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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

The Township Budget *by John N. Diacogiannis, Vice Chairman – Board of Supervisors*

The Board of Supervisors has adapted a township budget that will keep tax rates on property owners unchanged for another year. The property tax rate remains at 4.25 mills or 42.5 cents on each \$100 of assessed valuation. All other tax rates remain the same, except for the Occupational Privilege Tax.



In accordance with provisions in revised state legislation, the former Occupational Privilege Tax (OPT) has been changed and renamed the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (EMST). It remains a tax on individuals who **work** within the township boundaries. Previously, the OPT had been limited to a total \$10 per person, with \$5 going to the Township and \$5 going to the Bethlehem Area School District. The new EMST totals \$52 per person, with \$5 still going to the Bethlehem Area School District and \$47 going to the Township.

The basis for the change in this tax is to provide funds to municipalities for police, fire and/or emergency services, road construction and/or maintenance, or to reduce property taxes. In particular, the intent of this tax is to

help relieve township property owners of some of the financial burden in providing these municipal services to those working within the Township. While Hanover Township expects to receive a significant increase in this tax revenue, it offsets only a small portion of the costs to provide these services. However, without this additional revenue, it would be difficult to continue supporting police, fire and road service increases, without an increase in property taxes. Hopefully, a property tax increase will continue to be unnecessary for the foreseeable future.

Significant components of 2005 budget expenditures include \$1.3 million for the long-needed township administration building expansion and renovations, \$1.1 million for public works, \$1.5 million for public safety (police and fire company), \$1.1 million for culture / recreation (recreation, pool, community center and public library contribution), almost \$1 million for debt service and \$.8 million for employee retirement contributions and insurance. Aside from the building expansion, other large capital expenditures include a new truck and vehicle, road overlays, storm sewers, pathways and pool capital expenditures.

(see page 3 for consolidated budget)

PROPOSED SENIOR RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT *by Glenn R. Walbert*



Hanover Township is a diverse community that requires various types of housing to meet both the needs and changing preferences of its residents. Some of the types of housing currently available in the township include both attached and detached single family, condominiums, apartments and assisted living. Another type of housing that is fairly new to the Lehigh Valley and is now proposed for Hanover Township is an Active Adult Community. It is also known as an Age Restricted Community.

This project is proposed to be built on the Jaindl property north of Hanoverville Road and west of Township Line Road. Since the Township does not currently have a zoning ordinance that allows for this type of development, a new zoning ordinance needs to be created. As of this writing, a public hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held on **March 8th** to receive input from the public on this proposed new ordinance.

Some of the key features of the proposed ordinance are that 80% or more of the housing units must be occupied by at least one person who is 55 years of age or older and no one under the age of 18 is allowed to reside in this community. These requirements are in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Act. The development will be set up similar to a condominium association and will have its own recreational facilities such as a community center and outdoor pool or spa. The ordinance allows for a mix of dwelling types with a minimum of 65% required to be single family detached.

With the minimum age of any occupant being 18, this type of development will not have any impact on the school system.

PUBLIC WORKS

by Stephen R. Salvesen



It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone, the holidays are over but spring seems like it is a long way off. Weather patterns have changed and at times it's like Mother Nature is trying to balance the books in a much collapsed time frame. Will it be a wet winter or dry, cold or mild? Good questions with no answers. The one sure thing is that whatever the weather, the Hanover Township road crew has the equipment to handle it.

As we all see on a day to day basis there is more traffic on our roads than there was last year and that getting around in the township at certain hours of the day can be a trying if not a frustrating experience. The one sure thing in our favor is that the road crew has the tools and manpower to handle the situation.

With the continued spurt of development in the township it is abundantly clear that there is an immediate need for traffic signalization at key intersections in our community. One that comes to mind is the Jacksonville and Stoke Park Roads intersection. Work on this project began several years ago when the township acquired additional right of way from the Koehler's so that turning lanes could be installed. As the other corners of this intersection were developed, additional turning lanes were added and the necessary wiring to support traffic signalization was installed. At the end of 2004 the plans and bid documents were prepared for the installation of a traffic light with installation planned for early in 2005.

Other improvements that are in the early planning stages are:

- Lowering of the hill on Macada Road at the intersection of Jacksonville Road including turning lanes and signalization.
- Installation of a signal at Southland and Crawford Drives.
- Resurfacing of Stoke Park Road from the Faulkner dealership to Jacksonville Road
- Continue the pathway (sidewalk) system from the Fisherman's Net to Westgate Drive.
- Continue the drainage system along Stoke Park Road.
- Additional street lighting along Jacksonville Road, Stoke Park Road and selected other locations.

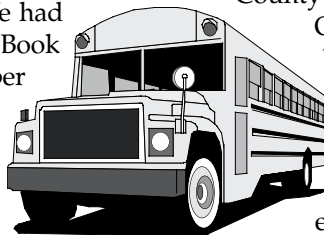
In addition to the various road projects, the addition to the township building will be completed early this year. The addition will allow us to serve the community in a more efficient manner by realigning work areas and meeting areas along with restructuring the township meeting room. The expanded area will accommodate the larger audiences in a higher degree of comfort than presently available. Currently the roof is being installed and major work to the internal structure should begin in the next few weeks.

For those in our community that are regular readers of the local section of the *Morning Call*, you know that the Jim (Township Manager) and Linda (Secretary/Treasurer) Sterner are retiring at the end of 2005 after sixty-eight years of combined faithful and dedicated service to our community. Both Jim and Linda will be missed as they move on to other challenges, we wish them well. Chairman Finnigan has appointed Supervisors Diacogiannis & Walbert to guide the Township through the transition.

HANOVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

October was a busy month at Hanover. We had Education Week, a Great Person Day, and a Book Fair. They were all a great success! In November we held our awards ceremony for the national PTA sponsored Reflections program, a cultural arts program that encourages students to express their thoughts and feelings through the creative arts. We had a wonderful turnout with 48 entries, with 30 going on to be judged at the council level. Results will be known later this month. Congratulations to all! Also in November our 5th Grade Running Team, organized by our Physical Education teacher, Mrs. Deibler, competed in and completed the Hanover Township 5K race. Great job! Also thanks to the community for their continued support of our Election Day bake sale.

The Fall and Holiday Season were highlighted with two 'giving' opportunities; a hat, glove, mitten and coat collection that helped provide warm winter clothing to fellow BASD students in need and the Holiday Giving Tree organized by the Student Council. Both were very successful with 125 winter clothing items collected and many gifts



were sent to 250 needy adults and children in Northampton County Family Services.

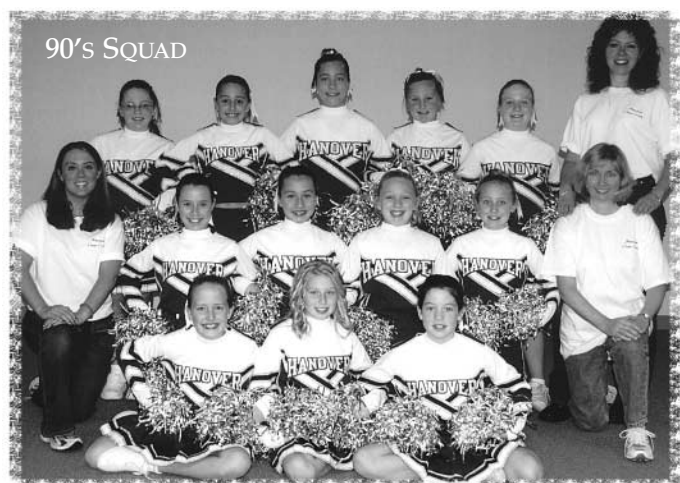
Our Hanover Band and Orchestra presented a Winter Concert in December. Thirty 2nd year instrumental students directed by Mr. Morris, our instrumental music teacher, performed familiar melodies associated with the winter season.

Hanover students enjoyed two programs that educated and informed. Lenape Lifeways presented two programs on Native American culture: Grades K-2 learned about "Little Lessons in Lenape Life Ways" and Grades 3-5 heard about traditional Lenape customs, beliefs, art and family life. The children explored a great collection of artifacts. Bob Conrad presented "The Magical Rain Forest" assembly. Magic, Puppets, and Ventriloquism were used to teach our kids about rainforests around the world: what and where they are, the animals and plants that live there, and why we need these forests. The program relates to subjects in geography, social studies, literature, art, drama and music in fun and interactive ways.

The Hanover Elementary staff and students and the Hanover PTA would like to wish everyone in our community a Happy New Year!

2005 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, 2005	\$ 8,880,506	\$ 5,265,296	\$ 0	\$ 3,110,494	\$ 504,716
REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES					
Taxes	\$4,410,700	\$4,410,700			
Licenses and Fines	79,000	79,000			
Fines and Forfeits	35,000	35,000			
Interest	96,480	58,000	480	33,000	5,000
Intergovernmental Revenue (recycling grants, sanitary sewer fees, insurance premium taxes, state aid)	515,427	313,427			202,000
Charges for Services (building permit fees, inspection fees, public utilities tax)	578,764	158,264	420,500		
Miscellaneous Revenues	131,245	131,245			
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	948,820			948,820	
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	120,000		120,000		
TOTAL REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 6,915,436	\$ 5,185,636	\$ 540,980	\$ 981,820	\$ 207,000
EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES					
General Government (legislative, executive, financial, tax collection, clerical, legal, engineering, buildings and plant)	\$ 1,929,627	\$ 622,627	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,300,000	
Public Safety (Regional Police, crossing guards, Fire Company, fire hydrant rentals)	1,504,472	1,504,472			
Public Works - Sanitation	717,200	717,200			
Public Works (road maintenance, snow removal, traffic signals/signs maintenance, street lighting, equipment)	1,082,180	659,980		120,000	302,200
Public Works - Other	2,079	2,079			
Debt Service	948,820			948,820	
Culture -- Recreation (recreation, community center, library contribution)	1,064,917	158,236	491,681	415,000	
Conservation and Development	29,000	29,000			
Employee Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, Insurance	828,540	797,340	31,200		
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	948,820	948,820			
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	120,000	120,000			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES	\$ 9,175,655	\$ 5,559,754	\$ 529,881	\$ 2,783,820	\$ 302,200
Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2005	\$ 6,620,287	\$ 4,891,178	\$ 11,099	\$ 1,308,494	\$ 409,516



Community Service Hours

High schools students wishing to complete Community Service Hours in the township may contact Margaret Giordano at 610-866-1140.

Hanover Starz Cheerleading

by Margaret Giordano

Hanover Township has its very own competitive cheerleading squads! The Hanover Starz Cheerleaders – 3 different squads based on age - grew out of a sense of community pride and a desire to represent the township in which we live. The Starz have brought together girls of different ages and from various schools in a nurturing environment where they have the opportunity to practice their skills, acquire new ones, learn the meaning of teamwork, and strive to excel in a competitive environment. The Hanover Starz has also afforded them the opportunity to train with parent and high school coaches from within our own community who serve as real role models for our children. It has also given parents the opportunity to get to know their neighbors and neighborhood children.

In their first season competing, the Hanover Starz took home numerous trophies and two of our squads were invited to Nationals in March!

Registration for the 2005 season will be held in the Hanover Township Community Center lobby on Tuesday, February 22nd and Tuesday, March 1st from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Come meet representatives from the Cheer Volunteer Committee, register your child and learn how you can be involved in this great community program!



Miller-Keystone Blood Center Announces Theme for its Annual Cruise Aboard the LifeLine

May 13, 2005 from 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. marks the special day for the Blood Center to be transformed and travel to Mexico. Mexico is a traveler's paradise. The event will take place at Miller-Keystone Blood Center's headquarters, **in Hanover Township**. An excellent group of local gourmet caterers will provide tempting Cruise cuisine, you will also have the opportunity to enjoy wonderful entertainment, fabulous raffle prizes, a memory mate photograph and many surprises throughout the night. The funds raised goes directly into the support of our state-of-the-art testing laboratory, programs and services that aid us in our mission as the sole provider of a safe and adequate blood supply for our region. We are always mindful that every 3 seconds someone requires blood.

We certainly hope that you will consider joining for this fun-filled evening. For sponsor information and/or tickets please call Linda Merkel, Director of Development at 610-691-5850 x 248 or develop@hcsc.org. Serving as Honorary Captain of this year's event is Todd Donnelly of Target Select Cable Advertising and the Cruise Director is Sheryl Hawk of Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

Tickets are \$75.00 per person. Hope to see you at our 11th Annual Cruise Aboard the LifeLine.

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LIGHTS AND SIGHTS OF THE HOLIDAYS

1ST ANNUAL BEST HOLIDAY DISPLAY CONTEST



Congratulations to all **Winners of the Best Holiday Display Contest!** There were so many great displays throughout the township; choosing only one winner for each district was a real challenge for our panel of Special Events judges. Each winner received an Award along with Gift Certificates from local businesses and residents. We would like to thank the following businesses/residents for their generous contributions to our Display Contest: Steak and Ale, Pizza Village IV, Classic Cleaners, Salon Bliss, Redner's Market, The Thomas Michael Agency, Hanoverville Roadhouse, Dave's Deli, Giant Food Stores, Wegmans, Jack Creek Steakhouse, Bennigan's Grill and Tavern, The Shanty, Outlook Hair Studios and Cat Country.

Thanks also to Diane Lariar and Cub Scout Troop 358, Gale Tenaglia and the Hanover Starz Cheerleaders and Brownie Troop 1084 for making and donating wonderful ornaments for our holiday tree.



The Ashner Residence



The Thoma Residence



The Heinsinger Residence



The Benbenek Residence



The Hartzell Residence

The Bartakovits Residence



HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Park & Recreation news...

Special points of interest:

- Possible Hanover Pool renovations
- Pool Opens Daily – June 4, 2005
- New Summer Park and Recreation schedule!
- Pool passes may be purchased after April 1, 2005
- Park and Recreation Advisory board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 pm.

Renovations to Hanover Pool

After 24 good years of use, Hanover Township is reviewing the need for renovations to be made to our Township pool. There are several required upgrades needed, partial deck replacement, coping, tile work, and more. Other potential upgrades could include upgrading our diving well area with a new slide, and eventually upgrading the "baby pool" area to a zero entry or splash pad suitable for the younger crowd.

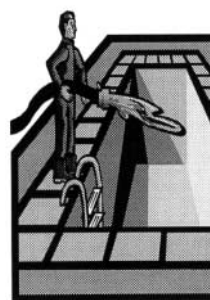
The immediate upgrades may be started

in spring of 2005. With pending renovations the pool schedule has been changed to allow for the work if approved.

Hanover pool will not open for Memorial Day Weekend. The Pool will open with a kick off community day on June 4, and continue daily operation from that point forward.

This new schedule will extend our swimming time during the weekdays by two weeks and allow for any construction time if needed.

We encourage residents to get involved in recreation needs by attending Recreation Advisory Board Meetings held monthly.



New Pool Schedule for Summer 2005

HTCC Program & Membership Info.

Check out what's inside:

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Meet Hanover Township's newest Recreation Employees!

Fran Taglang has accepted the Assistant Recreation Director Position. Fran started in mid-December and comes to us with an abundance of experience in working with children's organizations, social service agencies, educational institutions and a variety of business positions. The business skills he brings to the Center will be the most help to Cathy and the staff. Customer service is his personal "hot button", and he will strive to make everyone on the "team" conscious of their service and people skills every day! Fran can be reached at 610-317-8701.

Kristin Matejicka is the new township program and aquatic coordinator, this new position is a combination of existing positions, working to bring consistency year round to our programs and pool. Kristin is a December 2004 Graduate of East Stroudsburg University. She has a bachelor's degree in Physical Education and Sports Management. While at ESU she played 2 years of Women's Volleyball and was a member of the Health and Physical Education Club. She was on the Athletic Directors Honor Roll as well as the Dean's List. Kristin worked and completed her internship in Whitehall Twp. Her commitment and work ethic will be an added asset to Hanover Township.

Marilyn Wetmore is our newest personal trainer. Marilyn has been a part time aerobics instructor for over 16 years, with 4 of those years here at HTCC. She is currently finishing her personal training certification through the American Aerobics and Fitness Assoc. Marilyn is employed by The Lehigh Valley Hospital as a transplant lab technologist. In addition to her interest in aerobics and fitness, Marilyn is a rated college and high school field hockey official. She resides in Bethlehem with her daughters Dana and Amy and husband Don. Marilyn is anxious to help others live a "healthier & fit" lifestyle. Personal Training appointments can be made at the front desk.



Fran Taglang
Assistant Recreation Director



Kristin Matejicka
Programs & Aquatics



Marilyn Wetmore
Personal Trainer

Park & Recreation news...



PUZZLE PIECE PINS
Sponsored by: Hanover
Township Preschool \$1

*The friendly
family environment
makes strength
training at HTCC
comfortable for
everyone, Beth
Connelly, Fitness
member and
Hanover Twp.
resident*

**Personal Training
Fees:**
**Free-1st visit/new
fitness members**

\$20-One hour
\$15-1/2 hour

Hanover Township Preschool – Tsunami Relief Effort!

“HELPING VICTIMS BUILD BACK, ONE PIECE AT A TIME”

The Hanover Township Preschool, in an effort to contribute to the tsunami relief effort, will be selling PUZZLE PIECE PINS.

Pins will be \$1.00 a piece, with 100% of the funds raised being donated to the tsunami relief effort. The pins will be available February at the Community Center.

The children of Hanover Preschool along with the teachers will be assembling the pins. The pin has been designed by the Hanover Preschool teachers. All of our township residents will surely want to wear one of these unique pins! If you would like more information or to place an order please contact Susan Lavelle, Preschool Director at 610-317-8701.

Strength Training

A very important, but often neglected aspect of a fitness program is strength training. The benefits gained from strength training apply to both men and women, young and old.

The obvious benefit from sustained strength training is an increase in muscle strength and endurance. Your capacity to work, play sports or enjoy a hobby will increase with a growth in muscle endurance.

A second benefit from strength training is an increase in bone mass. Many current medical stud-

ies indicate that strength training, in addition to calcium supplements, may be the most effective tool for reversing the loss of bone mass, particularly amongst people fifty and over.

Strength training will also lower one's chance for injury. The increase strength of connective tissue (tendons, ligaments and muscles) helps to stabilize joints and increase stability.

The one benefit most people find satisfying is the increase in metabolism associated with a quality strength program. As the amount

of fat-free mass (lean muscle) grows, so does the amount of energy your body needs to maintain the muscle's normal daily activities. The number of calories your body burns at rest will increase.

I encourage you to take advantage of the facilities at the Community Center and make strength training a constant part of your fitness program. I will be available to help you reach your fitness goals!

Presented by: Marilyn Wetmore,
Personal Trainer

NEW fitness members qualify for one free personal training appointment!

FITNESS PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT HTCC

SAFE WEIGHT TRAINING FOR TEENS – 12 to 16 yrs. old

Participants will be introduced to fitness training guidelines, appropriate use of the equipment and gym etiquette. Class will review the five components of fitness with an emphasis on lifelong fitness habits. This program is a prerequisite for any student wishing to use the fitness room without adult supervision before the age of 14. Participants will receive a workout booklet. Sponsored by Lehigh Valley Hospital, guest

speakers will contribute to this program. Non-members will receive a 10 week fitness membership to workout unlimited through out the program.

Wed. 4-5 pm - March 16th
Fee: \$49 members/\$79 non-members

B&N EXPLORERS – 9 TO 13 yrs. old

B&N Explorers is a 6 week food and fitness program for children and their parent. Each week you will be exploring food

strategies to develop high energy, prevent disease and weight concerns through fun activities and snacks. Participants will enjoy a variety of activities from kick boxing and yoga to appropriate ways to strength train. Fee includes one parent and one child.

Tue/Th 6:30 to 7:30 pm - March 1st
Fee: \$79 member/\$89 non-member

Both programs are sponsored and supported by Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network.

HTCC

First Strides Hanover - Just one of many fitness programs!

First Strides is a 12 week workshop designed for women of all fitness levels! This program will help you comfortably progress from the couch to walking, even running at a pace that's right for you. All levels and abilities will benefit from this workout. So if you want to achieve your goal of a healthier, leaner body, come on out and join us! Hanover offers two programs a year to compli-

ment the Allentown and Bethlehem programs.

**Spring Program: April 4, 2005
Mondays 6-7 pm
Fees: \$30 members / \$35 non-members**

Goal:
**Annual Women's 5K,
June 18th 9:00 am**

www.firststrides.com

Yoga @ HTCC

\$3 per class members/\$10 non-members - three classes offered weekly!

Wednesday 9:15-10:30 am
Saturday 8:30-9:15 am
Thursday 6:00-7:15 am

VALENTINE'S SPECIAL- COUPLES YOGA

Friday, February 18th 7-8 pm
\$15 per couple



KIDS FITNESS

Kids Yoga: 7-10 yrs
Wednesdays 4 - 4:30
Feb 23rd-March 30th
Fee: \$29 member / \$39 non-member

Kids Aerobics: 9-12 yrs
Fridays 4 - 4:45
Feb 25th -April 1st
Fee: \$29 member / \$39 non-member

HTCC offers Dance programs on Saturday mornings!

A Second Chance: Teens, drugs and alcohol – A Parents Role

Tuesday, March 29, 2005 Hanover Township Community Center will present a *must see* program on teens, drugs and alcohol. Would you recognize danger signs in your child? Are you up on the newest ifadi? Are you aware of the resources available to you if you would need to deal with any of the above situations?

These are real issues, happening in our neighborhoods! It is never too early to bring yourself up to speed on these very important life alter-

ing subjects. Parents with children going into Middle School should be aware of the potential dangers facing your children at such a young age.

Proms will be going on in the next few months. Every year you hear a story on some awful tragedy with teens drinking and driving. Our goal is to get information out to parents to help avoid these senseless tragedies.

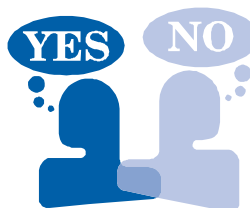
Please join Hanover Township Community Center and the pro-

fessionals from our own Community for an evening of information designed to help our young adults.

TUESDAY

MARCH 29, 2005

7-8:30 PM



"Adolescents today are faced with many challenges, whether it's the friends they keep or the temptations of drugs and alcohol. The seminar in March, will enable parents to identify the warning signs of drugs and alcohol abuse, both physically in their child as well as some of the paraphernalia they should be looking for." Jay Finnigan, Chairman - Board of Supervisors

Hanover Recreation Soccer

Soccer Coordinator: Igor Sklyarov

Hanover Township Community Center welcomes Igor Sklyarov to our recreational soccer program. Igor Sklyarov is a resident of Hanover Township. Igor has world experience in Soccer (Olympic Gold 1988) and is most recently found coaching our local community soccer players. This combination

of experience will bring a higher level of learning to this recreational program. Igor and Hanover recognizes the need to go back to basics. Statistically youth sports has seen a dramatic drop in participants once they reach the age of 12. Hanover Township is offering an opportunity to learn through "play". Programming will be developed to focus on "fun" creative ways to learn the fundamentals of soccer and team sportsmanship in

general. Dean Koski, Lehigh University Men's Head Coach, will be consulting on development of Hanover Recreation Soccer. Programs and leagues will be developed at all levels as the need arises. We look forward to the use of our new soccer fields on Crawford Drive!!

6 week programs @ HTCC

Starting the week of February 21st. Ages 5-12 yrs. old Call for more details.



75% of youth quit organized sports by the age of 12!
Let's make it fun and stop the trend!

Hanover Township Community Center



Hanover Township Community Center Open House

FREE PROGRAM PREVIEW SCHEDULE

Bring the family and stay for lunch!

When: Saturday, February 12th

Where: HTCC — Open to EVERYONE (members and non-members)

What's Going on Saturdays?

Adult Pick-up Basketball - Gym 8:00 to 10:00 am

Aerobics/Spinning - Aerobic Studio 7:30 to 10:00 am

Dance Classes for children - Saturday Sessions 9:00 - 10:00 am

Art Class - Saturday Sessions 9:30 - 10:15 am

SPECIAL PREVIEW PLANS - 9:30 to 12:00 will focus on the 18 months to 6 year old crowd!

Events include parachute power, art fun, music for tots, creative movement, and tennis!

LUNCH BREAK - 12 to 1 pm OPEN GYM

Concessions will be available to purchase - Pizza, Hot Dogs, Chips, and more!

SPECIAL PREVIEW PLANS - 1:00 to 4:00 will focus on 7 yrs. and up!

Events include soccer, basketball, tennis, lacrosse, and obstacle course fun!

Mini-clinics for each sport will be scheduled - the day will end with team relays!

Members who bring a new friend will receive a free t-shirt from Lehigh Valley Hospital! (supplies limited)



Don't miss this opportunity to try the programs at HTCC!

OUR FITNESS FACILITIES WILL BE FREE TO TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ALL DAY- STOP AT THE FRONT DESK AND FILL OUT YOUR GUEST PASS!

Fitness Classes on Saturdays are:

7:30 am - Spinning*

8:30 am - Yoga

8:30 am - Super Workout

*limited space available for spinning class / register ahead for a bike!

MORE RECREATION PROGRAMS...

Starting Soon!
Makeover Your Home Class- Denise Arnold
Starting **February 7th** for 6 weeks. Tuesdays
9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Fee: \$180 per person

Compare this class to a Designer in your home at \$50 to \$100 per hour! Check out the Morning Call article written by Paula Rasich featuring Denise Arnold's business- Interior Enhancement!

Mighty Mites Playtime
T/TH 10:30-11:30 am
Parent supervised play!

Morning News for Women
Monday, **February 28th**
9:45 - 10:45 am
Come to this free program to learn how to reduce your risks of developing breast cancer and about advances in breast imaging, early detection and diagnosis. Receive information, giveaways and a raffle ticket for a prize drawing for a **free hour of massage therapy** at the Youthful You Institute! *Child care is available - You must register ahead @ htcc for child care.*

Sponsored by: LVHHN

Looking ahead:

- **Daddy/Daughter Dance- Date TBA!** Lot's of fun back for a second year!
- **"NEW" Introduction to Girls Lacrosse Program**
- **"NEW" Summer Park Recreation Schedule!**
- **Summer Camps-Preschool to School Age / June through August!**
- **5th Grade Party!** Meet the kids you will be in middle school with!
- **Summer Employment**

Would you like more information about Hanover Township Recreation?

You can reach us at:

Phone: 610-317-8701

Address: 3660 Jacksonville Rd.
Bethlehem, PA 18017

Fax: 610-317-8704

E-Mail: HTCC@enter.net

Website: www.hanovertwp-nc.org

3 easy ways to register: walk-in, fax or snail mail!

Community Center
Spring/Summer Newsletter will be out before March 1st!

On Jan. 4th, for the fifth time, I took the oath of office as your member of the state House of Representatives.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity."

I take this responsibility as seriously today as I did in 1997 when I was first sworn in. For the people of Hanover Township and all of Pennsylvania, I pledge to support an agenda for this legislative session that will put Pennsylvania back on course.

First and foremost on this agenda is helping all Pennsylvanians by holding the line on taxes. I am committed to continuing the phase out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax and advancing the Keystone Manufacturing Initiative (KMI) to address many factors hindering the ability of job creators to compete and prosper in a global economy. KMI was developed in cooperation with businesses, manufacturing groups and unions. Further economic development priorities include reforming the civil justice system, streamlining government services and getting rid of unnecessary regulations.

Coincidental with swearing in ceremonies, House Republican leadership announced the formation of a special committee that will, for the first time in the state's history, look at the entire education system in the Commonwealth – from early childhood all the way through higher education to better prepare Pennsylvania's students for the global workplace. Since 1995, there have been significant gains in improving the quality of education in Pennsylvania. The Majority Leader's Task Force to Connect

Putting Pennsylvania Back on Course

by Rep. Craig Daily

Education and the Workplace will find ways to better link the state's schools and the workplace.

To enhance the state's education system, I will support efforts to assure the quantity and quality of educators for Pennsylvania's schools, strengthen business-education partnerships, and try to enhance higher education accessibility and accountability.

The Pennsylvania House has been leading the way to ensure every Pennsylvanian has access to the best health care available. Through the groundbreaking Healthy PA initiative, families will have more health care options available to them and insurance will be more affordable through the formation of health savings accounts.

To help protect the natural beauty of Pennsylvania, the Growing Greener initiative was established in 1999, and I am committed to continue its funding. I look forward to acting on the recommendations of the Green Ribbon Commission, which was established during this summer's budget deliberations to examine and develop recommendations to fortify the commonwealth's environmental investment programs. In addition, we will consider the Environmental Program Accountability Act. Key components of this measure will strengthen the state's recycling program and encourage further pollution control efforts.

Remember, too, this is your government, and your ideas, suggestions and questions are important to me and my colleagues. You can contact me at my district offices. They are at 354 W. Moorestown Road in Nazareth, PA, 18064 (telephone: 610-746-2100) or 5330 Nor-Bath Blvd. in Northampton, PA, 18067 (telephone: 610-502-1567).

LATE WINTER SHADE TREE TIPS

This is the perfect time to prune young trees.

Remove any branch that is rubbing against another. Look at the structure of the tree to determine which branch to remove.

Remove low branches to give a 14-foot clearance on the street or a 7-foot clearance for sidewalks.

Remove any branch that forms a tight "V crotch" with the trunk.

Remove any broken branches.

NEVER "top" a tree or hire any landscape person who would be willing to do this very harmful practice.

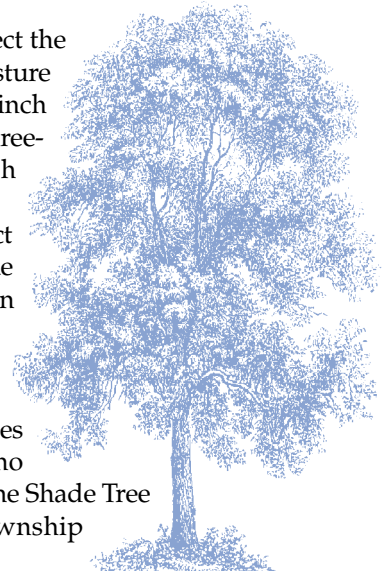
You may not remove a live tree near the street or in an easement without first obtaining a permit and permission from the Shade Tree Commission.

If a tree dies near the street or in an easement, you must obtain a permit and then replace it with a tree from the Approved List (available in the Office).

Mulch your trees to protect the trunk and to conserve moisture during the summer: three inch depth with a minimum three-foot diameter, no mulch touching the trunk.

Early spring is the perfect time to plant trees. Make Hanover Township a green and healthy place to live and enhance your property value: plant a tree.

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.



Update on Regional Blood Supply

As the *exclusive* supplier of blood products to our regional hospitals, Miller-Keystone Blood Center relies on the generosity of volunteer blood donors to ensure that a safe, adequate blood supply is available for area patients whenever they are in need.

It is important to remember that during the winter months, blood inventory levels tend to decrease, due to holiday activity, seasonal illnesses and inclement weather. But while blood levels may diminish, accidents and illnesses do not. **Over 350 units of blood are needed every day by patients in our regional hospitals**, and in order to maintain a stable blood supply, blood that is used today must be replaced today.

In addition to whole blood donations, the Blood Center is currently in need of platelet donations. Platelets are one of the most common blood components needed by area hospital patients. These are small cells in the body that initiate blood clotting, to control bleeding. Cancer patients, transplant patients, trauma patients and patients undergoing open-heart surgery typically require platelet transfusions to survive.

The platelet donation process is similar to a traditional blood donation, except that the other blood components, including red cells and plasma, are returned to the donor's body. The process is completely safe and easy, and takes approximately 90 minutes. What's more, the impact of one platelet donation is the same as the impact of three whole blood donations!

If you are at least 17 years of age, weight at least 110 pounds, and are feeling healthy, you are most likely eligible to donate. For more information on blood or platelet donation, or to schedule your appointment, call 610-691-5850, or visit our web site at www.giveapint.org.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please **DO NOT** 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.

Please refer to recycling calendar for complete list of recyclable materials.

RECYCLING SAVES NATURAL RESOURCES

Our finite reserves of natural resources are being depleted rapidly, particularly with the increasing use of disposable products and packaging. Pennsylvanians recycled 4.1 million tons in 2002. This rate of use and disposal takes a particularly heavy toll on irreplaceable natural resources from our forests and mines.

Reprocessing used materials to make new products and packaging reduces the consumption of natural resources. By recycling 620,000 tons of steel in 2002, Pennsylvanians saved 775,000 tons of iron ore, 434,000 tons of coal, and 37,000 tons of limestone. Through recycling newsprint, office paper and mixed paper, we saved nearly 7 million trees. Recycling often produces better products than those made of virgin materials; for instance, the tin in "tin" cans is more refined (thus more valuable) after being processed for recycling.

Source reduction, preventing waste before it is generated, can further reduce the need for disposal and save more resources.

SIDEWALKS:

If your property has sidewalks in your front, rear, or side yards YOU are responsible for the proper maintenance of these areas.

This includes SNOW removal. Ice and snow must be removed from sidewalks within 36 hours of a storm. Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

READY TO READ

Hanover Township and Lehigh Valley PBS are getting "Ready to Read" again! June will be Hanover **Township Literacy Month** and the start of the **Hanover Township Summer Reading Program!** The kick-off party will be held at the Community Center on Friday, May 6th from 12:00 until 2:00 p.m.

Tele Bear, along with township guests will be there to meet and read to all of the children ages 2-6. There will be pizza and juice to start the party and entertainment for everyone! Kids can also do PBS crafts and visit the Bookmobile.

Win great prizes from area merchants! Every child who attends will receive a free book from Tele Bear and a special gift bag including prizes and information on how to start your children on the road to reading. **The earlier you read to your child, the earlier they will want to read themselves.** Please join us for the fun.

The party is free but reservations are required so please call the Community Center at 610-317-8701 to register.

Impressions

By Congressman Charles W. Dent

It is with mixed feelings that I send out this, my final column as the state Senator for the 16th Senatorial District. The coming months certainly will be filled with new, exciting opportunities, but at the same time I am leaving many good friends and colleagues in the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

Little did I know when I took my first oath of office as a State Representative in 1991 what a great experience it would be to serve in the General Assembly. I have learned much over the past 14 years and have served with some truly great public officials, here locally and in the State Capitol in Harrisburg. It has been enjoyable working with a succession of Governors during that time as well, Casey, Ridge, Schweiker and Rendell.

I have been asked on several occasions to recall my most memorable moments and accomplishments during my tenure as a State Representative and Senator. The list is long and varied. I was pleased to see important bills that I drafted work their way through the system and become law, such as legislation to expand health care opportunities for families, improve the relationship between landlords and tenants, and those that gave law enforcement expanded powers to make our communities safer.

Just as pleasing were the opportunities I had to bring local residents and our scholastic championship teams to Harrisburg to receive the recognition they deserved for their accomplishments.

Also satisfying were the successful efforts to rename two of our highways as lasting legacies to community giants Fred Jandl and Walt Dealtrey.

Best of all, I feel like I have made a difference in improving the quality of life in the Lehigh Valley and across Pennsylvania. I especially enjoy meeting with residents in the community about issues of concern to them and helping to solve the problems they face. I plan to continue that in the future.

Even so, I recognize that my success as a State Legislator is due in large part to the solid support of my family, my staff and my many friends in the community. I want to thank all of you for being there for me and I promise to continue working for you as I take on my new responsibilities.

So now, I close this chapter in my life with mixed feelings, but with the deepest appreciation. Please accept my sincerest thanks and my best wishes for a bountiful New Year.

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

- Re-elected Jay Finnigan as Chairman
- Re-elected John Diacogiannis as Vice Chairman
- Re-appointed Jim Sterner as Township Manager
- Re-appointed Linda Sterner as Township Secretary
- 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 Francis Almer as Director of Emergency Management
- Re-appointed Kevin Healy as Ordinance Enforcement Officer
- Re-appointed Vincent Milite as Ordinance Enforcement & Animal Control Officer
- Re-appointed Cathy Heimsoth as Recreation Director
- Re-appointed Fran Taglang as Assistant Recreation Director
- Re-appointed Margaret Giordano Community Relations Director
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Planning Commission: John McGonigle & Glenn Taggart
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Zoning Hearing Board: Joan Rosenthal
- Re-appointed the following member(s) to the Shade Tree Commission: David Zakeski & Linda Taylor
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Airport Advisory Board: Paul Kuehene
- Re-appointed the following as member(s) of the Impact Advisory Committee: Frank Arner, Marie Lychak, Paul Kuehne, Kerry Wrobel and LeRoy Wilson
- Re-appointed the following as member(s) of the BOCA Appeal Board: Paul Reimer, Dave Shafferman & Keith Young
- Appointed the following member(s) of the Special Events Committee: Brenda Happ
- Re-appointed Robert Schoenen, Jr. as Township Representative to the Bethlehem Public Library.
- Re-appointed the Supervisors Chairman of Committees: John Diacogiannis – Administration; Glenn Walbert – Planning & Zoning; Frank Colon – Development and Steve Salvesen – Public Works

TWO NEW EAGLE SCOUTS

Scout's Full Name: **ROBERT K. GONZALEZ**

- Date Eagle Awarded: December 3, 2004
- Date of Eagle Court of Honor: January 15, 2005
- Parent's name: Bob and Susan Gonzalez
- Sibling's Name: Rebecca, Katherine and Madeline
- Troop Number: 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem Roman Catholic Church

Eagle Project Description: Robert presented the idea of a computer manual for troubleshooting and creating a technology team of Notre Dame students to the entire teaching staff at Notre Dame and the principal and then gave them a survey to fill out. From the survey and interviews he prepared a 135 page manual with the assistance of several scouts to do all the research. With the assistance of scouts and adults he made 25 copies of the bound manual (one for each classroom) and used the manual to train about 20 Notre Dame students. He obtained the student's names by doing a presentation to the entire 7th and 8th grade classes and handing out a questionnaire. Interested students became the technology team. He put together and trained the training team made up of scouts and oversaw the entire two day sessions. The purpose of the project is to free up the computer teachers' time by having students perform minor computer matters and troubleshooting.

- School Attending: Bethlehem Catholic High School
- Future Educational Plans: De Sales University or Penn State University majoring in Biology.



- Employed by: Blue Mountain Ski Area as a snowboard instructor and Valley View Apartments as a lifeguard.
- Other extra curricular activities and honors: President of Junior Achievement Company, Head of Stage Crew, Volleyball, Debate Team, Drum Major for the Marching Band, Vision 2000 and Captain Varsity Soccer team.

Scout's Full Name: **DONALD R DAUPHIN, III**

- Date Eagle Awarded: November 8, 2004
- Date of Eagle Court of Honor: January 15, 2005
 - Parent's name: Jeanette Dauphin and Donald R. Dauphin, Jr. (deceased)
 - Sibling's Name: Kristen, Christine, Jenny and Andy
- Troop Number: 352, Notre Dame of Bethlehem Roman Catholic Church

Eagle Project Description: Prepared emergency bins for all classrooms at Notre Dame Elementary School. The emergency bins consist of first aide items, snacks, drinks, flashlight and an itemized list. The bins would be used in the event of a "lock down" or an emergency at the school where the children would have to spend an extended period of time there. Cost for the project was \$1,400.00. Fundraising consisted of Bon Ton Store coupon sales, donations from Walmart, individuals and the Home School Association and from Saint Luke's Hospital.

- School Attending: Bethlehem Catholic High School
- Future Educational Plans: De Sales University or Penn State University majoring in Business Media.
- Employed by: Blue Mountain Ski Area as a snowboard instructor and Valley View Apartments as a lifeguard.

EMAIL SIGN UP & NOTIFICATION



There is a link on the Township Website that will allow residents to register for Email Notifications from the Township. When an important issue exists emails are forwarded to residents. Please visit the township website: <http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org> to sign up for this service.

If you had been registered you would have been notified that the Township had declared a "Snow Emergency" on January 22nd & 23rd. Vehicles parked on the street during a declared "snow emergency" **will be ticketed and towed.**

Winter Advisory Parking Message

Thank you to the residents who removed their vehicles from the roads during the storm on January 22nd and 23rd. Your assistance made it easier for the road crew to plow curb to curb.

Individuals living on cul-de-sacs need to be more cooperative when it snows. Vehicles were still park in cul-de-sacs in Birchwood I and II and on some of the main streets through out the township. Vehicles on the street make it difficult on the road crew. If you were parked in your driveway, you'd have less to shovel!

The **A B C**'s Notre Dame of Bethlehem School

As promised in the last edition of the Hanoverview where we talked about the **ABC's at Notre Dame** of Bethlehem School beginning with **A to M**, we are anxious to share with you the **N to Z** "letters" of our school.

New Reading Series at ND is a high quality comprehensive Language Arts Program. It integrates all subject areas and offers beautifully illustrated stories. The individual-leveled readers enhance literature.

Outstanding academic program – Our Science Program, for example, stimulates the students to expand their horizons in science and look at their world through a new set of eyes. Our 6th graders' creativity is challenged during the annual "Invention Convention" where students are challenged to become young inventors.

Parish community support – led by the Parish Priests. They are always ready and willing to be involved in the formation of the educational and spiritual needs of the students.

Quality Math Program – We have a large percentage of 8th grade graduates that test out of their first year of high school math. Their success is a credit to their hard work and our excellent mathematics faculty.

Religion is the subject that sets us apart. While our other "letters" have talked about our quality Science, Math and Reading Programs, it is Religion that makes our school different. It is an integral part of our school day. Religion is taught through a variety of methods: music, story and prayer. It is a privilege and joy to be able to share God with our students.

Service Projects are a way of life at Notre Dame! Students are involved in Service Squads that help teachers with different projects after school; we collect items throughout the year for the Soup Kitchen – winter coats and gifts for children at Christmas, just to name a few.

Technology – The joy of discovering new concepts that are being taught through computer technology is evident on the faces of the students. Seeing the lower grade students mastering an Excel spreadsheet by counting and graphing M & M's that they've been given by their teacher is a real "treat". (And best of all, when class is over they get to eat the M & M's!)

Unity of our school community – When faculty, students or families are in need, the support of the entire Notre

Dame family is readily available through prayers, meals, a thoughtful gesture or just by lending a listening ear.

V.I.V. – (Very Important Valets) – That's right – you don't have to go to a luxurious New York hotel to get valet service. We have it right here at Notre Dame. Each morning as the parents drop off their children at school, our student "V.I.V.'s" are opening car doors and helping the younger children with book bags – Smiles and Good Mornings for everyone – in rain, sleet and snow!!

Well-qualified faculty and staff – many who have extensive years of experience dealing with planning and implementing curriculum and successfully relating to students and parents. We also have a reasonable amount of staff turnover – enough to bring fresh ideas, but still maintain stability.

X-travaganza – our 50th Anniversary Musical Celebration held at Bethlehem Catholic High School in December certainly created long-lasting memories for everyone – students, faculty and parents. Nostalgic songs from the past 50 years were brought alive through song and dance, showcasing the incredible talents of ALL students. Because Whoopie Goldberg could not attend, our faculty managed to fill in with a song from Sister Act. The Beatles always said they would never perform again as a group, but the occasion presented itself – and they were awesome in the persons of several of our parents.

Yesterday, today and tomorrow – Notre Dame's program, while adapting to meet changing needs in education, was – is – and will continue to be, based on the sound principles needed to create tomorrow's leaders from today's youth.

Zealous parent involvement in the school – No matter what time of day you walk through the halls of Notre Dame, you will find parents helping out at school. Whether it is copying in the school office, making the children peanut butter and jelly sandwiches at lunch, reading a story in their child's class on his/her birthday, or just simply lending a helping hand where needed, we can ALWAYS count on our parents to participate – not just witness – what is taking place in the school.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about the pride and spirit that we have in our school as we have related them to you through the ABC's at Notre Dame of Bethlehem School.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

by Mindy George, First Vice President

On behalf of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company #1, I would first like to wish everyone a happy new year and secondly thank the generosity of the residents and businesses of Hanover Township, Northampton County for the success of the 2004 fund drive. As in the past, the fund drive was a huge success and that wouldn't have happened without the financial support of you, the residents of Hanover Township. As in the past I not only ask for the financial support of the residents, but anyone interested in becoming a volunteer should stop by the Fire House, Monday evening after 7 p.m. and meet with us and our officers. We are located by the Wegmans at 100 Stoke Park Road.

2005 Special Events Calendar

We look forward to this year's Township events with great excitement! Township events give us all the opportunity to come together to demonstrate our community spirit, get to know our neighbors and just have some fun! The members of the 2005 Special Events Committee are planning some of the Township's annual events and are also working on some new ones!

This year's events will include:

- 2nd Annual Earth Day – Friday, April 22nd
- 8th Annual Sousa Concert – Sunday, May 1st
- 5th Annual Ready to Read – Friday, May 6th
- 4th Annual Family Fun Day – Saturday, June 4th
- 2nd Annual Crime Watch/National Night Out – Tuesday, August 2nd
- 4th Annual Patriot Day and Flag Retirement Ceremony – Sunday, September 11th
- 3rd Annual Make a Difference Day – Saturday, October 22nd
- 7th Annual Hanover Halloween Parade and Party – Saturday October 29th
- 4th Annual Hanover "Holiday Tree" Ceremony – Saturday December 2nd

We hope to see you at the events!!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer, call any member of the Special Events Committee: Michelle Michael-Mill, Debbie Marshall, Irv Good, Brenda Happ, or the SEC Liason - Margaret Giordano.

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE

The Colonial Regional Police Department would like to recognize Joan Rosenthal for her volunteer work within the Department. Joan became familiar with the Colonial Regional Police Department during the Spring 2003 Citizen's Police Academy, during which Joan expressed the desire to volunteer her time for a few hours per week. Since then Joan has been diligently filing away citations and generally helping out; becoming a valuable asset to the office staff. Joan has shown dedication and generosity towards CRPD through her many contacts and her view for the future.

Thank you Joan, we appreciate all you do for us!!!



LIONS CLUB NEWS



The Hanover Township Lions presented Fire Marshall Robert Van Why, Jr. with a six-hundred dollar check to be used by the Fire Company as they wish. Presenting the check was past president Bernice Kulp and president Larry Williams.

The club sponsored a PeacePoster contest and thirty seven students from Notre Dame of Bethlehem Grammar School entered and the winner Carla Prieto received a fifty dollar gift certificate to the Lehigh Valley Mall. Every student who entered a poster received a three dollar Burger King Gift certificate.

The Lions Club International Foundation has set up a relief fund for the Tsunami victims. There are 73,000 Lions in the area of the Tsunami Disaster. Additional information can be found at www.lions-tsunami.org. The Lions Club's next Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Saturday, April, 2nd from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Christ Church Fellowship Hall, 5050 Airport Road. Adults are \$7.00 and children six to 12 are \$3.00.

If you would like more information about any of the Lions Club program or membership, please call Bernice Kulp @ 610.865.5440.



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

The library is **closed** for Memorial Day.

Phone the Youth Services Department (610 867-3761 x499) or the South Side Branch (610 867-7852) or check for information on the library's web site for the following programs:

- **Book Discussions:** Three separate groups of students (4th & 5th grade, middle school and high school) meet once a month at the Main Library to share opinions of contemporary fiction and nonfiction. Pick up the books in the Youth Services Department.
- **Teen Advisory Board:** Join teens from area middle and high schools (public, private & charter schools) to plan activities of interest to your peers. The group meets twice a month.
- **Preschool Storytimes:** Enroll your preschooler in one of eight classes offered a week at the Main Library. The South Side Branch offers two classes a week. Registration for the Spring session begins March 7. Classes begin March 21.
- **Teddy Bear Story Times:** This evening program is offered once a month at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch. The whole family is invited to come. Register at the beginning of each month.
- **Family Place Parent/Child Workshops:** Toddlers, ages 1 – 3, play while parents share child-rearing tips and get a chance to talk to child development experts who visit each week. Siblings welcome, too. Register for a five week session. Available at both the Main Library and the South Side Branch. The Main Library's daytime workshops will be held on Thursdays from 10 to 11:15 a.m. beginning March 29.
- **Spring Party:** Register your child for the festivities at the South Side Branch. The party is scheduled for March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

March Madness Book Sale is scheduled for March 17 (noon – 8 p.m.) and March 19 (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.). **Spring Cleaning Book Sale** is scheduled for May 5 and May 7. Each sale has 10,000+ books, videos, dvds, cds, audiobooks, classics, best sellers, non-fiction all sorted by author or subject. All proceeds benefit the library.

Brush up on your computer skills: Call 610 867-3761 x259 to register.

All ADULT classes are free and are from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at the Main Library, 2nd Floor (Tondabayashi Room).

Computer Basics/ Using the Mouse	Searching the Library Catalog (Must bring library card)	Using WORD (creating, editing & saving documents)	Intro to the Internet/ Basic Searching
Monday, March 7	Tuesday, March 15	Monday, March 21	Monday, March 28
Friday, April 8	Friday, April 15	Friday, April 22	Friday, April 29
Tuesday, May 3	Tuesday, May 10	Tuesday, May 17	Tuesday, May 24

Bookmobile Schedule for HANOVER TOWNSHIP - Mondays (except for Southland & Toni)

TWNSHP BLDG - JACKSONVILLE RD	Schedule	A&B	3:00 - 4:00
MERRIVALE AT CLEARVIEW	Schedule	A&B	4:00 - 4:55
STONEWOOD DRIVE & BELAIRE RD	Schedule	A&B	5:00 - 5:45
LORD BYRON DR	Schedule	A&B	6:45 - 8:15
SOUTHLAND DR & GRACE AVE - Thursday	Schedule	A	4:45 - 5:45
TONI LANE AT CRAWFORD DR - Thursday	Schedule	B	4:45 - 5:45

SCHEDULE A

MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6
CLOSED	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20
Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3
Feb 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17
Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3
Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17
Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31
Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14
Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27	Apr 28
May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12
May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26

SCHEDULE B

MON	TUES	WED	THURS
Jan 10	Jan 11	Jan 12	Jan 13
Jan 24	Jan 25	Jan 26	Jan 27
Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10
CLOSED	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24
Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9	Mar 10
Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24
Apr 4	Apr 5	Apr 6	Apr 7
Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21
May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5
May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19
CLOSED	May 31	Ask for summer schedule	

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Chairman - Board of Supervisors

Another year has come and gone and I am again happy to report the State of the Township continues to be Excellent. Taxes remained stable for the tenth year in a row, an outstanding accomplishment when you consider many of the communities in the area have had an increase for 2005. While maintaining the tax rate, Hanover Township has continued to deliver exceptional services to both our residents and business community. We are constantly reviewing the financial needs of the township to insure the quality of services. The Township is close to being built out with a good blend of residential and non-residential property. Tax revenues will become pretty consistent in the coming years and they will be reviewed versus the requirements to maintain the current level of services.

Development seems to continue all around us. The last censuses showed the township with just under 10,000 residents and with additional residences built and occupied since we're quickly approaching 11,000 residents. Projections indicate that in the next five years we'll have somewhere between 13,000 and 13,500.

With an increase in residents and developments, traffic continues to increase and we're developing plans to install additional signalization throughout the Township. Signalization will assist with vehicular movement through intersections thereby reducing the potential for accidents.

As I sit typing this report we're in the middle of the first major storm of the winter and the road crew has been out clearing the streets for most of the day. Recently we've added an additional member of the road crew which will improve our ability to battle storms and maintain safe passage for our residents and visitors.

Activities continue to keep the Community Center busy and the preschool is already full for the



2005 – 2006 school year. As noted in the recreation section of the newsletter we've recently hired an Assistant Director as well as a Program and Aquatic Coordinator.

The pool is scheduled to receive some much needed upgrades this spring. We are presently gathering the requirements in order to put the work out to bid. Once the bids are received we expect to award the job (after the bids are reviewed) and expect the work to be completed in time for the pool June 4th. The upgrades are needed to improve safety, repair and replace some of the decking, repair and paint the pool itself and increase the number of life guard stands to meet current requirements.

As mentioned in Steve Salvesen's Public Works article our Township Manager Jim Sterner and Secretary/Treasurer Linda Sterner have informed the Board of Supervisors of their intention to retire at the end of 2005. Jim has been with the Township since 1967, becoming our first Manager in 1990. Linda has been with Township since 1975. These two individuals along with the Board of Supervisors have worked diligently to make Hanover one of the premier places in the Lehigh Valley to live or work.

Speaking of the Board of Supervisors, the township is fortunate to have a board; where excluding myself there is over 87 years of combined service and leadership. Combine that with the 66 years of service the Sterner's have given the Township, we've had stability and a clear vision as the Township has grown.

I'd also like to acknowledge two individuals who recently relinquished their positions at the Fire Company. Bob VanWhy stepped aside as president after seventeen years of service and Pete Garland stepped aside as Treasurer after twenty-five plus years. Gentlemen on behalf of the residents of Hanover Township.... Thanks for a job well done! Both continue responding to calls in the community.

F Y I

John Philip Sousa Concert

The Hanover Township Special Events Committee is proud to sponsor the 8th Annual John Philip Sousa Concert. The concert will be held at the Hanover Township Community Center Sunday, May 1st, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. The return of the Liberty Alumni and Easton Municipal Bands will assure another memorable concert.

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

Halloween Parade - Special Thanks

Special thanks to the members of "The Special Events Committee" – Michelle Michael-Mill, Debbie Marshall, and Brenda Happ - for their time, dedication and creativity and for insuring the success of our annual Halloween Parade! Thanks also to those residents who volunteered their time and talent for this event: Dawn Michelson, Tom and Dina Michael, Betty Jacobs, Ree Harrington, Veronica Delfino, Vince Milite, Mike Concilio and Tom Young.

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 Halloween Parade, Tree Lighting, and Family Fun Day. For more information, please contact Margaret Giordano, Community Relations Director, at 610-866-1140.

Crime Watch News

District Attorney John Morganelli will be a guest speaker at the Crime Watch meeting scheduled for March 9, 2005 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Refreshments will be served. Call Joe Veltri for more details 610-954-0678.

Crossing Guards Needed



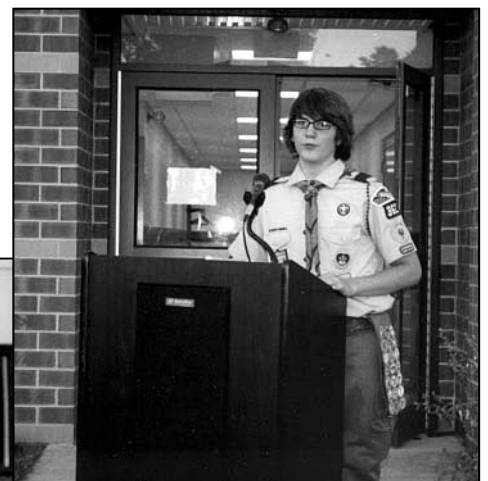
The township is in need of crossing guards. Anyone interested should contact Jim Sterner at 610.866.1140.



Scouts tend the fire for Flag Retirement Ceremony at the 911 Ceremony.

911 Ceremony

Christopher Matthews offering comments at the 911 Ceremony



Stefan Sculac addressing the attendees at the 911 Ceremony

2005 2006



HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS RECYCLE!

Normal refuse pick-up is every Tuesday. In weeks with a Holiday (H), it moves to Wednesday.
Recycling days are identified with a "R"

APRIL 2005

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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24	25	R	27	28	29	30

MAY 2005

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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	R	25	26	27	28
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JUNE 2005

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JULY 2005

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AUGUST 2005

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SEPTEMBER 2005

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25	26	R	28	29	30	

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NOVEMBER 2005

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DECEMBER 2005

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JANUARY 2006

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FEBRUARY 2006

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MARCH 2006

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HANOVER RECYCLING PROGRAM

- ▲ Rinse and clean all bottles, jars & cans. Labels can remain on.
- ▲ Remove any lids and caps from bottles & jars. Only metal caps are recyclable.
- ▲ Place all recyclables in your container.

RECYCLABLES

- ▲ Aluminum & tin cans
- ▲ Glass jars & bottles (clear, brown & green)
- ▲ Plastic bottles & jugs
Soda bottles, (green & clear), Milk & Water, others - detergent, lotion, shampoo, etc. Most products labeled #1 or #2 are acceptable.
- ▲ Empty Aerosol Cans
Empty through normal use. Remove plastic lids unless attached.
- ▲ Poly Coated Containers
Milk & Juice Cartons
Rinse & flatten - do not include straws
- ▲ Newspapers with colored or glossy inserts, should be tied with a cord or placed in a brown paper bag.
- ▲ Magazines tied or bundled separately.
- ▲ Corrugated (cardboard boxes). Tie in separate flat bundles.
No larger than 2' x 3'.
- ▲ Junk Mail
Bundle with newspapers.
Do not include plastic or foil wrappings

Problems?

Call Waste Management @
1.800.621.2100

If a holiday falls on Monday, trash (and or) recycling will be on a Wednesday.

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 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 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 meeting for 2004 is December.



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