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ARMED SERVICES PARK DEDICATED



Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. De Sousa, Esq., PA Army National Guard, State Director - Hon. Patrick J. Toomey offers remarks during the Armed Services Park Dedication

n a sunny, yet 2011 Hanover To Armed Service Park. Aphundred individuals, ma and some who were still se approaching storm clouds and sprinkles to open a small park that honors deceased, former, active and future members of the United States Armed Forces.

Built on land donated by Jaindl Land Company, the centerpiece of this park is a simple memorial, surrounded by the flags of the different branches of the United States Armed Forces.

Offering comments were Lieutenant Colonel Robert J. DeSousa, Esq. (PA Army National Guard), Major General Gerald C. Still (Ret. US Air Force Reserves) and Captain Joseph A. Zator II, Esq. (West Point, US Army).

Attorney Zator opened his remarks by commenting, "It is an honor to be standing here... I am humbled. There are many veterans here in the Lehigh Valley and even here

in attendance whose service in uniform is head and shoulders above my modest contribution as an Army officer, particularly those men and women who have served in combat and those whose service spans an entire career. They are our heroes. For their service to country . . . I will be forever thankful. . . . We all should be eternally grateful."

He reflected of his time at West Point to which he received both a Congressional and Presidential Appointment and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. He shared his feeling on erve and what causes our vomen in uniform to be so much for so little in return. reflected on our Veterans.

"Veterals world War II have been called 'The Great Generation', The Korean Conflict has come to be known as 'The Forgotten War', Vietnam & Southeast Asia — often referred to the 'Misunderstood War' - a conflict whose returning veterans were in many respects treated very poorly by society. Some have referred to those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan over the past several years as 'the Next Great Generation'.

There were many other wars and conflicts that impact and have impacted our military men and women . . . and their families, untold sacrifices about which we never hear. Other conflicts, Grenada, Honduras, Panama, Persian Gulf, Kosovo, Bosnia, Middle East and many other small opera-

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tions, often classified, which we will never hear about in our lifetimes.

We also remember the men and women in uniform that may not deploy into a combat zone, but who nonetheless have sacrificed much in ensuring that the military mission is accomplished.

This park is for all of them, past, present and future."

"All of us gave something, but some of us gave everything" reflected Colonel DeSousa who currently serves as the State Director for U.S. Senator Patrick J. Toomey. Attorney DeSousa is an Iraq War veteran who deployed with the Allentown based 213th Area Support group from 2007 – 2008 as a member 728th Regional Trial Defense Team, PA Army National Guard.

The day's events were opened and closed by with an Invocation & Benediction by Corporal Wendall A. Phillips, U.S. Army Air Forces, who currently resides in Hanover Township. He was a German POW along the Belgium / French border. He was held for 33 days and later escaped, he returned to the American lines in France via French Roman Catholic Underground. He was also a Japanese POW in Shanghai, China for 29 days. Fortunately the war ended, his Japanese captors left and Corporal Philips was rescued.

Major Gerald C. Still, United State Air Force Reserve, another Township resident, reflected on the various United States Flags we've had since the founding of our country – a very appropriate discussion for Flag Day 2011. General Still served as a reservist in the Air Force from 1968 to 2011.

At the conclusion of the program, Dan Deysher stood alone in the far corner of the park playing Taps, in honor and memory of those killed in action and all deceased veterans. Mus1C LeRohn Deysher served three years during WWII in the United States Navy aboard the USS Pennsylvania.



CRPD COLOR GUARD: Sergeant John Harmon, Sergeant – US Marine Corps 1984 – 1990; Detective Michael Munch, Staff Sergeant – US Army 1990 – 2001 and a member of the National Guard since 2009 as a Warrant Officer 1; Officer Christopher Templeton, Sergeant – United States Army 1998 – 2006; in Iraq 2004 – 2006; Sergeant Darrin Wendling, Corporal – United States Marine Corps



United States Marine Corps Color Guard, Inspector-Instructor Staff 4th Marine Logistics Group, Allentown, PA. SSgt. Danny Hamilton, Sgt. Michael Deibert, Sgt. David Lee and Cpl. Kyle Longnecker.

ALERT IMPORTANT ALERT

If you haven't registered your email address with the Township the time to do it is now. We have instituted a monthly newsletter to cover items in a timelier manner as well as continuing to broadcast important announcements as issues develop. Recently we've sent updates about residential break-ins, Hurricane Irene, yard waste, etc. Shortly, depending on the weather we'll be sending out messages concerning snow emergencies. Stay informed and up-to-date, register today — www.hanovertwp-nc.org.



Armed Services Park Commemorative Brick

On June 14th, Hanover Township dedicated Armed Services Park to honor deceased, retired and active members of the United States Armed Services. The parked is located at the intersection of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road. In the spirit of continuing to honor our military men and women, Hanover Township is proud to announce our Commemorative Brick.

The Commemorative Brick Campaign will allow for the construction of a brick pathway crossing the central circle of Armed Services Park. The bricks will be 4" x 8" engraved, red bricks with the honorees name and military branch. The cost of each brick is \$75. Hanover Township is excited to

offer a program that gives members of our community the opportunity to permanently recognize those who have or are currently protecting our freedom.

Order forms will be available shortly at the township office or online at www.hanovertwp-nc.org. Please call 610-866-1140 for additional information.

Hanover Township Remembers 9/11

SPECIAL TO THE HANOVERVIEW by Bernie O'Hare







(Photographs for Patriot Day by Bernie O'Hare)

large and diverse crowd of nearly 200 people attended Hanover Township's Patriot Day Remembrance and Flag Retirement Ceremony at the Community Center on September 11th. From 'Canes slugger Sammy Kraihanzel, age 12, to Walt Whitman Lane resident Irene Recor, age 85, they remembered.

Instead of speaking, politicians like State Representative Marcia Hahn listened as Port Authority of New York and New Jersey employee Michael Mayurnik described what it was like to be on the 69th floor of the World Trade Center when its 97th floor was hit by an airliner. After looking out a window and seeing paper and other debris flying everywhere, one of his co-workers said, "Let's get the hell out."

And so they did. As they and other lucky ones were leaving, New York firefighters were making their way in, some to never return.

After this remembrance, the crowd shuffled outside the Community Center for a moving flag retirement ceremony performed by Notre Dame Boy Scout Troop 352, assisted by Scoutmaster Michael Caffrey. The Stars and Stripes was presented to scouts by Bethlehem's Mounted Police Unit,

which had slowly winded its way through the Township park in what seemed like a funeral procession.

During this ceremony, the colors were separated as Liberty High School bagpipers Victor Neumann and Krysden Schantz played "Going Home." One scout held the blue field with 50 stars, as others cut away each of the thirteen red and white stripes of Old Glory. Master of Ceremonies Joshua Soares called our American flag, "the silent sentinel of freedom." Then that flag, and about fifty others, were placed into two barrels.

As flames and billowing smoke climbed from these twin pyres into the evening sky, it was yet another reminder of the conflagration of the Twin Towers on September 11, 2001.

Community Center News

Membership Strong - Fitness memberships help shape a new you for 2012!

Looking for a comfortable place to work out? This non-traditional gym offers a great family environment to work out while supporting your community recreation. Our goal is to provide resources for our residents to be part of a strong and healthy community. What better way then to come work out at the community center!

Our fitness room offers cardiovascular equipment, free weights, and nautilus machines. Fitness aids and Personal Trainers are available to support your efforts along with a full Aerobic class schedule!

HTCC offers 1 month and 3 month memberships; offering you the flexibility to use the facility when and how you need it. Day passes are also available—with all this rain you may want to just come in and run in a dry environment for the day! Adult \$8 Senior/Student \$6



Fitness Room workouts help keep you healthy and strong through the winter months!

New Community Partner: Coordinated Health's Pulse Performance Program!

Through this partnership HTCC will be offering numerous programs with the staff of Pulse to improve your fitness goals.

1. Joint Class:

Individuals looking to Continue Strengthening ankle, knee, hip or back after physical therapy has concluded. Those who have had joint replacements, joint pain, arthritis, or inactivity are all excellent candidates for this class. What this class will do for you: improve your leg, hip, back and core strength; improve your flexibility, balance and coordination.

2. Basketball Training:

This program will build better athletes through functional training. Jump higher,

run faster, react quicker, increase strength and power, improve balance and coordination.

3. Speed and Agility Classes:

Increase your speed and overall athletic ability; pre/post sport specific screening included!

All classes are lead by Pulse staff and will be held at HTCC.

All classes run 60 minutes, 2Xweek for 4 weeks. For current sessions call us at 610-317-8701.



DIRECTOR:
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FRAN TAGLANG
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CHILDREN

SERVICES

- Hanover Preschool classes for the young 3, 3, 4, Pre-K as well as Kinder-club!
- Extended day programs available for all ages.
 Flexible payment options.
- School age children welcome for after school enrichment activities.

Contact our Children Services Department:

610-317-8701 ext. 104



Social Memberships help you stay connected to your community— Three different memberships!

Basic Memberships are perfect for the family who utilizes the basketball gym, game room and programs. Pay a reduced rate for programs and have unlimited access to the game room or basketball gym, Added bonus—pay a discounted fee for aerobic classes or take

advantage of children services!

Resident Family - \$140 yr.

Program Membership is another avenue; inclusive of one program up to \$65 and then receive a member discount on all programs.

Resident Family - \$75 yr.

Basketball Membership is for the person who ONLY wants to play hoops...must

Resident Adult - \$67 yr.

be 18 years and up.

Help support Recreation in your community, purchase a membership today!

CORRECTIONS FROM RECREATION BROCHURE

8:30 to Blood Pressure 9:30 am screenings time: AARP Safe Driver \$12 & \$14 class fee: Vera Bradley Bingo Date Change: 10/23 Personal Training \$20 - 30Fees minutes Lil' Athletes Pricing \$39/\$59

Anniversary Weekend at HTCC!

The Community Center celebrates its 15th year serving our community the weekend of November 12th. Please join us as we celebrate with our Annual HTCC 5K and Pump & Run! New this year we are adding a 1 Mile Family event. Please bring your sneakers and help us to raise awareness about the importance of play, physical activity, and education for our youngest learners! They are just one of our priorities in a long list of objectives for the community center staff.

5K and Pump & Run

Saturday, November 12, 2011 Registration starts at 7:30 am 9 am race time! Membership Special:
ONE DAY ONLY - 15% off any
new or renewal of a Fitness Membership
Saturday only!

1 Mile Family Walk

Saturday, November 12, 2011 Registration starts at 8:30 am

9:10 Walk time!

We would love for your entire family to join us, along with the annual HTCC 5K pump and run we hope to promote a stronger community through health and fitness. The 1 Mile walk is a perfect introduction to this life long sport of racing.

Registration for both events take place at HTCC!

Register early and save!

5K and Pump & Run

Pre-registration thru 11/1: \$15.00 after 11/1 \$20.00

1 Mile Walk

Pre-registration thru 11/1: \$15.00 a family-includes one t-shirt; additional t-shirts can be purchased for \$10 adult/ \$8 child

after 11/1: \$20

Can't join us that day? Consider sponsoring our newest event with a monetary donation and become a sponsor! Call HTCC for details!

HTCC - Serving the changing needs of the Community!

Over the past 15 years we have seen our township grow from a small suburb of the little town of Bethlehem to a thriving community with many families working in Philadelphia or New York City.

Park and Recreation summer programs have grown to include full day camp activities with extended care. Keeping true to the "park" program at neighborhood parks while offering those children who need a full day program the same opportunity to have the "park experience" Bringing the two groups

Looking for a great place for children after school, check out the After School Enrichment Program!

together for fun field trips and large events at the community center make for a great summer! The fun doesn't stop in the summer time. Check out the programs we offer during the year for your children:

Dance, Art, Kickball, T-ball, Flag Football, Volleyball, Quick Start Tennis, Climb & Craft, Children's Yoga, Backyard games, Soccer in and out, Golf, Cheerleading, and music!!! Not to mention special events and adult programs.

You can find all the current schedules for programs at the community center on our website:

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com

When you have brought up kids, there are memories you store directly in your tear ducts. ~Robert Brault ...Let us help you build some memories:

MOM & SON NIGHT OUT

Friday, October 21st 6:30 to 8 pm

Boys, grab your mom, grandmother, or aunt and come to a special evening out! This action-packed evening includes, fall themed activities, fun music, and games! Snacks to share and a special treat to make and take home!

Recommended for boys 5 to 9

Fee: \$25.00 Couple, additional child \$10.

Pre-registration required. Event to be held at Hanover Twp Community Center!

TGIF

Oct. 7th, Nov. 4th. Dec. 9th, and Feb. 3rd!

Come join the thematic program on the 1st Friday of the month from 6 to 8 pm. Great fun evening out for the kids (and parents get to go out and have fun too!) Members \$5/ Non-Members \$10

NEW for fall - extended hours...join the fun and stay till 9 pm for an extra \$5.00

Minimum registration required for extended hour! Register at HTCC for the coming months!

Check out the employee highlight on the next page!! Daddy Daughter Fun Day Friday, January 13th 6:30 to 8 pm

Girls should come enjoy a "summer" night in January with that special man! Build your own ice cream treat, luau games, dancing, and many activities to keep the two of you busy building memories! This will be an active night for father and daughter so come dressed to PLAY!

Recommended for girls 5 to 9!

Fee: \$25.00 Couple, additional child \$10.

Pre-registration required. Event to be held at Hanover Twp Community Center!

Lifestyle Programming for 50+

Wanted: Young at Heart! HTCC is an active place for many in this dynamic age group, offering exercise classes daily and weekly social programming.

Please join us as we work together to make our "Lifestyle" programming all that you want and more.

Join us for the following activities:

Monday - an afternoon Matinee! First movie showing will be *The King's Speech!* Join your neighbors for a nice afternoon at the community center.

Tuesdays - this afternoon will be for our friends interested in learning new and exciting topics from cooking, book groups, and social gatherings.

Wednesday - Already a popular day the first of the month as our Red Hat group dines out monthly. Planning on filling those other mid week days in your month- how about "get acquainted speed session", live entertainment, or an afternoon of bingo?

Thursday - rounds out the week with Wii Bowling and sports! No bowling or athletic ability required- beginners welcome!

This is just a sampling of the plans that are in development this fall. Come to our "get to know us" mornings this fall!



Basics of Buying and Selling on EBAY and new this year Extreme Coupon Class!

You are invited!

TO GET TO KNOW US

- Wednesday, November 2nd
- · Wednesday, December 7th
- 8:30 to 10:30 am !

Join us for this open house to meet our staff, talk about the activities you would like to see in your community center.

- Free 10 minute massages till 9:30
- Coffee, Tea & Danish
- Free Exercise Class @ 8:30 (optional)
- Blood Pressure Screening till 9:30
- Facility Tours
- Free pass for future use for you and a friend!

Thank you to the nurses who provide Blood Pressure Screenings monthly from The Visiting Nurses of St. Luke's & Kristen Hallowell for providing our free mini massages! Kristen is a member of Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals. HTCC members receive a discount at her new studio, contact 484-239-4644 for more details.

PASTA FOR THE HEART

GOOD FOOD THAT'S GOOD FOR YOU!

Heart Health Information will be on hand for you and your loved ones. When: Sunday, October 30th

Where: HTCC Time: 12 to 4 pm

Cost: \$8 Adult (13-99 yrs.) \$4 Youth (under 12)

One Size Take Out: \$10.00

Call ahead and order your take out-great idea for a football party! Heart health is vital to a healthy body; our fundraiser supports our efforts in maintaining our fitness equipment!

Come visit Chef Fran in the kitchen!

AARP 50+ Drivers Safety Class

Cut your insurance payment, refresh your knowledge of driving laws and learn new safety measures!

Date: October 25th & 27th

Time: 12:30 - 4:30 pm

Pre-registration suggested; fees are payable to AARP \$12 AARP member or \$14 for non members.

HTCC TUTOR BANK - a tutor for every need!

Hanover Township Community Center is looking for tutor's for our Tutor Bank!

You may think what is a Tutor Bank? This intergenerational program will seek to connect adults or young adults with students who need help with school work. Once you are listed in the Tutor Bank, the community center will host the opportunity for tutor sessions at the community center. This program can be in conjunction with our enrichment program or as a separate need. For additional information contact Cathy at 610-317-8701.

Requirements for the TUTOR BANK:

Adult Tutors will have appropriate back rounds in topic and proper clearances.

Student Tutors will apply at the Community Center and must provide a written recommendation from a teacher in the area of interest for tutoring.

Program is approved for Service Hours through the BASD.

Email: recreation@hanovertwp-cc.org www.hanovercommunitycenter.com Community Service hours available throughout the year with Hanover Township; contact HTCC for a program or activity that suits your service needs.

STEP - a Student Teen Empowerment Program is looking to develop student driven projects to create a service learning opportunity for our your child.

Avid Reader? Stop by and pick through our book carts in the lobby. Free to everyone.

Holiday Shopping Showcase! November 17th - 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Annual fundraiser for Children Services; do your shopping early! Many hand-made one-of-a-kind gifts, jewelry, sports jerseys, unique artisan's and more.

Free Admission Concession stand open!

Tricky Tray in Lobby!

Interested vendors contact Cathy at 610-317-8701 Spots fill up quickly, so reserve yours today!

Registration Deadlines

Don't let a good class die! Nothing kills a good class quicker than everyone waiting until the last minute to sign up! At some point we must make a decision as to whether a program or activity will take place. So remember, save a class and register at least one week prior to the start date! Thank you!

Huntington Learning Center & HTCC Present free workshops for parents...

- Reading Readiness/ Struggling Reader— this two part workshop
 will address how you can make your home a literate environment and
 strategies and activities to increase your child's literacy and reading
 readiness. The second part of this workshop will address the older
 child who is struggling with this new skill, recognizing a child who
 needs help and learning tips to help them increase to an appropriate
 reading level.
 - Date: Tuesday, Oct. 11th Time: 7:00pm-RR/7:30pm-SR
- Journey to College I concentrates on 8th & 9th graders planning their high school experiences with college as the final destination! Study habits, learning about the college process and how to be prepared for exploring your options for a higher education.
 Date: Tuesday, Jan 10th Time; 7:00 pm
- Journey to College II this session will directly address the questions about the SAT/ACT experience, navigating college applications and admission essays, and learning about financial aid from a veteran parent's point of view. This segment draws heavily on Huntington's own curriculum and proven strategies.

Date: Tuesday, Jan. 24th Time: 7:00 pm

Please register at HTCC for these valuable workshops by calling 610-317-8701. Refreshments will be on hand!

The mission of the Hanover Township Community Center is to offer families and individuals the opportunity to participate in innovative and comprehensive programs designed to enrich social and physical growth while enhancing the community wellbeing. - We believe education contributes to this mission!

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Coupon Books on Sale at HTCC

Kidstuff Books & SaveAround LV Edition. Proceeds benefit Children's programs at HTCC. Pick your copies up at the front desk. Thank you for your support!

Gift Certificates are available for your holiday needs!

December special—If you purchase a \$50 Gift Certificate for the Hanover Township Community Center we will give you a BONUS \$10 Gift Certificate! Gift Certificates are good towards the cost of memberships, programs, concession or rentals.

Gift ideas:

- Stocking stuffer for the college student home for one month!
- Great for the kid who plays at the center and is always looking for that slushie or polish water ice money!
- Great gift for that special coach—he could always use help with practice costs or a chance to play himself!
- Give the gift of summer- designate your GC for the pool!

ATTENTION PARENTS: Do you have a child with special needs? Have you been looking for a program that addresses their recreation needs? If so please contact Tracy Weaver: weavert6@verizon.net



Employee Highlight!

Stephanie Alvarado- Front Desk & TGIF Coordinator

HTCC: What is your favorite part of working at HTCC?

SA: Meeting new people and making them smile.

HTCC: What is your favorite thing about coordinating TGIF?

SA: Helping the kids experience their imagination through themed activities.

TGIF runs the first Friday of the month, 6-8 pm at the Community Center. Bring your friends!

Promote your Business inside HTCC with your personalized Banner!

Feasta Italiana Pizzeria & Restaurant Delivery Available

www.feastapizza.com 610.264.2644 efforts of Recreation in Hanover Township with in kind donations, monetary donations, or through advertising opportunities. Share our facility with your employees—corporate discounts available as well!

Businesses can support the





rom the desk of the PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR:

PROPERTY OWNERS

Please note that the Public Works Department 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 couldn't 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 <u>liability</u> to you.

Dumping grass clippings or <u>ANY</u> debris on empty lots is against the Township Ordinance 71-5. Violators will be fined up to \$300.00.

LEAF COLLECTION

Township Leaf Collection will begin in October and run through the first week in December (weather permitting). Place your leaves at the curb in a windrow and make sure the leaves are free of all debris. Also, make sure you don't park vehicles on these windrows as the vehicle may catch fire. While there is no set schedule for leaf pickup we will be updating the Township Website with the location of our three trucks so you'll be able to judge when your leaves will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews progress. All trucks work north to south in their section of the Township. The location of the trucks will be updated on the home page of the website (www.hanovertwp-nc.org).

Section I – East Allen Border to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

Section III - Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

These sections will not be started over until all three sections are complete. Consequently all three trucks may be in one section or two may be in one while another section is not being worked.

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

All municipal waste accumulated by the owners or occupants of each residential property shall be placed in containers for collection. Containers shall be located so as to be assessable to the collector at ground level and at a point of the curb line of the street or within 10 feet of the public street curb line from which collection is to be made. Containers shall be placed out for collection no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the day prior to scheduled collection.

SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE

As a reminder it is the responsibility of property owners to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks as follows:

- 1) **Within 36 hours of the termination** of any fall of snow or accumulation of ice, a path must be cleared through a sidewalk allowing pedestrians to safely pass;
- (2) Within 48 hours of the termination of the Township's snow removal operations the entire width and length of the sidewalk must be cleared.

TREES OVERHANGING SIDEWALKS

In August and September the following information was mailed to property owners, both residential and commercial, who have sidewalks on their property. The postcard was sent to remind property owner's of their responsibility to trim trees to their appropriate height. Those that have not complied will be receiving a Non-Traffic Citation. §168 identifies the Section from the Township Ordinance outlining a property owner's responsibilities and the applicable penalties.

§168-5 C. 1

Minimum height. All shade trees shall be kept trimmed so that the minimum clearance height where they overhang any walkways and sidewalks shall be eight feet or road shall be 15 feet. However, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to designate a higher clearance on certain roadways where heavy traffic or other special clearance requirements may exist.

§168-5 C. 2

Failure to trim shade trees as required. In case the owner of such property shall neglect or refuse to trim a shade tree within 30 days of being notified in writing by the Board of Supervisors to do so, the Board of Supervisors may, after the expiration of the date specified in said notice, cause such trimming to be done at the expense of the owner. If the owner does not pay the bill for this work, the Township shall impose the entire cost of this work with the additional cost of collection as a lien upon the property. This lien shall be filed in the manner provided by law for the filing and collection of municipal liens.

§168-8 A. Violations and Penalties

Any person who violates or permits a violation of this chapter shall, upon conviction in a summary proceeding brought before a Magisterial District Judge under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure, be guilty of a summary offense and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$2,000, plus costs of prosecution. In default of payment thereof, the defendant may be sentenced to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days. Whenever such person shall have been notified by the Board of Supervisors or by service of summons in prosecution, or in any other way, that he or she is committing such violation, then after any such notification, any continuing violation shall constitute a separate offense punishable by like fine or penalty.

WORKING TO IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE - 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



The state Senate has taken a number of steps over the past few years to make government more open to public scrutiny. I am encouraged by these reforms and am pleased to report that this effort continues during the current legislative session. The Senate recently approved two bills intended to make government operations at the state, county and local levels more transparent.

House Bill 15, which I had

a companion bill Senate Bill 105, is also known as the Pennsylvania Web Accountability and Transparency or PennWatch Act and was signed into law by Governor Tom Corbett on June 30, 2011 as Act 18 of 2011. It directs the Governor's Office of Administration to create and maintain a searchable website to expand the public's access to state spending records. The database created by this legislation will provide transparency to state spending and is another important and essential move in our on-going efforts to increase accountability in state government.

The "PennWatch" website will provide annual appropriation and expenditure information for all Commonwealth agencies. The website will also identify vendors, the amount of funds they receive and the state agency initiating the funding action or expenditure.

The legislation also requires:

- PennWatch to show state revenue received and deposited in the General Fund and Motor License Fund.
- PennWatch to provide links to each Commonwealth agency's Internet website where available.
- PennWatch to provide the total number of individuals employed by each Commonwealth agency on a monthly basis. Requires "PennWatch" show the name, position title and annualized salary of each individual employed by each Commonwealth agency.

The Senate also approved **Senate Bill 101**, a bill I cosponsored, which would increase the penalties for intentional violations of the state Sunshine Law. SB 101 was also approved by the House of Representatives on June 28, 2011 and the Senate on June 30, 2011 and was signed into law by the Governor on July 7, 2011 as Act 56 of 2011. The impetus for this measure came from a Lancaster County grand jury that reviewed wrongdoing arising from months of secret meetings involving the then county commissioners.

Currently, the maximum fine for a violation of the Sunshine Act is only \$100. This legislation increases the fine to a maximum of \$1,000 for a first offense and up to \$2,000 for subsequent offenses. In addition, the bill prohibits the use of tax dollars for paying these fines. That means offenders will have to pay the fines out of their own pockets.

ELECTRONIC & UNIVERSAL WASTE RECYCLING DAY

Do your part to help save our environment! Drop off your electronics and universal waste for recycling!





*Hanover Township*Saturday, October 22nd 9am – 3pm





Event to be held at: Hanover Township Municipal Complex 3630 Jacksonville Road Bethlehem, PA 18017

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dditional details for the Electronic & Universal Waste Recycling Day can be found on the Township website: www.hanovertwp-nc.org on the Waste/Recyling pages. Details on the items accepted and the fees are available.

Changing Pennsylvania's Business Un-Friendly Climate

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



It is a chicken-and-egg argument – do we have high unemployment because of our sluggish economy or has the economy slowed because of the lack of jobs? What I do know for certain is the House Labor and Industry Committee is not sitting still and waiting for the answer.

During the month of August, the committee, chaired by state Rep. Ron Miller (R-York County), held a series of hearings on right to work and pre-

vailing wage. These issues have been around for a long time, yet these hearings are the first of their kind in Harrisburg in quite awhile.

Right to work statutes currently exist in 22 states. Pennsylvania is not among them. Miller's committee examined House bills 50, 51, 52 and 53. Each piece of legislation would prohibit agreements between labor unions and employers that make membership, payment of union dues, or fees a condition of employment, either before or after hiring.

The committee also held hearings on three prevailing wage bills and is considering two additional bills on the subject. Prevailing wage is defined as the hourly wage, usual benefits and overtime paid to the majority of workers, laborers, and mechanics within a particular area. While this may seem fairly simple to understand, the

debate lies in the manner by which prevailing wage is determined.

Chairman Miller has authored House Bill 1367, which would require Pennsylvania's Department of Labor to use the Center for Workforce Information and Analysis in determining prevailing minimum wage rates on a county-by-county basis. Opponents argue that workers wages would be reduced. Miller's contention is that a larger number of people (the Pennsylvania taxpayers) stand to benefit because their tax dollars would in effect be "stretched." Prevailing wage, as currently measured, runs up the cost of public projects such as school buildings and improvements to infrastructure. Imagine how many more of these projects we could afford if the price, in effect, was reduced.

Finding a solution to our unemployment dilemma is not easy. What we do know is no economic recovery will in fact take place unless we find a way to create jobs. That means making our state more attractive to business.

Chairman Miller testified that, when prospective employers approach York County, the first question they ask is whether or not Pennsylvania is a right-to-work state. On the issue of prevailing wage, it's simple math that, the more projects we can accomplish, the more workers we will need to accomplish them.

The fall agenda in Harrisburg is expected to be a busy one. Legislation dealing with prevailing wage and right to work figures to be part of the discussion. I hope these bills will be seriously considered as we move to declare Pennsylvania "open for business."

FYI – Fire Hydrants

It is the responsibility of the property owner to "dig out" a Fire Hydrant

after a snow event. While the 911 Center can direct a responding emergency vehicle to a hydrant it is easier to find if the snow has been removed.



Township Budget 2012

In October the Township staff will present the Board of Supervisors with the "proposed" Township Budget. As this issue goes to press the staff is busy putting the finishing touches on the budget.

There are a few items that will have an impact on the budget in 2012. The first is the 2010 Census. Both the Colonial Regional Police and Bethlehem Public Library have a population component that will impact the Township's contribution. The increase in the police budget is expected to be between \$80,000 and \$130,000 depending on whether or not an additional officer is hired. If one is, it will be the higher number. The library's initial budget projects the Township's contribution to increase between \$20,000 and \$40,000.

The second issue that will have an affect on the budget is state funding. While the Township does not receive a significant amount of state funding we'll be receiving less in liquid fuels (used for road repair and maintenance) and other pass through revenue. Additionally, the Commonwealth has cut back, suspended or discontinued many grant programs which requires the Township to self fund those endeavors.

Watch the Township website as the budget progresses through the process.

FALL AND WINTER FIRE SAFETY TIPS

By Scott R. Milham, Chief of the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company

ctober 9th kicks off the Annual Fire Prevention Week in the United States, and I thought this issue would be a good place to provide township residents and business with some fire safety tips. For the



calendar year of 2009 according to the National Fire Protection Association, in the U.S. there was one home fire reported every 87 seconds and that on average seven people died per day for a total of 2,565 deaths and 12,650 injuries. The sad part about these statistics is that they are mostly preventable. All you need to do is spend a little time every year protecting your home, family or business by following fire safety tips. If you do that, your chances of ever having to dial 911 to report a fire in your home or business are greatly reduced! The following are some fire safety tips, but we cannot include them all so I recommend that you go to the www.nfpa.org website and search safety tips for adults or safety tips for kids and it will bring up a web page with several safety tip sheets that you can print out for your own use. If you have any questions regarding these tips or other questions, please feel free to email me at htvfc1551@aol.com. I hope that you will all read and implement these fire safety precautions as I have seen too many homes damaged or destroyed by fires that could have been prevented. But if you only do one thing on the safety tip list, make sure you have working smoke alarms.

SAFETY TIPS: •

Change your smoke alarms batteries every year. The best time to do so is when you turn your clock back in the fall, also change the batteries, as fires in the home happen more often in the winter months. Also test your smoke alarms monthly by pressing the test button to make sure it sounds the alarm.

Smoke alarm locations and number of units: You should have a minimum of one smoke alarm per floor in your home, preferably one on each floor plus one in each bedroom as people have a tendency to sleep with their doors closed or partially closed which makes it more difficult for the smoke alarm to work if you only have one in the hallway. If you have hard wired alarms that run on 120 volts, make sure that they have a built in battery backup so that if there is a power failure that you still are protected. The batteries on these should also be changed yearly. Another good habit to get in is to change your batteries in the spring and fall when you change your clocks.

Smoke alarm / Carbon Monoxide alarm age and type: Smoke alarms only last for 10 years and Carbon monoxide alarms only last for 5 years before their sensors begin to wear out and they no longer can detect as well as when new. Also I recommend that when purchasing new

smoke detectors that you purchase dual sensor units as they will detect both smoky and fast flaming fires with little smoke. They are a little more expensive than a regular ionization detector but are well worth the money compared to someone's life or home.

Fire Extinguisher: Every home should have at least 1 fire extinguisher per floor that way if you have a small fire, you don't have to run from the top floor to the basement to get the fire extinguisher and then back to put out the fire. A fire doubles in size every minute so its important to have a fire extinguisher close at hand. When purchasing a fire extinguisher it should be at least a 5 lb. dry chemical extinguisher with an abc rating which means it can put out all three types of ordinary fires such as paper, wood, gasoline/oil and electrical. Business's are required by code to have certain fire extinguishers mounted in certain areas with



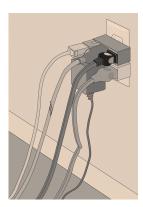
different types and capacities than residences. Business owners or managers can contact me at htvfc1551@aol.com to get additional information regarding their business needs and requirements.

If a fire starts in your home or business, the most important thing to do is to evacuate the home or building and call 911 to report the fire, but do not call from inside the home or building. After calling 911 and making sure that everyone has evacuated, if the fire is small enough to be extinguished safely such as a pan on fire on the stove or a garbage can fire and a fire extinguisher of the proper type is close, then you may attempt to extinguish the fire by shooting the fire extinguishing agent at the base of the flames from a few feet away. If the fire does not go out and you have used all of the fire extinguishing agent, immediately evacuate the home or building. If the smoke is too heavy for you to breath or see, do not attempt to put out the fire as you may be overcome by smoke which is very toxic.

All home and business's should have an escape / evacuation plan for all residents or employees. This plan should be practiced at least once or twice a year so that everyone is familiar with it and knows what to do in the event of an emergency. You should also have an assigned meeting place such as your mailbox or a neighboring driveway that is away from the home or building where everyone should meet, so that all residents or employees can be accounted for.

Chimneys should also be cleaned and inspected by a trained chimney sweep once a year if you burn anything in the fireplace such a wood, natural gas or pellets etc. This way you reduce the chance of a chimney fire which can lead to much more severe fires if not extinguished properly or if there are cracks in the chimney liner.

If your home or business has an oil or gas fired heating system or hot water system, they should be serviced annually by a qualified technician to help eliminate any problems. If you have one of these types of heating systems or appliances, then you should also have a minimum of one carbon monoxide alarm for the home preferably one on each floor.



One of the biggest causes of fires in the home or business is overloaded electrical outlets or outlet strips. 53% of all home fires involved some type of electrical equipment such as an outlet strip, extension cord, space heater etc. When using outlet strips, do not overload them with too many plugs because even though they may have six outlets, you may overload them if you plug in six different appliances. Six small electrical items like a cell phone,

an ipod an ipad etc may not overload a power strip but larger electrical items might. This could cause the strip to overheat cause a fire. When using electrical extension cords, make sure that the cord is rated for the use that you intend. Using a light duty cord meant for a lamp to power a refrigerator could cause it to overheat and cause a fire. When using an extension cord for items that use a lot of power make sure that you use a heavy duty extension cord. Never run an extension cord under carpets or under furniture as these can rub the cord through the outer sheath and then contact the live wires inside causing a fire or they can overheat from being covered which is also a leading cause of fires.

Many residents and business make use of small space heaters to warm up a room or office that is cool or to save electricity by lowering the thermostat and spot heating rooms or offices that are being used. This practice is fine as long as you follow a few safety rules. 1st do not use an extension cord for these type of appliances, plug them only into the wall outlet directly. 2nd make sure that these heaters are at least 3 to 4 feet away from any items that may catch fire such as beds, walls, clothing, blankets, desks etc. Many of these space heaters have high temperatures and can ignite items quickly. They can also start fires over a prolonged period if running next to a material that can burn. Over time the materials that can burn such as wood or plastic will degrade from the heat that is radiating upon them. And months later they can start burning even though you may have had the heater there for a long time and nothing previously caught fire.

When using candles in the home, it is very important that anything that can burn be kept at least three feet away from all sides of the candle including the top. So don't burn any candles under a kitchen cabinet or hutch. Also if using the candles during a power failure, don't keep them burning after you go to sleep as this is common cause of home fires. Be careful walking in the area of a lit candle as many fires have been caused by the candle being knocked over and it igniting items that were too close to it. All

homes should have a least one good flashlight per floor in case of emergencies. A flashlight can help you see in a power failure or it can help you find your way out during a fire. I recommend one of the new led type lights as they have come down in price and are much more brighter than the older flashlights and the batteries last much longer. If you are in an area prone to power outages, I also recommend that you purchase an led lantern which can be bought in our area for \$15 to \$30 depending on size. This will allow you to light up a room during a power outage and is much safer than candles.

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Fire Police – Who, What, and Where. WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN?

By Fire Police Captain Frank Kozero

In the 1800's, many businesses hired fire companies to protect their buildings. The buildings were marked with the insignia of the protecting fire company. Eventually, it became a rivalry between fire companies and hoses were "accidently" cut, equipment "accidently" disappeared and another company had to be called for protection. The fire companies hired men to protect their men and equipment. Although not called Fire Police, this was their beginning.

Fire Police in Pennsylvania are Volunteer Fire Company members, sworn in by local officials or the local District Justice. They support the incident commander at an emergency scene and come under control of the Local Police or Pennsylvania State Police. Fire Police will control the flow of traffic to ensure emergency vehicles have a quick, safe entrance and egress to the incident.

They may halt traffic, block a road, or detour you in another direction because of the situation and the dangers involved. They are not there to make you late for work, dinner or a date. They are taking orders from the police authority in charge.

All Fire Police Officers are sworn officers of the law and when on duty shall display a badge of authority and shall be subject to the control of the local police. The first fire police officers in the state of Pennsylvania were appointed in Meadville, Crawford County, in 1896. These first fire police officers had no authority other than that which could be provided by their fire company and the municipality in which they served. No legal recognition or authority was granted to Special Fire Police officers in the Commonwealth of Pa until 1941. The Commonwealth of PA in June of 1941 passed a law (Title 35) enabling Special Fire Police Officers to have the necessary police power to provide protection.

They are highly skilled and trained in their vocation and have their oath on file with their local municipalities. Disobeying a Fire Police Officer is the same as disobeying a Police Officer, Sheriff's Deputy or State Trooper and assaulting one is a felony.

The Hanover Township Fire Company has a small contingent of Fire Police and is always looking for good men or women to join their ranks. If you would like to help your community and become a Fire Police person come to the station at 100 Stoke Park Road and Monday night about 7:00 PM or if you have questions and can't make the meeting contact the Fire Police Captain at fkozero@aol.com and he will gladly answer any questions you may have. We look forward to having you with us.

HANOYER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

From Timothy Lynch, Principal

ugust 30th the school doors opened to mark the beginning of the 2011-2012 academic year at Hanover Elementary School. The teachers and staff spent numerous hours over the summer preparing for the new school year. The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of



School Assessment) results are in and again the students at Hanover Elementary School exceeded the benchmarks set forth by the state. Congratulations to the students, faculty, staff, and parents for this great achievement! The faculty and staff will continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence. The four components of the roadmap include: Core Learning, Stretch Learning, Student Engagement, and Personal Skill Development.

The calendar of events and happenings is quickly filling. New families were invited to an orientation session in late August. Back to School Open House was held September 7, 2011. The PTA provided the students with a frozen treat at the end of first week of school. School pictures are scheduled for October 4, 2011. The annual Hawk Walk will take place Friday, October 7th. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk and the numerous activities the Hanover PTA provides throughout the year please call the school at (610) 691-3210. School will be closed October 10th for teacher inservice. American Education Week classroom visits and the Scholastic Book Fair will take place the week of October 17 through October 21, 2011. The Pennsylvania Youth Theatre Company will bring the production of Tomas and the Library Lady to Hanover on October 20, 2011. On Friday, October 21, 2011 we will welcome those special people in our children's lives with Great Person's Day. Harvest Day activities, the Halloween parade, and classroom festivities will occur on October 28, 2011.

Our school theme for the year is The Road to Excellence is a Marathon, Not a Sprint. Each book a student reads will add to the mileage needed to complete our yearlong reading marathon. The Hanover students read over 23,000 books last year. The reading goal for this year is 26,200 books.

Hanover Elementary School will also be completing projects throughout the year to educate and encourage acceptance of all people as we hope to receive the designation of a *No Place for Hate* school by year's end. September 21st is World Peace Day. Look for our *Pinwheels for Peace* to cover the front lawn as we hope for world peace.

Thank you to all of Hanover's staff, students, parents, and community members for all of your support as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks.

Asa Packer Elementary School News

From Jonathan Horvath, Principal

n August 30, 2011, another school year began for students of the Bethlehem Area School District. Smiles marked the first day as pupils entered the doors at Asa Packer Elementary School. Hallways and classrooms once again came alive and resounded



with excitement and enthusiasm. Teachers greeted their new classes and were assisted by our active and supportive parent group. Weeks of preparation by all were evident and were greatly appreciated. Volunteers had decorated the interior of the school to welcome the arrival of both new and familiar faces.

The announcement of the recent Pennsylvania System of Schools Assessment (PSSA) indicated that our building once again excelled in both the areas of reading and math, meeting our state benchmarks. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

Pride in our school, self and community carried over into our school wide assembly that initiated the school year. Current Grade Five students read selected poetry and led by example. The importance of being good role models was expressed and emphasized through their presentations.

Our Back to School Open House was held on September 8, 2011. Picture Day is scheduled for October 7th. School will be closed on October 10th for teacher in-service day. Parent and grandpal visitations will occur during American Education Week that is scheduled from October 17th through October 21st. The Scholastic Book Fair will also take place during this week.

Family Education Nights will continue in our building. This year, they will focus on literacy, mathematics and science and will occur on various evenings. These nights will result in our doors being open and will allow parents, guardians and children to attend nighttime sessions focused on academics. The purpose of these sessions will be to showcase activities and strategies geared toward promoting a connection between school and home. Local storytellers, college professors and our own Asa Packer teachers will help facilitate events during this time.

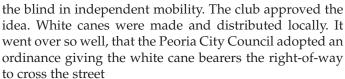
Throughout the school year, we will also be completing various projects as we strive to become a "No Place for Hate" school. Students created pinwheels in recognition of World Peace Day on September 21st. We will also welcomed the NED Show to our building on September 22nd; it is intended to promote academic achievement through character development.

We are excited about the onset of a new school year and look forward to the many successes and achievements our students will encounter throughout this year.

LIONS CLUB NEWS

As you travel in the month of October, you may see Lions holding fundraiser at local business. In our Lions organization, October is known as White Cane Month

In 1930, George Bonham, of the Peoria Lions Club introduce to his club the idea of a white cane with a red band to assists



The news spread quickly to other Lions Clubs thoughtout the United States and their visually handicapped friends experimented with the idea. There was an overwhelming acceptances of the white cane idea by the blind and sighted alike and gave cane users an unique way of identifying themselves and their special need when traveling among their sighted counterparts.

Today, White Cane Laws are on the books in every state and many other countries. For specific information, contact the PA Department of Transportation – Division of Motor Vehicles.

Funds raised are used for sight related needs only. The Hanover Township Lions hold their fundraiser at the Wawa store on Schoenersville Road. Date this year: Friday, October 7th from 8:00 o'clock a.m. to noon. Thank you, to all of you who have seen us there over the years and contributed.

From the Shade Tree Advisory Commission:

WHAT ARE THOSE PURPLE BOXES HANGING FROM TREES?

They were hung by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture and are "bug traps" containing a lure for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) to see if this pest is present in our area. The EAB arrived in Michigan from Asia in 2002. It has no natural enemies in the U.S. and has spread from Michigan to 13 other states, including the western two-thirds of Pennsylvania. It has killed over 40 million trees so far, and it is feared that the entire ash species will be wiped out in this country. When this invasive pest shows up in Northampton County, a future article will outline the steps homeowners can take to try to save their ash trees. More information on the EAB can be found at www.emeraldashborer.info.

Main Library

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

South Side Branch

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

HOURS

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

Saturday: 9AM-5PM

Tuesday & Thursday: 11AM-8PM

Wednesday: 11AM-5PM Saturday: 11AM-5PM



The Library closes at 5 p.m. on Nov. 23, is closed Nov. 24, and closes at 4 p.m. on Nov. 25. The Library is closed on Dec. 24 and 26.

Children's Fall Line-Up (Phone the Main Library at 610 867-3761 x499 or the South Side Branch at 610 867-7852)

- Daytime Storytimes for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers
- Family Place Parent/Child workshops and play dates connecting parents to community resources
- Halloween and Holiday events for families with young children
- Family Fun Nights
- At Home with Abe & Friends: A day in the life of children during the Civil War (partnership w/ HBI & Mock Turtle Marionette Theatre)
- Tomás and the Library Lady (PA Youth Theatre)
- Magic Tree House (popular children's series) activities
- School-age Saturday programming
- After school Homework Help



Available for Nook, Windows & Mac computers, Android, BlackBerry, iPhone/iPad. (Available soon for Kindle) Don't have a Nook? Borrow one from BAPL!

Adult Programs (phone 610 867-3761 x259 or visit www.bapl.org to register or for details)

Book discussions Ghost Hunters House History Workshop Holiday Concert

Grief and the Holidays Yoga for the Grieving Heart

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Book Sale on November 3 from noon to 8PM and November 5 from 10AM-4PM: 10,000 books, movies and music in great to excellent condition at outrageously low prices. Stock up on gifts for everyone on your list! Visit www.bestbooksale.org for more information.



Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

MONDAYS / A WEEK: October 3, 17, 31, November 14, 28 and December 12 3:00-4:00 Hanover Township Community Center-Jacksonville Road 4:05-4:50 Stonewood Drive & Belaire Road 5:00-5:45 Monocacy Drive 6:45-8:15 Chesterfield Lane near Lord Byron Drive THURSDAYS / A WEEK: Oct. 6, 20 November 3, 17, December 1, 15 and 29

12:15-1:15 Greenbrier Drive near Mulberry Drive

MONDAYS / B Week: October 10, 24, November 7, 21, December 5 and 19

Hanover Township Community Center-Jacksonville Rd. 3:00-4:00

4:05-4:50 Blair Road (at end of road)

5:00-5:45 Monocacy Drive

6:45-8:15 Chesterfield Lane near Lord Byron Drive

THURSDAYS / B WEEK: Oct. 13, 27 November 10, December 8 and 22

12:15-1:15 Toni Lane at Crawford Drive



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EMERGENCY RESPONDERS HONORED

The Colonial Regional Police Department, along with other Emergency Response Services, attended a luncheon today hosted by Embassy Bank, located on Easton-Nazareth Highway.

It was a great way of thanking local police officers on the 10th Anniversary of September 11, 2001.

2011 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Residential customers who did not pay their 2011 bills as of August 1st had their accounts turned over to Creditech for collection. Creditech will be contacting those residents to secure payment. If Creditech does not receive payment in full the Township will lien the property on or after November 15, 2011. Just so you understand the importance of paying your Waste and Recycling Bill, those single family residential properties (original bill \$305.00) liened will need to pay \$655.50 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Multifamily residential (original bill \$165.00 (collected via dumpster service)) will need to pay \$505.00 + accumulated interest and \$29.82 collection costs to satisfy the lien. Once the Township receives payment in full the lien will be removed from the property. If the property is liened the obligation will need to be satisfied prior to any sale taking place or refinancing.