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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

Why Wasn't I Informed?

Over the last five or so years the Township has suggested strongly that residents register with the Township to ensure they are receiving emails from the Township. The emails contain information concerning important Township activities.

What do these have in common:

Halloween Storm October 2011

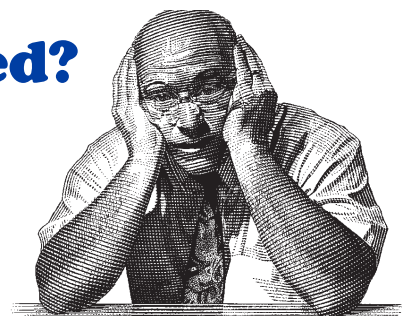
Superstorm Sandy October 2012

Snow Emergencies 2011, 2010 & 2009, etc.

Water main breaks 2011, 2010 & 2009.

They are all subjects covered in blast emails sent out from the Township. We cannot impress upon you enough that the Township sends out emails on important issues and strongly encourages everyone in the Township to register on the Township website for emails or email hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org directly to be added.

We also urge residents to visit the Township website for important announce-



ments as well. Important announcements are always listed on the home page, bottom right corner like the following:

LEAF COLLECTION

As of Thursday, November 15, 2012:

Zone 1 – Lenox Drive working south

Zone 2 – Granite Drive working south
(2 trucks)

Zone 3 – Oakwood Drive working south

If you want to stay informed, please see that you register and when you get an important announcement share it with family and neighbors.

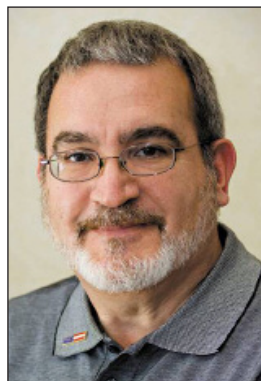


State of the Township – Two Big Storms

by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman

In last year's State of the Township, I reported on the efforts of our township road crew during and after a major snowstorm. Fortunately, the remainder of the winter season was devoid of serious weather problems. Unfortunately, two of the most significant challenges that your township government faced in 2012 were big storms - one literally and the other figuratively.

Superstorm Sandy devastated many areas of neighboring New Jersey and New York. Fortunately, we were spared the brunt of the storm. However, soaking rains and strong winds toppled trees and downed electric power, cable and telephone lines throughout eastern Pennsylvania. Among the hardest hit was the Lehigh Valley metropolitan area. Widespread power and communication outages affected



the greater part of Hanover Township. Outages affecting Township operations included municipal offices, the maintenance garage complex and the community center as well as the homes of many of our employees. Under very difficult and trying conditions, Township employees began extensive work on our behalf of our citizens. A few the statistics bear witness to this massive effort.

Employee hours expended: 186 storm preparation; 229 during the storm & 1,217 post storm response. 208 tons of the debris collected, 15 tons of wood chips ground from fallen tree limbs and 167 truck trips made to the Bethlehem Compost Center. The Township used 1,579 gallons of diesel and 236 gallons of gasoline.

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State of the Township *continued*

Clearly, such events rarely occur, however our Township employees stand ready to respond as quickly and effectively as possible. Multi-faceted communications are a norm for us; however the lack of electricity, cable, telephone and therefore internet service became an obstacle in effective communication. *I strongly urge all residents to sign up for email alerts from the Township. Directions can be found on the Township website.* For those without email access, please ask your neighbors and friends to sign up and to keep you informed of any notices.

Earlier in the year, we were faced a much different storm that had the potential to cause widespread damage not only in the Lehigh Valley but throughout the Commonwealth. Its effects could have troubled us for a very long time - 30 years to be exact.

The Allentown Neighborhood Improvement Zone (the NIZ) was a creative financing scheme meant to inspire and support redevelopment efforts in downtown Allentown. As a long-time employee for a downtown Allentown business, I spent more of my waking hours in Allentown than anywhere else next to Hanover Township. As a child, I remembered a vibrant and exciting downtown Allentown business district. To be sure, decay was beginning to develop by the time I first started to work in Allentown in the 1970's. However, it was a slow and progressive decline that culminated in what we have seen during this past decade. It did not occur overnight.

In this context, I was most pleased to see that efforts were being made to reverse the decay and to redevelop the downtown area. The arena area plan is merely a starting point, meant to spark a rebirth of the area. Much needs to be done, if we ever expect to see a vibrant downtown Allentown again. It will take time, perhaps as much time as the 30 to 40 years that it took to reach the current conditions. The solutions will need to be as varied as the causes of the problem.

As a downtown Allentown worker and a citizen of the Lehigh Valley, I believe this effort is important to all of us. This, I clearly made known to anyone who was willing to listen. However, as citizens of Hanover Township and members of your Board of Supervisors, we have an obligation to consider the effects on the citizens of the Township. To a man, we all were disconcerted to learn about a small, but important part of the financing structure of the NIZ.

Born through ill-conceived legislation in 2009, the impact on Hanover's EIT (Earned Income Tax) revenue came to our attention in early 2012. Under that law, EIT from workers inside the designated 130 acres NIZ was to be diverted for 30 years from its intended recipients - the municipalities where those workers reside and their respective school districts - and sent to the NIZ area financing scheme. Your Board of Supervisors quickly realized the potential impact on not only Hanover's budgets for the next 30 years, but also nearly all of the Lehigh Valley's municipalities and school districts. We directed our Township Manager and Solicitor to investigate what actions we could possibly take. This led to Hanover partnering with the

Board of Commissioners of Bethlehem Township to initiate legal actions to stop the "tax grab". We were pleased to have 16 municipalities and one school district join us in the effort. We were also successful in having the direct support of PSATS (Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors), since they realized that the legislation had the possibility of impacting townships throughout the Commonwealth. However, I was not pleased that the cities of Bethlehem and Easton did not take action on the issue, even though the tax grab would have had a negative impact on their already strained budgets. I was particularly disheartened by the lack of response from all but one school district. In addition to the cities, the school districts had the most tax revenue at stake. At risk were the ranks of teachers, school programs, police and fire equipment, municipal services and just about anything in our tight budgets.

We were vilified by some Allentown authorities and community leaders for being obstructionists and not willing to put our "skin in the game" to help the struggling inner city. Never did they accept the fact that these diverted funds would affect the other two cities and all the school districts which faced financial challenges of their own. Never did they accept that nearly all the small municipalities would sorely miss what the big cities would view as small change. To be sure, we understood why labor organizations were concerned. While the lawsuit was open, we could not publically respond to those charges. It was very difficult for us to remain silent, other than to say that our challenge was not about the Allentown arena, not about the NIZ and not about the remainder of the funding mechanism. It was about a bad law passed in 2009, which had a long-lived and far ranging negative impact well beyond the NIZ boundaries.

Fortunately, state legislators, spearheaded by members of the Lehigh Valley delegation understood our pleas, recognized the problem and in June introduced amended legislation that corrected the problem. The EIT for NIZ workers from other municipalities will not be diverted from its intended municipalities and school districts. Allentown's efforts toward revitalization continue and we wish them well on their difficult challenges ahead. Most importantly, we thank our good citizens who gave us *overwhelming and unwavering support on this important issue.*

2013 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Your real estate tax bill will be mailed to each property owner by the first week in February. If you do not receive your bill by mid-February or if you have any tax questions, please call Berkheimer Tax Administrators at 866.300.1714 or 610.599.3143. Payments will not be accepted at the Township's Municipal office. You may pay your bill in person at Berkheimer Outsourcing, 1530 Valley Center Parkway, Suite 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday only.

2013 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager



The 2013 Budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors maintains the Township Tax Rate at 3.9 mills, including the Fire Tax of .5 mills, for the *sixth* successive year. Hanover Township remains on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township Board of Supervisors and Township staff. The Township has become and continue as one of the premier locations to live and work in the Lehigh Valley.

During 2013, Hanover Township projects receiving \$7,235,127 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a 2.7% *decrease* or \$205,398 and a similar *decrease* in General Fund Expenses for the year. This compares to a budgeted amount of \$7,440,525 in 2012; \$7,414,177.62 in 2011; \$7,456,105.95 in 2010 and \$7,398,787.72 in 2009. Relatively speaking, the Township has maintained a stable/flat budget during the economic downturn while increasing services to our residents, business community and visitors.

Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to real estate taxes, fire tax, waste and recycling fees, earned income tax, local services taxes, mercantile taxes, real estate transfer taxes, grants, and building and inspection fees. The General Fund expenditures include costs associated with Public Works, Administration, Planning and Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Refuse and Recycling and the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

The majority of expenditures in the General Fund are recurring costs with the most significant costs being for public safety (police, fire and EMS) waste and recycling collection costs, offset by fees, wages and benefits. In May of 2012 we started a new Residential Waste & Recycling contract with Republic Services which allowed us to decrease fees for this service in 2013.

During 2013, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$686,873 in Recreation revenues, which is a **0.0225 increase**. In 2013, the Township's subsidy of the Recreation Budget equates to 24.5% (\$222,738) which is a decrease from 26.85% (\$247,129) budgeted in 2012. The 2013 budget includes the elimination of one full-time employee in the Recreation Department

Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to memberships, season pool passes, rental of facilities, daily pool receipts, swim lessons, fundraising, program fees, catering, advertising – newsletter, preschool tuition, programs and fundraisers. The 2013 Recreation expenditures include costs associated with salaries,

operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, pool and park maintenance and training, fundraising costs and services. Starting in 2008, the Recreation Budget includes

an allocation of all costs that historically have been captured in the General Fund, including Township pension obligation, payroll processing costs, park maintenance wages, workmen's compensation insurance, liability, accident, commercial, professional, and crime insurance coverage, and employee benefits. As in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 and similar to the General Fund Revenues and Expenses, the Recreation Budget items have been expanded to gain a better understanding of revenues and costs associated with individual programs and activities. In 2012, the responsibility for managing and developing the Township Special Events was transitioned to the staff at the Community Center.

Capital Reserve Expenditures in 2013 will include monies appropriated for municipal facilities, a fire apparatus, one replacement dump truck, a bucket truck, leaf machine, traffic signal (Brodhead & North/South Commerce) and the continued development of Village View Park.

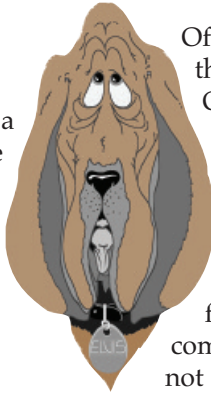
During 2013 road resurfacing will be completed on the following Township roads: Lord Byron Drive (north of Stoke Park Road), Chaucer Lane (north of Stoke Park Road), Quincy Lane, Browning Lane, Kipling Circle, Mark Twain Circle, Emerson Circle, Chippendale Circle, Longfellow Place, Chesterfield Lane, Walt Whitman and Stephen Crane.

The 2013 Debt Servicing includes \$321,039.20 on the Community Center, which will be paid off in 2015 and \$123,875.84 for the 248 Brodhead Road building purchase and renovation which will be paid off in 2022.

Preliminary 2012 Budget results are as follows: General Fund Revenue of \$7,472,675.91 v. a budget of \$7,440,525; General Fund Expenses of \$7,115,749 v. a budget of \$7,440,525; Recreation Revenue of \$627,806 v. a budget of \$673,430; Township subsidy of \$281,000 v. a budgeted amount of \$247,129 and Recreation Expenses of \$895,915 v. a budget of \$925,559.

DOG ORDINANCE

In 2001 the Board of Supervisors passed a Dog Ordinance. In the last year we have received an increasing amount of phone calls relative to dogs bothering neighbors. We'd like to remind you of a few of the important parts of the 2001 ordinance:



Section 4. NUISANCE.

4.1 - Activities Constituting Nuisances

4.1 (a) On or after the effective date of this Ordinance, it shall be unlawful for any Owner to keep or harbor any dog or dogs which habitually barks, howls, screeches, bays, or yelps incessantly for a period of ten (10) minutes or intermittently for a period of one (1) hour between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. or incessantly for a period of five (5) minutes or intermittently for a period of one-half (1/2) hour between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. to the discomfort or annoyance of its neighbors, or which materially disturbs, annoys or endangers the health, safety, welfare or repose of its neighbors. Such dogs are hereby declared a public nuisance.

Section 4.2 - Notices of Violations

4.2(a) Whenever any person shall complain to the Township or Ordinance Enforcement Officer concerning a dog or dogs engaging in conduct listed in Section 4.1(a) above, the Ordinance Enforcement

Officer shall notify the Owner of the dog or dogs that a complaint has been received and that the Owner must immediately take whatever steps are necessary to terminate such conduct (the "Notice").

4.2(b) In the event that the Section 4.1 (a) conduct continues after the Ordinance Enforcement Officer gives the Notice as set forth in Section 4.2(a), then, upon the written complaint of two (2) residents, which residents may not be related by blood or marriage and may not reside in the same household, concerning the continued violation of Section 4.1(a), then the Ordinance Enforcement Officer shall, upon verification of the facts that form the basis of the complaint, shall issue to Owner a citation in accordance with Section 11 of this Ordinance.

Section 11. **PENALTIES.**

Any person violating any provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject, upon conviction before the District Justice in and for the Township, to the payment of a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, nor more than Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars per violation. A separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day in which a violation of this Ordinance occurs. Persons violating this Ordinance shall be liable for any fines imposed, plus court costs and reasonable attorneys fees incurred by the Township in the proceedings to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

From the Public Works Director

PARKING DURING SNOW STORMS - Please do not park on the street during a snow storm. First, it makes plowing streets more difficult and more importantly it causes issues with subsequent snow storms both to equipment and our public works staff. Frozen snow and ice is not visible where vehicles were parked and it causes damages to plows when they hit it as well as jolts the driver of the vehicle. Please visit http://hanovertwp-nc.org/tern-style/templates/media/files/Township_Snow_Operations_Policy.pdf and read our complete **Township Snow Operations Policy**. With everyone cooperating, we can all have cleaner and safer streets after a snow storm. Without cooperation regulations will need to be enforced, i.e. parking tickets or towing!

Parking on the streets presents difficulty on all streets during snow operations but is particularly difficult in cul-de-sacs and the following roadways Grace Avenue, Jaclyn Lane, Overlook Drive, Briarstone Road and Rosewood Drive.

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 or snow blow snow into the street!

MAILBOXES - The Township is not responsible for damage to mailboxes during snow operations. Please check your mailbox to make sure it is not overhanging the roadway. Over time, mailboxes tend to lean one way or the other and in some instances the lean is toward the roadway.

TREES - Please note that the Township when time permits trim's trees overhanging the roadway, to provide proper clearance for vehicles. If you do not want your trees trimmed by the Township please have your trees trimmed regularly.

Property owners who live on corner properties should also be aware that you should not plant anything in the "Clear Site Triangle".

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb. Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Watch for the new Spring/Summer Recreation Brochure in your mail-boxes soon!
- Mark your calendar with our list of Special Events below...you don't want to miss a thing!

Special Events

Ready to Read	May 3rd
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JP Sousa Concert	May 5th
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Hanover Days	May 16th to 18th
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Recreation News

COMMUNITY CENTER

Watch Your Family Grow with HTCC

In 2013 we invite your family to grow with us! In the recreation department we have something for everyone, from the youngest in the family to the oldest.

HTCC is the cornerstone to our recreation programs offering facilities for a variety of activities.

It is especially nice when we now see the children who came to Hanover Preschool when it first started going to college or even working for us.

Here are just a few examples of the programming offerings that span the many age groups that live in Hanover.

Preschool -traditional preschool programming for 3-5 year olds

Enrichment- child care with purpose for members on a con-

tract or walk in basis.

After School Programs- varied activities offered ages 3 to 12



Stop and see the new display in our lobby highlighting many members and programs!

Art- varied art classes targeting preschool through adult classes available

Basketball- Adult basketball passes, adult league & open gym

Music- piano, guitar or violin lessons for all ages groups

Adult Exercise classes- Monday thru Friday classes available for adults and students 13 and over

Bingo- Adult bingo with money prizes. Must be 18 or older.

Special Bingo- Vera Bradley Bingo and Pampered Chef bingo is open to adults and students.

Silver Sneakers- this insurance program provides free opportunities for those who hold it.

This is just a short list of the many programming opportunities, please contact us with any questions or suggestions:

recreation@hanovertwp-cc.org

Preschool Registration opens for 2013/14

Hanover Preschool continues to be a premiere educational Preschool in the Lehigh Valley.

Classes offered:



Young 3's Program

(Must be 3 by January 31st) Young 3's learn best through exploration and play. Our staff blends in just the right amount of structure and teacher-directed activities to create a day full of fun and learning.

3 Year Old Program (Must be 3 by Oct. 1st) Our 3 year old program focuses on socialization. Children work individually as well as in small groups as they play and participate in hands-on activities. Brief periods of

teacher-directed and whole group activities are also part of the daily routine.

4 Year Old Program (Must be 4 by Oct. 1st) Our 4 year old program provides a balance of teacher-directed academics with exploration and individual choices. The staff encourages independence and responsibility through daily activities. Preparation for kindergarten is the focus of this program.

Pre-K (Must be 5 by Jan. 31st or by teacher recommendation) Our Pre-K program prepares children for kindergarten by encouraging independence, responsibility and strengthening aca-

demic skills. Pre-reading, pre-math and writing skills are introduced and reinforced through classroom activities. The opportunity to play and explore is also provided.

*Due to the fact that all of our classes have low teacher/child ratios we are able to practice differentiated instruction. Each child is taught at his/her level of ability in a safe and nurturing environment.

Contact our Preschool Director or Coordinator, Patty Williams or Milissa Burke, for your private tour.

Visit the Children's Services page at: www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

New Music Classes with Hilari Stahler



Mrs. Stahler will be offering private Violin lessons by appointment.

Spring Program sessions @ HTCC will be starting the week of March 4th!

Session 1:
March 4th to
April 8th

Session 2:
April 22nd to
May 27th

Programs start the week of the first date— so Mondays would be the 4th and so on...please register one week prior to keep all classes running!

**Conservation
is a state of
harmony
between men
and land.**

- Aldo
Leopold

Instructor Hilari Stahler MT-BC will be joining the staff of instructors offering new music classes for our little ones. Music and children have always been cornerstones in Ms. Stahler's life. She started playing violin when she was 5 years old. In 2005 she graduated with a degree in Music Therapy. As a Board Certified Music Therapist she worked for 7 years with children with multiple disabilities and autism. It was during this time that she truly saw how music could help bring people to acquire new skills and express themselves more freely. HTCC is proud to be partnering with Ms. Stahler to offer early childhood music programming.

Next session starting in March— register early so you don't

Music Explorers (PreK-K)

Cultivate a long-term appreciation of the arts through age appropriate, hands-on music making! Each child will be encouraged to explore rhythmic movement, vocal exploration, instrumental improvisational and basic musical concepts. Motivating musical experiences will set the stage for developing language, cognitive, and social skills. A positive flexible approach will foster self-expression and creativity while focusing on each child's unique strengths and incorporating their ideas. **When: Mondays @ 12 to 12:30 pm**

You & Me Music (6 mos-5 yrs)

Embrace and celebrate the special bond between caregiver and child through mutual music making! This class will expose children at a very young age to an enriching musical environment, and will aim to extend these experiences beyond the class. You and your child will engage in familiar and improvised music making focusing on the development of language, motor, and cognitive skills. Self-expression will be encouraged naturally through playful interaction and age appropriate music exploration. **When Mondays @ 10:45-11:30 am**

Recreation is going green..by Rob Cepin

You may have noticed a few small "upgrades" around the center in recent days. These small "upgrades" are part of our "going green" campaign which is making its way through all township buildings. The implementation of these upgrades promote minimal effort and maximum benefits. These upgrades include touchless energy star hand dryers, CFL bulbs in all compliant lighting units, reusing paper, and adding more plant life to the facility. Some benefits of these new upgrades can include:

- *Zero Generation of Waste, the touchless hand dryers reduce dependence on natural resources and at the same time generate less waste.
- * Environmentally-Friendly- On a global level, the world is rapidly approaching the stage that environmental considerations are no longer a matter of choice. With a high percentage

of the world's natural resources already depleted, we see it a task for specifiers of washrooms to provide facilities which are as energy conserving and as environmentally friendly as possible. With no deforestation level, a low energy usage and no pollution risk, the hand dryer leads the field in this regard. Paper towels can be made from recycled materials but cannot be recycled. Therefore, we need to avoid using them whenever possible to keep from adding to our landfills and depleting our natural resources.

- * Promotes Hygiene- The use of touchless hand dryers allows washrooms to stay cleaner and more sanitary. Picking up and disposing of bacteria-laden paper towel waste is one of the custodians' least favorite tasks. The touch-free hand dryers eliminate physical contact, thus significantly reducing exposure to harmful bacteria.

- *CFL Bulbs Reduces Air and Water Pollution- Replacing a single incandescent bulb with a CFL will keep a half-ton of CO2 out of the atmosphere over the life of the bulb. If everyone in the U.S. used energy-efficient lighting, we could retire 90 average size power plants. Saving electricity reduces CO2 emissions, sulfur oxide and high-level nuclear waste.



Watch for the new format of our environmental friendly Recreation Brochure in your mailbox.



Randi, a resident of Hanover Township shares her love of yoga with HTCC members & guests!

Introducing Randi Perrett our newest instructor to the HTCC fitness staff. Randi is an accomplished yoga instructor, her own practice spans over 20 years. Extensive training and her exploration of different styles of yoga in

HOT 40 & Noon Warrior with Randi Perrett

NYC inspired Randi to create her own hot yoga sequence known as HOT 40-RP. This copyrighted practice was the first Hot Yoga practice taught within the Lehigh Valley. Randi has been teaching this practice at Lehigh Valley Yoga since 2010.

HOT 40 is a sequence consisting of 40 asanas practiced in a heated room within a 75 minute class. Emphasis is on strength and endurance. The benefits of Hot Yoga include increased circulation, purifies the body and the mind, invigorates the

internal organs, relieves pain & tension in the spine, increases stamina & improves concentration.

Outside of the HOT room Randi will be subbing current Yoga classes and offering an athletic practice of yoga for athletes and yogis looking for a challenge on Thursdays.

HOT 40-PR - Tuesdays at 7 pm

Starting Tuesday, March 12th!

NOON WARRIOR - Thursdays at 12 pm.

This 45 minute class is ongoing every Thursday in the aerobic studio of HTCC. Class will get you moving mid day and keep you moving!

Being partners with HTCC has opened a variety of doors to be connected with those that are interested in pursuing health and an active way of life. The environment is a true community, that can be hard to fine.

~ Christine Scarince, Certified Health Coach

Healthy Lifestyles @ HTCC

Blood Pressure Screenings

1st Wednesday of the month in the lobby from 9 to 10 am.

Provided by: St. Luke's Visiting Nurses—all are welcome to stop and get their blood pressure taken.

Health & Wellness

Coach~ Christine Scarince

2nd Wednesday of the month Christine will be in the lobby focusing on a different health tip and answering any questions that you may have regarding your health habits. 5:30 pm

Ask the Trainer

Every Tuesday from 10:30 am to 11 am a trainer will be available in the fitness room to answer questions about fitness equipment. Another opportunity is the 1st Monday of the month from 1:45 to 2:15 pm.

* Members and Non-Members are welcome to visit during these times.

Bird Month new environmental programming.... with Becky Cotter

Has your child expressed an interest in bird watching or do you find them watching these beautiful creatures through your window? If so, bring them to HTCC for Bird Month. Meet once a week starting March 19th- each class explores 5 new "backyard" birds. Students will work on a feeder to be taken home at the end of the program. Included each week will be an interactive game and

outdoor hike exploring the grounds and watching for birds.

When: March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th.

Time: 4:30-6:00 pm

Cost: \$39 members/\$59 non-members

Limited registration: 20 children ages 7 to 11

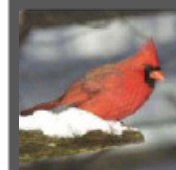
Pre-registration required.

Instructor: Becky Cotter

Becky has a degree in Recreation, Park & Tourism Management from Penn State, specializing in Environmental Interpretation. Her passion to share her knowledge is evident through her work. Becky works summers at the Wildlands Conservancy at Pool Wildlife Sanctuary and has been a part of the staff here at HTCC since March, 2012. Watch for more environmental programming with Becky in the future!

"Try not to have a good time...this is supposed to be educational."

- Charles



Lifestyle Programs ~ we offer many different opportunities for our 50+ members to meet new people and expand their social circle!

Some of the more popular programs have been:

- **Movie Matinee** - every Monday join us for some company and a movie. We provide a drink and popcorn, movies are listed monthly at the Community Center. Call for this month's features: 610-317-8701
- **Cooking for Two** - or more! Joan whips up three meals or items at each session given the 1st Tuesday of every month. Two lucky attendees go home with a meal/item while everyone enjoys the third. You will be amazed!
- **MSROM** - featured Silver Sneaker class. M is for muscles, S is for Strength, and ROM is for Range of Motion. Do not be fooled by the use of a chair in this class. Several items are used to enhance the experience so every level of fitness can attend and will improve your strength, range of motion all while improving your circulation and elevating your heart rate to benefit your health!
- **NEW - Quilting**— if you like to sew or just want to learn how, this quilting group might be for you! Donna Banko, a member of HTCC is offering to share this timeless art of quilting with us. Come enjoy the company of others as we create a quilted item to raffle off at the Hanover Car Show in September. Starting February 12th meeting weekly. Sewing machines wanted to make this program a success! Call HTCC for more details or interest.

Community Bingo



Vera Bradley Bingo

Community Bingo runs the 1st Thursday of the month, February thru December.

Early Bird games start at 6:30 pm

Regular Bingo games start at 7 pm

Community Bingo offers money prizes ranging from \$30 to \$125!

Each month our goal is to highlight a different not for profit group or fundraising goal in our community. Our goal is to create awareness and bring the community together by offering a platform for these organizations or individuals. Each month the sponsored group has the opportunity to showcase their cause in our lobby area.

It may be a Boy Scout working to raise money for an Eagle project, or a local non-profit such as the two listed here. If you are interested contact Cathy at cheimsoth@hanovertwp-cc.org.

We are excited to support the following causes in March and April. Please come out and support them by playing bingo or learning more in the lobby of the center.

March Bingo: The Center for Animal Health & Welfare (formerly the Northampton County SPCA) The Center is a NO-KILL shelter and provides 90% of their budget from fundraisers, donations and bequests.

Thursday, March 7th

April Bingo: The Chemo Bag

This grass roots cause started in our own community. Michelle Walia decided after seeing her mom endure chemo that she wanted to bring some comfort to others. So began the Chemo Bag.

Learn more at www.thechemobag.com

Thursday, April 4th

Donations of gently used sheets/towels/blankets, cat litter, dog/cat food and laundry detergent are always needed and welcomed.

Please bring a donation to bingo if you would like.

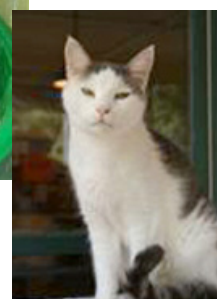
April 21st @ 1p.m.

**This popular bingo is back!
Play for a cause, play for fun,
play to win!**

Benefits women's health programs at HTCC and The Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation. Win your favorite style or pattern at this annual event.

Tickets: \$20

Purchase before April 1st - \$15.00



2013 Township Budget

GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Real Property Taxes	1,882,867
Occupation Taxes	490,000
Local Tax Enabling Act	2,742,169
Business Licenses and Permits	136,937
Fines	41,017
Interest Earnings	10,000
Rents and Royalties	279,700
State Capital & Operating Grants	253,825
State Shared Revenue & Entitlements	108,487
Charges for Services	32,100
Public Safety	227,239
Sanitation	795,519
Electric System	6,165
Other Income	229,101

Total: 7,235,126

GENERAL FUND EXPENSES

General Government	639,577
Public Safety	2,146,711
Public Works - Sanitation	882,041
Public Works - Highway, Roads and Streets	1,047,837
Culture - Recreation	201,768
Employer Paid Benefits and Withholdig Items	690,458
Insurance, Casualty and Surety	35,239
Health Insurance Benefits	348,376
Unclassified Expenses	32,000
Interfund Operating Transfers	1,211,119

Total: 7,235,126

RECREATION FUND REVENUE

Interest Earnings	25
Culture - Recreation	664,798
All other Unclassified Operating Revenue	22,050
Interfund Operating Transfers	222,739

Total: 909,612

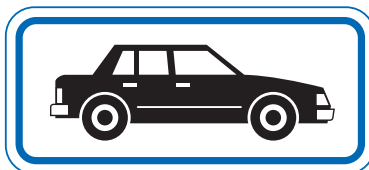
RECREATION FUND EXPENSES

General Government	15,100
Culture - Recreation	717,695
Employer Paid Benefits and Withholdig Items	84,255
Insurance, Casualty and Surety	36,971
Health Insurance Benefits	29,221
All other Unclassified Expenses	26,370

Total: 909,612



Pennsylvania Yellow Dot Program



Hanover Township has a limited supply of Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program brochures that can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves. Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania

Turnpike Commission & First Responders and local law enforcement.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Participants complete a personal information form, which includes the participant's name, emergency contact information, medical history and medication, allergies and the participant's doctors' names. A photo showing only the participant's head and shoulder's is then taped to the completed information sheet.

The yellow dot decal provided in the program kit is placed in the lower left corner of the participant's vehicles' rear windshield. The decal should be no higher than 3.5 inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle.

Place the completed information sheet, with the attached picture, in the Yellow Dot folder, and then place the folder into the vehicle's glove compartment (box).

SUPERSTORM SANDY DEBRIS CLEAN UP

To clean up the damage and debris caused by Superstorm Sandy the Township Public Works Department worked 1,217 hours and hauled 146 dump truck and 21 yard waste truck loads to the Compost Center in the City of Bethlehem and dumped 35 chipper loads (15 tons) of debris in the upper municipal tract park

This compares to our efforts after the Halloween storm on October 29, 2011 where over six days, the Township Public Works Department worked 730 hours and hauled 186 dump truck and 11 yard waste truck loads to the Compost Center in the City of Bethlehem and dumped 38 chipper loads of debris in the upper municipal tract parking lot.

As a result of the storm clean up efforts the Township received feedback from many residents and wanted to share a few with you.

Positive Responses:

"Hi Jay, You and your crew did a great job coping with the storm and the cleanup. The presence of the crews on the road and working hard was noticed, by me and others in their town. Please convey thanks to Vince. Best regards, Joe H"

"We would like to extend a big thank you to the township and especially the public works crew for their hard work the past two weeks in preparing and cleaning up from the two storms that hit our area. The preparations in collecting leaves prior to each storm

over two consecutive weekends was a surprise to myself and other residents but that effort prevented storm sewers from being clogged and causing street flooding. The yard waste cleanup after

Sandy was great for removing the many downed trees, especially for residents who had no means of removing themselves it also saved them money by not hiring someone to remove. The work crews were extremely courteous even after they put in the many overtime hours away from their families to keep our township clean and safe. I have talked with many other people who live in some other townships and they do not even come close to what we have here in Hanover Township (Northampton). Again Thank You and keep up the great work that you all do here in Hanover. Edward & Sheila F."

"Thank you for all that you do! My husband and I made a great decision 26 years ago to move to Hanover Township. IGP"

Our only negative feedback:

"Mr. Finnigan and how do people without a computer learn of the changes (yard waste collection)? I guess they just have to continue driving around the municipal building looking for notices. Be interesting to see how many people put out their yard waste on 19

November. Hey, I just wrongly assumed that a request from a taxpayer would receive some attention from government. I was wrong. Frank K."



BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendar now for the 51st Annual American Association of University Women's Book Fair. AAUW will be collecting used books and reselling them to readers of all ages at incredibly low prices. This year there will be an expanded Home School and Teacher section, a large Bethlehem and Moravian section and loads of Louis L' Amour books, plus whatever else comes in from generous donors. You will also find lots of fiction, non-fiction and children's books. All proceeds



benefit educational scholarships for local students as well as for the "Let's Read Math" program which is presented in local elementary schools.

Used books, CDs, and DVDs will be collected from March 20th to April 15th, 9 a.m. to noon, and Wednesday evenings 4 – 7 p.m. at the City of Bethlehem Pool Building on Illick's Mill Road.

The sale will run at the Pool Building from April 23rd – 26th, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. and April 27th from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. For additional information please visit: www.bethlehem-pa.aauw.net.

NEW LAW ESTABLISHES PENNSYLVANIA VETERANS' TRUST FUND

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE, 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



Senator Pat Browne

Pennsylvania is home to more than 900,000 military veterans. Their tremendous service to our nation stands as a point of pride for our commonwealth. It takes a special person to be a soldier, a sailor, a Marine, a member of the Air Force or a member of the Coast Guard. How many people would want to or be able to face the threats and uncertainties that our service members have and still do on a daily basis?

We have an obligation to these brave men and women who have fought to keep our nation safe and free to ensure they have the necessary assistance and support when they return home from duty and adjust back into their everyday lives.

That is why I recently voted for a new law that will help generate additional dollars for support services for our veterans through private donations.

Act 194 of 2012 creates a new Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund (PVTF) to supplement state appropriations for veterans' programs. The legislation provides additional dollars through voluntary donations to enhance current programs, services and benefits our state already offers, without asking taxpayers to contribute significant new funding.

Funding for the Trust will come from donations made via a voluntary check-off box on driver's license renewals and vehicle registrations, proceeds from the sale of special license plates for veterans and other motorists who wish to honor their service, as well as other private donations. The Trust will fund a variety of programs, such as grants for veterans' organizations, support for county veterans' programs and housing assistance for veterans.

To ensure this proposal creates the greatest benefit for our veterans, the legislation also supports new partnerships between the state and a number of charities and veterans' service organizations. It is important to note that money from the Pennsylvania Veterans' Trust Fund is not intended to replace existing government funding.

State, federal and county governments offer a number of helpful resources for our veterans, and it is important to ensure that all men and women who have served our country are aware of the benefits available to them. A list of helpful informational links is available on my website under the Resources/Links tab at <http://senator-browne.com/veterans.htm>. Additional information is also available by contacting the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs online at www.dmv.state.pa.us or calling toll-free 1-800-547-2838.

It is vital that our men and women in uniform know that they have our deepest gratitude and appreciation. This program allows us a way to show it.

SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

Hanover Township may find it necessary to declare a "Snow Emergency" when the **anticipated effects** of the weather dictate. When Hanover Township declares a "Snow Emergency" it is broadcast on WAEB – 790 AM, WFMZ – Channel 69, via the Hanover Township Email Alert System and other media outlets. **If the Township declares a "Snow Emergency" parking on all Township streets is prohibited and vehicles may be tagged (\$50 fine).** (§172-29 of the Codified Ordinance reads: Whenever a snow emergency has been declared it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be abandoned or parked, on any public highway.)

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.



FIRE PREVENTION IN YOUR HOME

by Fire Chief Craig Wasem



Any small fire with proper fuel and oxygen can grow into a deadly one within one or two minutes. Fire will continue to double in size every 60 seconds. To help prevent a tragedy, loosely inspect your home to eliminate potential hazards. Teach your family about the dangers of fire and how to escape.

Put a smoke alarm on every level of your home, outside each sleeping area, and in every bedroom. Early detection is key for survival.

- If you or your family members have hearing problems, use alarms with flashing lights and vibration.
- Test smoke alarms every month. Replace batteries at least once a year, even if alarms are hardwired.
- Activate your smoke alarms at night to see if your children wake up and respond to the alarm. Children sleep more deeply and may not wake up. If your child does not wake up to the alarm, try an alarm where you can program your own voice to alert him or her.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years.

PLAN and PRACTICE several escape routes and a safe place to meet outside.

- Plan and practice two escape routes out of each room of the house. It is important to have an alternate route in case one is blocked by fire.

- Designate one family member to be in charge of assisting young children and others who might have difficulty escaping.
- Determine an outside meeting place so all members of the family can be accounted for quickly. Once you are outside, dial 911 from a cell phone or neighbor's phone.

TEACH SAFETY. A child who is coached properly ahead of time may have a better chance of surviving.

- Children should know the sound of the smoke alarm. When they hear it, teach them to get outside quickly and crawl low if there is smoke.
- Teach children never to go back into a burning building for anything such as a toy or pet.
- Teach children that if their clothes catch on fire, they should immediately stop, drop to the ground and roll themselves back and forth quickly to extinguish the flames.
- Teach children to never touch or play with matches, candles, gasoline, or lighters.

Interested in a tour of the firehouse for you and your family? Feel free to contact the station directly and set up a time to stop by.

You will get to see the entire building and all the apparatus. We can also show your children what a fully dressed firefighter would look like in an attempt to lessen the child's fear. Call the Station @ **610.867.2103** to arrange for a visit.

CRIME WATCH

The Board of Supervisors appointed Danielle McFadden and Joan Rosenthal as Co-Hanover Township Crime Watch Program Coordinators. Members will be notified of any changes to meeting schedule as the program will be re-organized. Township residents are encouraged to join Crime Watch and attend the bi-monthly meetings. At the meetings, Officer Michael Kovach of the Colonial Regional Police Department updates attendees on the crime statistics of the Township and what you can do to protect yourself from becoming a victim. Please watch the Township website for updated Crime Watch information.



John N. Diacogiannis, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, presented Joseph Veltri with a proclamation and plaque honoring him for his fifteen years as the Hanover Township Crime Watch Program Coordinator.

Working For You in Harrisburg

A COLUMN BY REPRESENTATIVE

MARCIA M. HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

Members of the General Assembly are appointed to serve on various committees as part of the legislative process. It is at this level legislation gets voted for consideration by the full House.

We submit our committee preferences, which are based on areas of expertise and interest or issues which pertain to our particular district. For the 2013-14 session, I have been appointed to serve on

the following four committees: Agriculture and Rural Affairs, Game and Fisheries, Health, and Tourism and Recreational Development.

The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee oversees the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. We have an active farming community in Northampton County, and I am pleased to be returning to this committee and being a voice in Harrisburg for agriculture in my district.

The Game and Fisheries Committee serves as an intermediary between the General Assembly and both the Pennsylvania Game and Fish and Boat commissions. Last session's debate over the issue of Sunday hunting brought out a significant number of opinions on both sides of the fence in my district, which demonstrated the passion our neighbors have for their sport.

The Health Committee deals with health and welfare issues. The committee's importance to me includes being a gate through which welfare fraud legislation passes. We need to ensure the money we allocate for welfare ends up in the hands of those who truly need it, which means looking to ensure the most efficient use of taxpayer dollars in this area.

The Tourism and Recreational Development Committee regulates an industry that has a total economic impact of \$32.9 billion annually on the state's economy, provides more than 433,000 travel- and tourism-related jobs in Pennsylvania and generates more than \$3 billion in travel- and tourism-related state and local tax revenues that bolster our state and our communities. My close relationship with our local chambers of commerce will be an asset in serving on this committee.

The upcoming legislative session figures to include exciting and challenging opportunities. I look forward to serving on these committees and moving meaningful legislation through them and on to the floor of the state House.

Community Service

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve our community. Is your teenager looking for a place to receive community service hours mandated for school? We have many students who have joined our organization to serve their community as Fireman, Fire Police or EMT's. All required training and equipment is provided at no cost to you. If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at the station 610-867-2103, stop by our station on any Monday nights at 7 pm to watch us train or visit our website at http://www.htvfc.org/home/about_htvfc.

Advertise Your Location for Emergency Services

Thank you to all the residents who have properly marked their mailboxes with 2" reflective numbers. If you have not marked your mailbox remember it helps emergency responders find YOU in your time of need. Please mark them as soon as possible with 2" reflective numbers on both sides.

If you would like more information on numbering your residence, please contact the Fire Company at 610-867-2103.



MyWaste



If you are one of the growing number of individuals who owns either an iPhone or a DRIOD Republic Services has made it easier for you to monitor Residential Waste & Recycling as well as Yard Waste Collection. You can download the MyWaste application and set it up for Hanover Township.

Through the first three months of the application being available Hanover Township has the highest penetration percentage of residents downloading the application. This application is available in both the United States and Canada for different waste haulers.



EMS Corner

by EMS Captain Karen Van Why

CALL STATISTICS FOR 2012

Medical Emergencies	1,320
Automobile Accidents	135
Fire Calls	199
Mutual Aid	3
Miscellaneous	4
Total Calls for the year:	1,661

Influenza

The flu season is here with a vengeance. Be sure to use precautions to help stop the spread of the disease. Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way. If you have not done so already, get Your Flu Vaccine.

The "CDC" Center for Disease Control has stressed this will be an active flu season with the Influenza A strain.

"Influenza illness is characterized by the abrupt onset of constitutional and respiratory signs and symptoms (e.g., fever, myalgia, headache, malaise, nonproductive cough, sore throat, and rhinitis). A person is infectious 24hrs prior to the start of symptoms and 5-7 days after symptoms appear. Transmission is via the large droplets a person expels during sneezing or coughing. Influenza can live on contaminated surfaces and be transmitted via this route."



New Arrival

Our new ambulance arrived in October and was licensed by the PA Dept. of Health to serve the residents of Hanover Township. This ambulance replaced a 2002 ambulance. Our new ambulance was purchased at no cost to our Township residents. The Township applied for and was awarded a grant through the Northampton County Gaming & Economic Redevelopment Authority.

Importance Information for Emergencies

How you can help EMS when you call them to help yourself or a family member.

Provide a copy of the items listed below. You can type

these in a word document so you can easily make changes when needed. If you need assistance putting this information together you may contact the Fire Company 610-867-2103 and we will make arrangements for someone to help you create this paperwork.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION NEEDED

Patient name/Patient address/Patient phone number

Date of birth/Social Security number

Medication names and dosage taken daily

Allergies to medications

Past medical history

There are programs available with preprinted forms and information regarding medical information needed in the event of an emergency.

"Vile of Life" is a program designed for your home. Medical information is posted on your refrigerator door. See more information on this program at <http://www.vialoflife.com>.

"I.C.E." In Case of Emergency is a program designed for your cellphones. See more information on this program at <http://www.icesticker.com/index.html>.

TOWNSHIP WEBSITE

www.hanovertwp-nc.org



In March of 2013, Hanover Township will launch a newly designed website replacing the outdated and slower website that is currently operating. The website allows the Township to communicate with our residents, businesses and vendors to provide information and forms concerning Zoning, Public Works and Finance information. The website also serves as a means of communication to Township residents such issues as Yard Waste pickup, Weather or Road Alerts and Emergency Information. During Hurricane Sandy, although the Township office had no power or phone lines operational, the website was able to be updated to allow mobile users a chance to get emergency information and phone numbers.

We recognize that there has been an increasing demand for more web-based information. In 2012, we created a Township Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/HanoverTownshipNC>) in order to serve residents who use this media as a way to get and distribute information. Also, in 2012, we launched a iPhone and iPad app called "MyWaste" which allows residents to access recycling and trash information, calendars, and report trash issues directly to Raritan Valley with a push of a button. Please continue to utilize the Facebook page, app, and website for up to date information regarding the Township.



Hanover Township Residential Waste and Recycling

Recycling Information

Hanover Township is a Single Stream Recycling Community. As a Single Stream Recycling Community you are not required to separate your recyclables—paper products can be mixed with plastics, glass and aluminum. While Republic Services will still accept materials that you separate, we are making it easier than ever to participate in recycling. Please note that all recycling materials must **always** be separated from trash.

Clean and place these items in your Township issued Recycling Barrel:

- Aluminum cans (beer & soda)
- Aluminum foil & foil plates, etc. (clean)
- Glass bottles & jars (food & drink only)
- Plastic bottles, jars, tubes and buckets (soda, water, juice) - no plastic bags
- Plastics; # 1 – 7 per Township Ordinance
- Metal food cans (tin/steel): metal lids
- Paper-dry & clean (not plastic bags)
- Newspapers & inserts
- Magazines & catalogs
- Junk mail, envelopes, file folders
- Office white, colored and computer paper
- All cardboard boxes (broken down to no larger than 3 ft. x 2 ft.)
- Cereal & gift boxes (remove bag liners)
- Paper bags & phone books
- Wrapping paper (remove metallic paper, bows, etc.)

Unacceptable materials in Recycling:

- Ceramics, dishes, coffee cups, drinking glasses, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs
- Glass cookware/bakeware (Pyrex, Vision Ware, etc.)
- Take-out containers, plastic cups & tableware
- Containers of hazardous or toxic materials
- Tissues or paper towels
- Bound books
- Paper cartons for milk or juice (gable-top cartons) or wax coated boxes
- Household appliances or toys
- Coat hangers
- Food waste, garbage
- No Styrofoam products or Plastic Bags

Holiday Schedule

Holidays change your pickup day—Please read carefully

If one of the holidays falls on your pickup day, then your pickup day will be one day later during that week. All others will also be one days later.

Important Requirements and Information

- When placing trash out for your pickup day please make sure that it is neatly placed at the curb after 6:00 p.m. the night preceding or by 6:00 a.m. the day of your pickup. Each barrel and / or bag cannot exceed 35 lbs.
- Personal construction debris may be placed out for collection but is limited to the following: drywall, plaster, lath, roofing, singles and lumber no longer than three (3) feet. Carpet should be cut into manageable lengths.
- Bulky items will be collected on your regular collection day. Bulky items should be of a size and weight which can be reasonably lifted by two (2) people. Residents are asked to call 1-877-534-4446 when such items are to be placed out. All Freon® must be removed and the appliance appropriately tagged to be picked up and hauled away.

Southland Condominiums & Park Place Townhomes are both collected on **Wednesday**.



When facing your home always put your Residential Waste & Recycling to the LEFT and Yard Waste to the RIGHT of your driveway.



For more information or further assistance, please contact:
Raritan Valley Disposal at 610.432.574 ∞ Toll Free 1.877.534.4446 ∞ www.raritandisposal.com

Hanover Township Waste & Recycling Coordinator @ 610.66.1140, ext. 223

HANOVER SCHOOL NEWS

by Andrea Mosley, PTA President

Hanover students have enjoyed a rich measure of events in 2012 with more to come for 2013. So far, we shared popsicles, enjoyed a rigorous Hawk Walk, enhanced our learning during Education week, traveled the world via the Book Fair, welcomed our Great Persons, went back to nature for our Harvest day, played dress up for our Halloween Parade, were enlightened with the Chinese Acrobats while aiding to make a difference during Election Day; welcomed the season during our Cookie dough, Wreath and Poinsettia sales, showed our unselfish nature as we shopped at the Secret Shoppe and gave back to children in need with the Gift Tree. There were so many other events, too much to mention.

In affording a well rounded education students also had the opportunity to give back to children less fortunate than themselves. Activities like Hats on for Cancer, and The Giving Tree, Election day (learning how to vote and the importance of a voice/vote), Pajama Day (render pajamas to children), St Jude Pennies for Cancer, Books for Tots, to name a few; accompanied by the amazing education that is BASD school district, are all a recipe for success.

Hanover bid adieu to Mrs. Gallagher a long time friend, secretary and team member and welcomed a new Secretary Mrs. Ruth.

We thank the Hanover Community Center for partnering with us in our attempt to ensure the very best for our children and the community.

LIONS CLUB

The Hanover Township Lions along with all the Lions and Lioness clubs in Lehigh and Northampton Counties support a program known as Charitable Enterprises. One of their projects is a Soccer Classic; this year's will be the 32nd year.

You read and hear a lot about baseball, football, basketball, but this program is to honor both senior boys and girls that play the great game of soccer. Game day is scheduled for June 2, 2013, for both girls and boys games. Location of the games will be announced in the coming weeks. The 2012 game was at Nazareth High School stadium. More information can be had from your school coach or the web site www.lionsscoccerclassic.com.

This is a great program and brings together senior boys and girls from local schools and some from Monroe County. The young people who have taken part in the past will tell you it is a great day of fun.

MVP plaques are given for offense and defensive players and four scholarships are given to participating players based on their bio. An awards day picnic is held to honor winners and their families.



2013 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2013 calendar year were mailed in January to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the end of January please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 231 for Jodi. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited into our mail slot during non-business hours.

A new calendar was mailed to each home in December for 2013 and it can also be found online at http://hanover-twp-nc.org/ternstyle/templates/media/files/2013_Residential_Waste_Recycling_Calendar.pdf. Please also review the Residential Waste and Recycling page included in this newsletter.

YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2013 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery in early December of 2012 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available on-line at http://hanover-twp-nc.org/ternstyle/templates/media/files/2013_Yard_Waste_Schedule.pdf

Board of Supervisors Notes

HELP WANTED

POOL, PARKS & CAMPS

The Township is currently accepting application for life-guards, gate guards and pool staff for the 2013 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

RECYCLING NEWS

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected approximately 1,055 tons of Leaves and 550 tons of Yard Waste in 2012! In 2011 the department collected 1,400 tons of Leaves and 545 tons of Yard Waste. It is apparent that the 2011 Halloween Storm and Superstorm Sandy in 2012 have decreased our leaf collection tonnage.

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

Mandatory Annual Commercial & Institutional Recycling Reports for the Year 2012 were mailed to all Township Businesses. The form **MUST** be completed and returned to the Township Office **NO LATER THAN** February 24, 2013. All tenants, businesses, etc. must report what is being recycled in their own location, space, office, suite, etc.

Asa Packer School News

by Rebecca Gonzalez, Asa Packer PTA President

Greetings, from the Asa Packer Elementary School PTA! It's hard to believe that half of a school year is already behind us. The first half of the school year has been both busy and full of excitement. In September, students participated in "Pinwheels for Peace" by lining our walkways with self-made pinwheels honoring peace. October was equally fantastic and brought us a new and improved Puma Walk-a-thon where we raised funds to complete our iPad cart. We also enjoyed Grandpal's Day and celebrated during our Halloween Parties. November highlights include hosting Author Eric Wright. December brought us an Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser where we were treated to flapjacks served up by our favorite teachers!

The rest of the school year is sure to be as eventful as the first half has been. Our children and teachers are busily preparing for PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) testing set to begin in March. We also look forward to fun filled nights of Ice Skating, Roller Skating, and International Family Food Night. The end of the year will soon be here along with Arts Day festivities and our beloved Patio Party celebrations. We'll say goodbye to our 5th graders and welcome a new group of kindergartners.

Enthusiasm and activity abounds at Asa Packer and the PTA is grateful to be a part of it. As a PTA, we couldn't do all that we do for our children without the help of our amazing parents, dedicated teachers, incredible principal, and the support of our community. We look forward to a prosperous and exciting rest of the year!

Armed Forces Day

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 18, 2012. An event is in the planning stages for the ceremony to be held at Armed Services Park at the corner of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road starting at 10:00 a.m.



John Phillip Sousa Concert

Sunday, May 5th • 2:00 pm

Join us for a memorable afternoon of entertainment. Enjoy the wonderful music of John Philip Sousa courtesy of the combined talents of the Easton Municipal Band, under the direction of Keith Wagner, and the Liberty Alumni Band, under the

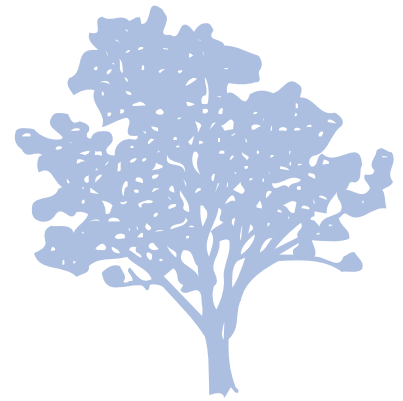
direction of Ronald Sherry.

The Sousa Concert has become a spring tradition in Hanover and is now celebrating its sixteenth year!!! Be sure to arrive early as seats fill up quickly.

Refreshments will be served before the show. The concert is free and open to everyone. If you have any questions, please call 610-317.8701

SHADE TREE

THINK SPRING



Spring is a good time to plant a new tree. If you lost a street tree from storm damage or one has died, you must replace it with a tree from the Township's Approved Tree List. Get a permit (free) and the Tree List from the Township Office or the Township web-site. The web-site also has information on tree care: planting, mulching, watering, pruning (including why topping trees is so harmful), and pest alert.

If you have ash trees on your property, you can find information on how to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), which has killed more than 40 million ash trees in the past ten (10) years, starting in Michigan. There are now thirty-one (31) counties in Pennsylvania where the EAB has been discovered, including Bucks County. It is only a matter of time before Northampton County is infested. On the web-site, follow directions below to get to **Pest Alert**. Scroll down to find **Homeowners Guide to Emerald Ash Borer Treatment**. In our area, when the EAB has been definitely located, ash trees should be treated in mid to late spring.

To access the "Tree" web-site, there are two routes from the Township home page: www.hanoverwp-nc.org

Click on **"Committees"** on the blue bar across the top of the page

Click on **Shade Tree Advisory Board** in the list on the right

On this page you can click on **"permit"** to get a Shade Tree permit to remove or replace a tree, **"Shade Tree List"** to see the Approved varieties of street trees, or click on **"Planting, Pruning, Mulching, and Watering"** to get to the tree care page.

OR Click on **"Zoning/Building"** on the blue bar across the top of the home page

Click on **"Permit"** and scroll down to **Shade Tree** to get the Approved Tree List or a Shade Tree permit.

OR Click on **Trees** in the right hand column to find the information on tree care.

Trees enhance your property value and your neighborhood, as well as providing clean air and homes for birds. Happy Planting!

Main Library

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

HOURS

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

South Side Branch

400 Webster Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610-867-7852

HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday Noon-8PM
Wednesday & Saturday Noon-5PM

New Hours Effective January 2, 2013

The Library is forced to trim hours due to budget constraints. Shortened public hours along with a corresponding reduction in staff costs will help the Library to cover an additional \$230,000 in expenses for 2013, that in previous years had been subsidized by the City of Bethlehem.

The Library is closed February 18 & March 29.

Free Adult Programs

Phone the Main Library at 610-867-3761 x224
or visit www.bapl.org to register or for details.

- Technology workshops: bring your questions (Monthly)
- Writing Workshop (February)
- Gardening Jeopardy (March)
- Meet Satchel Paige (April)
- Literary Lunch at Noon (Monthly)
- Yoga class (Monthly)

Free Children's Programs

Phone the Main Library at 610-867-3761 x499,
the South Side Branch at 610-867-7852
or visit www.bapl.org to register or for details.

- School-age programming based on popular fiction series
- *Family Fun Nights* (monthly)
- *Read Across America* celebration (March)
- *Bricks 4 Kids: Lego® Fun* (February)
- *Super Saturdays* (Monthly)
- Daytime *Storytimes* for infants, toddlers and preschoolers
- *First Stop Saturdays* drop in Family Storytime (monthly)
- After school *Homework Help*: grades 1-12, all subjects



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March 13: noon to 8PM

March 16: 10AM-4PM

Also May 15 & 18

Renovating a Community Treasure

The South Side Branch will close
January 2 for privately-funded renovations
and reopen March 5.

Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning February 4)

12:15-1:15 Cheryl Dr. at Southland building 3 (Thursdays)
3:00-4:00 Hanover Township Community Center
4:05-4:50 Stonewood & Belaire
5:00-5:45 Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15 Chesterfield near Lord Byron

B WEEK (alternate weeks beginning February 11)

12:15-1:15 Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. (Thursdays)
3:00-4:00 Hanover Township Community Center
5:00-5:45 Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15 Chesterfield near Lord Byron

How Hanover Township Residents' Taxes Compare with Our Neighbors

Sometimes it is important to compare what we as residents in Hanover Township receive in comparison to other municipalities that either is abutting to us or are similar to us in Northampton County either in size or in services provided. The chart below outlines the municipalities that Hanover Township most resembles either in services along

the Route 22 corridor or are a 2nd Class Township like Hanover.

This information is presented so that residents in the Township have an understanding as to how their tax dollars are used and how we compare to those in our immediate area.

Assessed Value		Hanover (1, 2)	East Allen (3, 4, 5)	Palmer (2)	Bethlehem Township (3)	Forks (2)	Lower Nazareth (3)
↓	2013 → Mill Rate	3.90	6.50	6.25	5.99	5.60	4.15
\$150,000		\$585.00	\$735.00	\$937.50	\$898.50	\$840.00	\$622.50
\$100,000		\$390.00	\$650.00	\$625.00	\$599.00	\$560.00	\$415.00
\$50,000		\$195.00	\$325.00	\$312.50	\$299.50	\$280.00	\$207.50

TAXES FOR PROPERTIES IN HANOVER TOWNSHIP

Taxing Entity	Assessed Value	Mill Rate	Tax Bill
Bethlehem Area School District	\$50,000	47.09	\$2,354.50
County of Northampton	\$50,000	10.8	\$540.00
Township of Hanover	\$50,000	3.9	\$195.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$100,000	47.09	\$4,709.00
County of Northampton	\$100,000	10.8	\$1,080.00
Township of Hanover	\$100,000	3.9	\$390.00
Bethlehem Area School District	\$150,000	47.09	\$7,063.50
County of Northampton	\$150,000	10.8	\$1,620.00
Township of Hanover	\$150,000	3.9	\$585.00

Notes: (1) Hanover's Fire Tax is .5; (2) These Townships contract and bill for refuse & recycling; (3) These Townships the resident contract for their own refuse & recycling; (4) State Police protection; (5) East Allen's Fire Tax is 1.0.

HELP WANTED

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 (610.866.1140, ext. 227) or stop by the municipal building.

Recent Board of Supervisors actions:

Reappointed Barry Check & Paul Pugielli to the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire January 1, 2017.

Reappointed Michelle M. Michael-Mill to the Special Events Committee for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2016.

Reappointed Evan J. Diacogiannis to the Recreation Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2016.

Appointed Joseph G. Bednarik, Jr. to the Zoning Hearing Board and Barbara L. Baldo, Esq. as an alternate for three-year terms to expire January 1, 2016.

Reappointed Supervisor Tanczos as the liaison to the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company.

Reappointed Mike Sowers to the Shade Tree Advisory Commission for a three-year term to expire January 1, 2016

Reappointed Supervisor Salvesen as the liaison to the Shade Tree Advisory Commission.

DELIVER AS ADDRESSED
OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

Meetings of Boards and Commission

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: January, February, March, April, May, June, September, October and November on the SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY; July and August the FOURTH TUESDAY and December the THIRD TUESDAY all starting at 7:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION: February, March, April, May, June, October, November and December on the FIRST MONDAY and January, July, August and September the SECOND MONDAY all starting at 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE: Meetings are held the THIRD TUESDAY of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD: Meetings are held the SECOND THURSDAY of each month, starting at 7:30 p.m.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: Meetings are held the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month whenever required. Time(s) of the hearing will be announced when scheduled.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION: Meetings are held the LAST MONDAY of each month, except May which is held the last Wednesday of the month and August meeting which is held September 3. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

CRIME WATCH: January, March, May, July, September and November on the FIRST TUESDAY. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.