, New Mexico during the summer of 2005, acting as the crew leader for that trip. Since 2001, Alex organized two of the 9/11 Ceremonies at Hanover Township Community Center.

Alex is a senior at Liberty High School where he is in the Grenadier Marching Band (traveling to Orlando and Hawaii). He is a member of the LHS swim team and track and field team, lettering in both all four years. He has 194 hours of community serv-

ice time in his High School career, to date. Alex was also awarded a travel scholarship to Schwabisch-Gmund, Germany (Bethlehem's sister city) as a student representative over the summer of 2007 where he stayed with a German family for two weeks.

He plans to attend college in the Fall of 2008 and study foreign language and International Business.

Alex is the son of Kellie and Greg Pypiuk of Bethlehem and has one brother, Nicholas (also a Boy Scout in Troop 362).

KEVIN MICHAEL MEEHAN was awarded his Eagle on September 13, 200. His Eagle Court of Honor was held December 2, 2007 at St. Anne Church in Bethlehem. He is the

son of Kenneth and Denise Meehan and the brother of Brian & Maureen.

Kevin started scouting as a Tiger Scout with Cub pack 306 and earned the Arrow of Light before joining Troop 306 where he earned 39 merit badges. He has held leadership positions of Scribe, Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Kevin's Eagle Scout project consisted of the installation of two flagpoles in



memory of Marine Corp Cpl. Kyle Grimes. The two flagpoles are located outside the St. Anne gymnasium complex. The flagpoles were generously donated to St. Anne Church by the St. Anne Sodality. The flagpoles were dedicated to the memory of Cpl. Grimes during a ceremony in September of 2006.

Kevin is presently a junior at Bethlehem Catholic High School and is a member of the BECAHI volleyball team. He plans a career in engineering and is currently employed by Bennigan's restaurant.

ASA PACKER SCHOOL NEWS

By Carrie Beleno, 3rd Grade Teacher

Asa Packer Elementary School is brimming with activity! Market Day continues to grow as more and more people discover the delicious food they offer, all while helping the school earn money for activities.

Students are working hard plus enjoying the new playground provided by fundraising and generous donations. The school participated in RIF last week and each student was able to choose a new book while enjoying S'Mores, hot chocolate and a story provided by the PTA. The Reading Wizard from UGI entertained the first graders and sponsored their books.

The second grade is traveling to outer space- the planetarium, at the end of the month. More upcoming events include the 5th grade trip to the Weller Center, 3rd grade trips to Burnside Plantation, Hawk Mountain, and "Bach to School." A Basket

Bingo fundraiser is planned for March 9 and the community is welcome to participate. Doors open at 2pm.

We are excited to be welcoming author Michael Patrick O'Neill in March. He is a writer and photographer, concentrating primarily on sea life and environmental issues. He is a winner of the

prestigious "BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition." We are thrilled and honored to have him speak to our students.

We ARE Puma Proud!



Miller-Keystone Blood Center Information



"All eligible individuals are encouraged to donate blood at least two times per year, to ensure that blood products are available to treat premature infants, accident/trauma victims, surgical patients, burn victims, and individuals undergoing chemotherapy for cancer," he says. "However, it is important to remember that blood cannot be manufactured. It is only blood that is donated that can save lives."

For more information or to schedule a blood donation, call 610-691-5850.

BLOOD CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW VENUE FOR 2008 FUNDRAISING EVENT

Miller-Keystone Blood Center, in conjunction with Presenting Sponsor,

the Brown Daub Dealerships, is pleased to announce an exciting new venue for its 14th annual "Cruise Aboard the LifeLine" signature fundraising event.

According to the Blood Center's Sandra D. Thomas, Director of Development, for the first time since the Cruise's inception in 1995, the event will be moving off-site, to the Lehigh Valley Grand Prix Indoor Go-Kart Arena, located at 649 S. 10th Street, Allentown.

Thomas says, "Funds from our annual Cruise event provide the Blood Center with much-needed revenue in support of equipment, programs and other services that assist the Blood Center in their mission to provide a safe, stable and constant blood supply to the hospitals in our region. We are extremely proud to be partnering with the Brown Daub Dealerships and Lehigh Valley Grand Prix, and we are grateful for their very generous contributions to our organization."

Honorary Captain of the 14th annual event is Paul Huck, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.; theme of the 2008 affair will be "Cruisin' the Keys Aboard the LifeLine."

For more information on this year's event, call 610-691-5850 ext. 286, or visit the Blood Center's web site at www.GIVEaPINT.org.

BLOOD CENTER IMPLEMENTS NEW TEST FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Testing for Chagas Disease Further Increases Safety of Blood Supply

In December 2007, Miller-Keystone Blood Center added new test to screen the region's blood supply for Chagas Disease. This disease, common to Central and South America, is rare in the United States; however, recent growth in immigration from Latin American countries increases the potential risk factor for transmission.

According to D. Kip Kuttner, Medical Director, Miller-Keystone Blood Center, "Chagas disease is an infection caused by a blood parasite [Trypanosoma cruzi]. Transmission occurs through insect bites, blood transfusions, organ transplants and via infected pregnant women to children in utero. Chagas' disease can be treated successfully if detected soon after the infection occurs, but there is no cure once the disease has entered the chronic stage."

Approximately 11 laboratory tests are currently performed on every unit of donated blood, and all donations are screened for hepatitis, HIV, HTLV and West Nile Virus.

"The addition of this new test offers an important new safety measure to protect blood recipients against a potentially very serious, though uncommon, infection," Kuttner concludes. "The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a sensitive and specific screening test that enables the Blood Center to examine blood for Chagas. Any blood products that test positive for the disease will be destroyed, and individuals who have tested positive for Chagas will no longer be accepted for blood donation."

Kuttner also stresses that while individuals who test positive for Chagas disease will no longer be eligible to donate, there is absolutely no chance of contracting Chagas disease by donating blood.



Thank You

Hanover Township would like to extend its gratitude to the Special Events Committee for making Township Events possible. The Special Events Committee spends countless hours developing and planning events that allow Township residents the opportunity to gather as a community and a chance to get to know each other. Members of the 2007 Special Events Committee were Michelle Michael-Mill (Thomas Michael Agency), Jacquie Cercone (Susquehanna Bank), Jared McLaughlin (National Penn Bank), Erin Dishong (National Penn Bank), Brenda Happ (Congressman Dent's Office) and Emily Kocis.

Special thanks to Dennis Matthews, Tom and Dina Michael and Vince Milite. Also Deb Casey, Donna Sullivan, Julie Mondoro and Lauren Davis all of Lafayette Ambassador Bank, and Jefferson Lentz Danielle Romano, Cindy Doll, Heidi Gasper, Amanda Reidel, Cheryl Orth, Randy Whenhold, Tony Rivera, Doris Eckhart, Betty Thomas, Michele Pukancez, Joan A. Glass, Annette Lacko, Sandy Lavish, Angi Shelly, Wanda Brown, Stephanie Berger all of Susquehanna Bank.

2008 Special Events Calendar

We look forward to this year's Township events with great excitement! Township events give young and old alike the opportunity to get to know their neighbors and just have some fun!

- This year's events will include:

 Meet the Township Staff Night to be announced, log
- onto www.hanovertwp-nc.org and click on the Special Events tab for date and details
- Annual Ready to Read Friday, May 2nd
- Annual Sousa Concert Sunday, May 4th
- Hanover Fair to be announced, log onto www.hanovertwp-nc.org and click on the Special Events tab for date and details
- Annual Crime Watch/National Night Party Tuesday, August 5th
- Patriot Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony Thursday, September 11th
- Hanover Halloween Parade and Community Celebration Saturday, October 25th
- Hanover Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony and Weenie/Marshmallow Roast – Friday, December 5th If you have questions, would like to volunteer/participate or

become a member of the Special Events Committee, please call 610-866-1140.

From the Shade Tree Advisory Commission

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

TOPPING DOES NOT REDUCE THE SIZE OF A TREE: Within 2 – 3 years the topped tree is the size it was before, with long, weak shoots and large wounds open for insects and infection. IT IS ILLEGAL TO TOP A STREET TREE IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP.

YOU MUST HAVE A PERMIT TO REMOVE A LIVE STREET TREE. Permits are available at the Township Office or on-line and are FREE.

TREES SHOULD HAVE MULCH 2 – 3 INCHES DEEP IN A CIRCLE AROUND THE TRUNK. MULCH SHOULD NOT TOUCH THE TRUNK OF THE TREE.

TREES ABSORB CARBON DIOXIDE AND GIVE OFF OXYGEN. Trees help the environment around your house by cleaning the air and shading your house in the summer.

TREES INCREASE THE VALUE OF YOUR PROPERTY. Spring will be here soon. Plan to plant a tree or two this year.

FIRE COMPANY FUNDING

ith the adoption of the 2008 Budget and the establishment of the 2008 Tax Rates the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors established a Fire Tax of .5 Mills. The enactment of the Fire Tax will enable the Township to fund the purchases of the vehicles for both operations of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 – fire & EMS. An asset replacement schedule has been established identifying the needs of the fire company. In 2009 the Fire Tax will enable the Township to replace Pumper 1511, purchased in 1989 and Ambulance 1581, purchased in 1997. The estimated cost to replace both vehicles is approximately \$520,000.

Additionally, the Township will provide an additional \$143,425.00 of direct funding and \$102,622.93 in pass through state funding in the form of Firefighters Relief Funds. The Township allocation assist with the day to day operations of the fire company: repairs, maintenance, supplies, fuel, insurance, utilities, etc. Firefighters Relief Funds are used for training and equipment purchases.

These funds as well as the Annual Appeal the fire company undertakes for direct contributions from businesses and residents allows the volunteer fire company to provide first class service.

The volunteer fire company is supplemented weekdays by three members of the public works staff who respond to fire calls from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Winners Isest Holiday Display Contest 2007

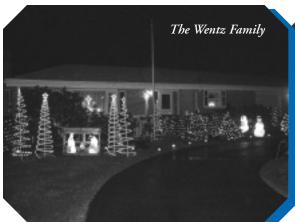
Congratulations to all six winners of the 2007 Best Holiday Display Contest! Our Special Events Judges spend many evenings going through the streets of the township enjoying all of the beautiful displays as they narrow down their choices to just one winner in each of the six districts.

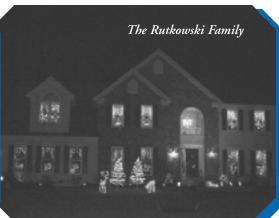
Winners are awarded gift certificates from area businesses.

The following businesses provided gift certificates to products as prizes for the Best Holiday Display Contest. Applebee's (Catasauqua Rd) Applebee's (Route 191) Cactus Blue Chili's Christkindlmart Dave's Deli First Night Friendly's Gadzooks Hanoverville Rd. House Ichiban Japanese Rest. Luminous Nails Mama Nina's Foccachiaria Mi Chong's Moose and Bug Nuts About Ice Cream Oasis Restaurant Olive Garden Outback Steakhouse Pizza Village IV – Pointe North Primo Hoagies Quiznos Steak and Ale, Stefano's, Subway (Catasauqua Rd.) Valley Family Restaurant Weis' Market -

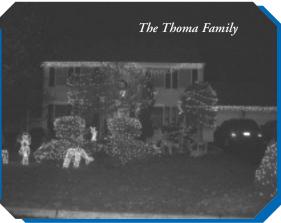
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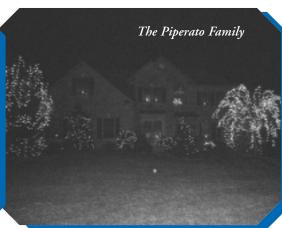












Community Sponsors

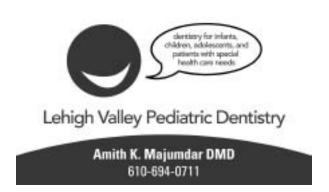
Tanczos Beverages

Jacksonville Road **610-866-8039**

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Dally Announces More Than \$376,000 in Grants to Local Emergency Responders

Volunteer fire and ambulance service companies across the state are receiving grant awards to allow them to stay on the cutting edge of public safety, Rep. Craig Dally (R-Northampton) announced today.

"Volunteer emergency responders are vital to public safety," said Dally. "On a daily basis many men and women often risk their lives to protect the property and preserve the health and well being of their fellow citizens."

The grants are awarded under the Volunteer Fire Company/ Volunteer Ambulance Service grant program and range from \$9,000 to more than \$39,000. The following volunteer companies serving the 138th Legislative District received grant awards:

- Bath Volunteer Fire Fighters and Ambulance Corps Inc.
- Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Co.
- East Allen Township Fire Dept.
- Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.
- Hecktown Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.
- Klecknersville Rangers Volunteer Fire Co.
- Lookout Fire Company No. 1.

- Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Co.
- Wind Gap Ambulance Corps Inc.
- Wind Gap Fire Company.

Grants are used to improve and enhance capabilities of vital emergency preparedness services such as construction or renovation of a unit's station, the purchase or repair of equipment; training or debt reduction.

"These grants allow our areas emergency responders to stay on the cutting edge of technology," Dally added. "Whether buying thermal imaging equipment or obtaining additional training, residents can be assured that our emergency responders are among the best anywhere."

The program is administered by Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency with the application process handled through the office of the Pennsylvania State Fire Commissioner.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 received a State Grant in the amounts of \$21,790 and our EMS unit received \$9,969. Both grants will be used to update the fire company's radios and communications equipment.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS

Please when SNOW is in the forecast; make every effort to keep all your vehicles in your driveway. This is a problem in the following areas: All Cu-de-Sacs as well as Grace Avenue, Jaclyn Lane, Overlook Drive, Briarstone Road and Rosewood Drive.

Please be aware that we usually have to plow streets at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm. Please do not shovel snow into the street!

SNOW & SIDEWALKS

Please remember if you have sidewalk adjoining your property all snow must be removed within 36 hours after a storm.

Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** put material out for pickup before 6:00 P.M. Monday night.

Please keep all trash and recycling cans behind the curb and **NOT** in the street.

All garbage shall be stored in containers with lids for pick-up. Corrugated (cardboard) Tie in separate flat bundles no larger than 2' x 3'.

Grass clippings shall be in bags strong enough to hold the contents and shall not weigh more than 35 lbs.

YARD WASTE

In order for the Township to be compliant with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Act 101 of 1988, Section 1501 (c)(2)) our waste hauler J. P. Mascaro will no longer be picking up yard waste. Residents will have two options for disposal:

- Purchase a compost ID from
 Hanover Township and individually dispose of yard waste at the
 City of Bethlehem, Compost Center on Schoenersville
 Road, or
- Use the Hanover Township curb-side collection that will pick up yard waste in April, May, September & October.
- Residents with a TUESDAY trash pick-up will have their yard waste picked up the first full week of April (7th), May (5th), September (8th) & October (6th) starting on Monday.
- Residents with a THURSDAY trash pick-up will have their yard waste picked up the third full week of April (21st), May (19th), September (22nd) & October (20th) starting on Monday.

Yard waste must be placed curb-side in rigid containers or yard waste bags available at local stores. Yard waste in plastic bags will not be picked up.

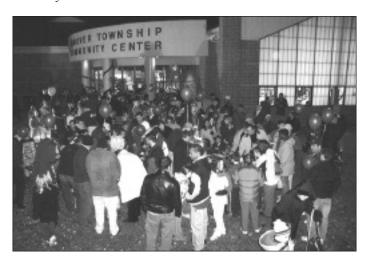
This action is not the result of the change in trash haulers but to insure the Township is in compliance with Act 101.

Sign up for Email Alerts at www.hanovertwp-nc.org for updates to the collection schedule.

2007 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY EVENTS



Advent Moravian Hand Bell Choir, Hanover Township Tree Lighting Ceremony 2007.



Marshmallow and Weenie Roast at Treelighting Ceremony 2007

AWARDS



OUTSTANDING

Michelle Michael Millrecipient of Outstanding Service to Hanover Township Award presented by Jared McLaughlin.

SERVICE

Outstanding Service to Hanover Township Award winner Joseph Veltri and his wife Letitia.



RECYCLING SAVES OUR ENVIRONMENT

Recycling Reduces Greenhouse Gas Emissions

By reducing the amount of energy used by industry, recycling also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps prevent global climate change. This is because much of the energy used in industrial processes and in transportation involves burning fossil fuels like gasoline, diesel and coal, the most important sources of carbon and other greenhouse gas emissions into the environment.

Additional benefits are derived from reduced emissions

Additional benefits are derived from reduced emission from incinerators and landfills and by slowing the harvest of trees, which are carbon sinks. In 2006, recycling reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 2 million metric tons of carbon equivalent.

Recycling Reduces Emissions of Air and Water Pollutants

In addition to greenhouse gases, recycling can reduce a range of pollutants from entering the air and water. By decreasing the need to extract and process new raw materials from the earth, recycling can eliminate the pollution associated with the initial stages of a product's development: material extraction, refining and processing. These activities pollute the air, land and water with toxic materials, such as ammonia, carbon monoxide, methane, and sulfur dioxides. Further reductions are achieved as a result of energy saving, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollutants. In addition to the greenhouse gas reductions mentioned previously, additional reductions of air emissions due to

recycling total 587,000 tons. Reduced water emissions total nearly 9,000 tons.

Electronics Recycling

Watch your local newspaper and the next Hanoverview for information on the Electronics Collection Event with the City of Bethlehem. Some of the items collected include batteries, cell phones, fluorescent lamps, microwaves, computer monitors, televisions and more.

We hope to see you there and thanks for Recycling!!

Hanover Township Businesses

Please watch for the Mandatory Annual Commercial & Institutional Recycling Report for the Year 2007. They will be mailed to all Township Businesses in early February. Please complete the report and return by the due date. Any questions on business recycling, please call the Recycling Coordinator at 610-866-1140 ext. 223.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

March 2008 on the current Recycling Calendar for Thursday pick-up – ONLY – is incorrect. The correct Recycling days are March 13th and March 27th.

WASTE & RECYCLING COSTS

by Jay Finnigan

nfortunately the cost of trash & recycling is spiraling out of control as a result of the fees imposed on trash haulers by Federal, State and County Governments.

While Hanover Township selected, as required by law, the lowest qualified bidder for services provided to locations with barrel and bagged waste in 2006 for services during contract years 2007/2008 through 2011/2012 it resulted in an 18.9% increase compared to the old rate (\$913,212 v. \$768,000) and that continues to escalate throughout the contract (year 2- \$928,692, year 3 - \$948,060, year 4 - \$967,032 & year 5 - \$988,452). Consequently, the Township decided to bill trash as most municipalities do, outside of taxes.

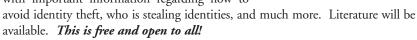
The \$295 was calculated based on the assumption that the majority of individuals will take the 10% discount and the \$265.50 will cover our \$260.43 per home cost, allowing a minimal amount to cover administrative fees. Similarly, the rate for residential accounts serviced by "dumpsters" was set at \$150.00 with a discounted rate of \$135.00.

While some will not like the comparison to what residents in surrounding municipalities pay for trash & recycling we are still lower. When you add in their mill rate we remain lower in overall taxes and fees. The three municipalities that are most like Hanover in Northampton County are Palmer, Forks and Bethlehem Townships. Palmer Township's mill rate is 5.5 and trash and recycling is \$309. Forks' mill rate is 5.1 and trash and recycling is \$225 (last year of agreement) and Bethlehem Township's mill rate is 4.7 mills and the average trash and recycling fee is in excess of \$300. Just some other comparative information, City of Bethlehem residents pay \$160.00 just for recycling collection and the Borough of Fountain Hill residents pay \$400 for waste & recycling.

Additionally, let me share with you that a direct comparison of property taxes to waste & re-cycling collection costs is not appropriate. The fact is property taxes comprise only 21.952% of all revenue coming into the township. In that context, only 21.952% or \$58.18 (of the \$265 average cost of waste collection) would have been supported from property tax revenues. The remainder of the waste collection cost (\$202.25) would have come from other revenue sources, not property taxes. We can also not assume that property taxes supported waste collection costs all these years (since 1991). In reality, until very recently, the Township managed to absorb the cost of waste collection and police protection without resorting to property tax increases. Unfortunately, costs have been escalating for all township services (road maintenance, police, public safety, etc), accordingly the township has been under the same inflationary pressures (rising fuel, material, equipment and payroll costs) that affect all of us in our personal and business lives.

IDENTITY THEFT AND YOU — May 14th

The Township Crime Watch will be sponsoring a presentation on identity theft. Joseph Fresco, an intelligence analyst and veteran in Federal Enforcement, will be conducting an hour-long presentation at Hanover Township's Community Center on Wednesday, May 14th at 7 PM. Mr. Fresco's experience includes: participating in the apprehension of Theodore Kaczynski, the UNABOMBER, participating in the drafting of Federal identity theft legislation, and co-produced and published US Postal Inspection Service publications relating to ID theft and fraud. You are invited to attend this informative night filled with important information regarding how to





2008 Tax Bills

Tax Bills will be mailed to each property owner by the first week of February. If you do not receive it by mid-February please call Berkheimer at 610.599.3143 or 866.300.1714.

Tax Payments will no longer be accepted at the Township Building. Payments can be made at Berkheimer Outsourcing, 1530 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Please make sure you forward your tax bill to your mortgage company, bank or whoever is responsible for paying your taxes.



COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY

Hanover Township's 2nd Annual Community Pride Day is scheduled for Saturday April 19, 2008 from 10 AM to 1 PM. All are welcome to participate. Great opportunity for Community Service Hours! To volunteer, please contact the Township's Recycling Coordinator at 610-866-1140 ext. 223



With the holiday break a distant memory, the students at Hanover Elementary are ready to tackle 2008! We've started the year off with several days of district testing in addition to entertaining assemblies ranging from a Harpist to Gymnastics' Team. We will be offering Parent Portal training at the end of January. This program allows parents who have attended the training to access a secured area within the school district's web site. Parents will be able to view their child's scores on district tests as well as other information pertaining to their child.

After a very rewarding holiday season, the Community Outreach committee is keeping busy planning opportunities to provide students the chance to reach out to the community. Several events tentatively planned are a Pennies Drive in March to help support local Pediatric Charities and an Earth Day event when the children will be planting saplings to further help our environment. Our Student Council has scheduled fun events for the students such as Twin's Day in

January and Crazy Hat Day in February.

In spring look for information regarding our two major fundraisers: Shopping Night Out being held on April 4 and Basket Bingo on May 9. Both are new events to the school and are open to the public. Watch for information on the marquee in front of our school. We hope you'll join us!

As always we appreciate the community's support so that we can continue to be, *The High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks!*

AMERICA ON WHEELS

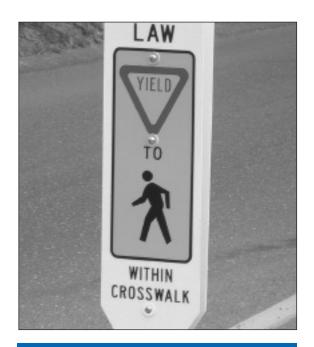


You "Auto" see What's Happening at America On Wheels. We are pumped up as exhibit fabrication begins 1/14/08. Yes, our museum galleries showcasing over-the-road transportation are coming to life. On behalf of our Board of Directors and staff, we look forward to steering into the Lehigh Valley as we showcase our educational and recreational institution to all who visit.

Visit www.americaonwheels.org for more information.

Hope we fueled your interest...

Linda Merkel, Executive Director

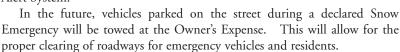


PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

In cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PADOT) Hanover Township has begun to install "warning" signs at cross at cross walk locations throughout the Township. Additional signs will be added as signs are obtained from PADOT.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

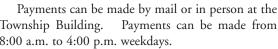
When Hanover Township declares a "Snow Emergency" it is broadcast on WAEB - 790 AM, WFMZ - Channel 69 and via the Hanover Township Alert System.



-- To register for an Email Alert from Hanover Township, visit www.hanovertwp-nc.org and use the Email Sign Up click through on the main page.



Residential Waste & Recycling Trash bills will be mailed to each residential property owner during February. If you do not receive yours by late February please call the office at 610-866-1140.



Township Building. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Help Wante

Pool, Parks & Camps

The Township is currently accepting application for life-guards, gate guards and pool staff for the 2008 summer. Camp and park counselor openings are also being filled. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Robert Cepin at the Community Center, 610.317.8701

Crossing Guards

Need some extra cash. The Township is currently accepting applications for substitute crossing guards. Hours are 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on school days. If interested, call (6110.866.1140) or stop by the municipal building.



Meeting of Boards and Commission

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions for 2008. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. except where noted.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Meetings are held the SECOND and FOURTH 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 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.

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the THIRD THURSDAY of each month starting at 7:30 p.m.

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: Meetings are held the SECOND WEDNESDAY of every other month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

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