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## State of the Township - The Battle of the Snowdrifts

by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman

You may be wondering why I'm giving you a little story about fighting snow within my annual state of the Township message. Well, the Township is doing just fine and I want to tell you about one of the reasons why. We had a good year, despite some important issues and Mother Nature playing some nasty games on all of us. We studied and accepted the institution of a paid emergency medical services (Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company) crew to supplement our generous volunteers. We continue to maintain a healthy financial outlook, thanks to the capital planning that we've had in place for some time. To be sure, our residents and businesses are not immune from the effects of a struggling economy. The Board of Supervisors and Township staffs attention to Township finances always have the best interest of our taxpayers and receivers of municipal services in mind. Much of our budget is naturally concentrated on employee costs and is focused on maintaining public services such as roads and parks, police protection, emergency medical and fire services, as well as recreation and library. Unfortunately, it's becoming more difficult every year to



balance increasing cost pressures with demands for services.

Central to this theme is the performance of our Township employees, much of which goes unnoticed until something happens when we really need their service. Some very dedicated employees and volunteers provide all township services. While we clearly recognize the services provided by our police officers,

volunteer fire fighters and emergency medical staff and our park and recreation staff; I thought that you should have an appreciation for what our dedicated Public Works employees do. Every day, year round, in all kinds of conditions, they serve us well in maintaining our facilities, our parks and our roads. When Mother Nature throws us a curve, they step up to the challenge. Their response to the unprecedented tree damage that resulted from the "Halloween" snow storm was unmatched in the Lehigh Valley. They worked long and hard to pick up and dispose downed tree limbs and then did an outstanding job catching up to normal leaf and yard waste collection. And that leads me to my story.

You're probably reading this on a nice, sunny, mid-winter day. It's

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## RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

On Tuesday, January 24, 2012 the Board of Supervisors awarded the April 2012 – December 2017 Residential Waste and Recycling Contract to Raritan Valley Disposal, a Republic Services Company. The majority of residents will see a savings over previous bills. The other change is that the Township will now be divided into four (4) districts or zones with collection taking place Monday – Thursday. In the weeks and months ahead you will be receiving additional information from the Township and Raritan Valley Disposal as we implement this change. Information will also be made available on the Township Website, Waste/Recycling page: [http://hanovertwp-nc.org/waste\\_and\\_recycling/RW\\_Waste\\_and\\_Recycling\\_Home](http://hanovertwp-nc.org/waste_and_recycling/RW_Waste_and_Recycling_Home).

If during the transition process you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Township Offices at 610.866.1140.

hard to put this in proper perspective, but imagine its 2 AM on a blustery, cold and snowy night. That's certainly nothing to entice a sane person out of a warm bed, let alone out of a peaceful sleep. But I am not sleeping. I've been up waiting for THE call. That call came from our Township Manager, Jay Finnigan, who has been up awhile as well. "Are you ready?" he asks authoritatively. "Be near your mailbox in 30 minutes", he directs.

So at 2:30 AM (that's in the morning, not the afternoon), I trod through about 5 inches of snow down my driveway towards the street. I've got on boots, a hoodie, a coat, a knit hat and heavy gloves. I'm ready to join the battle of the snowdrifts. You see, I just volunteered to ride "shotgun" on one of the Township plow trucks! This night, I'm honored to partner-up with none other than the Township Manager himself. Surely, I expect that we'll spend a easy shift, just checking on everyone else on the crew – getting on the mobile radio - barking out orders.

I soon realize that I'm sorely mistaken. Jay gave me his first directive. "Take off all that stuff you've got on -- you're going to be sweating soon enough".

Jay and I (notice that I've now joined the ranks) have our preplanned assignment to cover a section of the Township. We team up with two other trucks in a staggered phalanx formation to make several passes on several of the primary (collector) streets in the Township. Next, we were part of a two-truck formation working its way through several developments. It became clear to me that every truck had a specific route and plan. It took about three hours to complete the entire Township in one evolution or cycle. Each cycle is generally twice on the primary streets and once on local/development streets. Each "pass" is actually several passes by several trucks. Of course each storm is different – heavy, light, drifts, ice, snow, or a "wintery mix". The crew needs to adjust the plan accordingly.

The entire Public Works crew is on snow duty in addition to Jay and Public Work Director Vince Milite. If this was a battle and it sort of is, Vince would be the General. This is a General who's on the front lines. Every truck that moves is equipped with a plow blade, including the Township yard waste collection truck. Everybody has an assignment. Jay and I have ours. The plan comes together like a well-orchestrated composition. The "conductor" is Vince, who has his own assignment, besides keeping track of everyone else.

We take a quick coffee and rest break, then back to our designated routes. The number of cycles depends on the intensity and duration of each storm. This particular night is destined to be different. Those streets that we cleared only a few hours earlier look like they were never touched. But I know they were. The rate of snowfall that night was fast and heavy. The process will repeat itself, until the snowfall stops and the streets are completed to Vince's

satisfaction. This cycle was repeated several times that morning. Finally, problem areas and intersections are revisited to clear them sufficiently.

I quickly realize that this work requires endurance, concentration on the task at hand, quick reaction time, a certain skill and knack for moving snow in often treacherous conditions and a keen eye for obstructions. Cars parked in the street are obstructions, which present a hazard to the operator, especially at night and in low visibility intense snowfalls, sometimes in nearly white-out conditions. It slows down the snow clearing effort and the effectiveness of the plow truck. That's why it's very important to heed the need to move all vehicles off the streets.

Cul-de-sacs are particularly troublesome. I've known for years, but really didn't appreciate how difficult it was to effectively move snow on them. They not only take an inordinate amount of time and effort to clear them, it is difficult to control where the snow finally "rolls off" from the plow blade. The snow tends to load up in the blade, until the volume and weight causes a large amount of snow to drop to the ground. Unfortunately, with driveways taking up more street frontage in cul-de-sacs than on a straight street, this snow load often drops in front of someone's driveway. That's no fun for the operator or the homeowner. Needless to say, we ask for everyone's patience and understanding during snow events, but particularly in difficult areas such as cul-de-sacs.

However the biggest nemesis to the snow plow crew is cars parked in the street. There is no doubt that they present a potentially dangerous obstacle to snow plows. They also impede proper and efficient plowing operations, and that affects all of us. As many can attest, costly citations have been issued to those few that leave their cars parked in the street. The problem affects everybody, since it slows down the clearing effort in the entire Township. Township snow emergencies are declared as early as possible, but common sense should prevail when we hear the weather forecasts for snow. I didn't realize how important this was until I joined the crew for a night. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

My night on snow duty ended in the early hours of dawn. As Jay predicted, I was overheated. I was tired and had a headache. And all I did was ride "shotgun". It was still snowing and my own driveway was awaiting me. The crew still had the day ahead of them of more plowing, salting and now dodging moving cars in the streets. Next time you see these guys, think about what they've been doing while most of us were asleep. You can give them a "thumbs up", but they probably won't notice. They'll be focused on the job at hand. A VERY BIG JOB! Oh, did I mention, when they're done, they get to go home and shovel their driveways and the pile at the end that they may have left for themselves.

## 2012 TOWNSHIP BUDGET

by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager



The 2012 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 *fifth* successive year. While the recovery from the national economic crisis continues to elongate, fears of a recession increase and the volatility of the stock market continues, we as a community continue to weather the storm and remain on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township staff that has helped Hanover Township become and continue as one of the premier locations to live and work in the Lehigh Valley.

During 2012, Hanover Township projects receiving \$7,440,525.89 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a .0033 *increase* or \$25,184.18 and a similar *increase* in General Fund Expenses for the year. This compares to a budgeted amount of \$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 tough economic times 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 2012 Budget is affected by the 2010 Census. Both the Colonial Regional Police Commission and the Bethlehem Area Public Library formulas include a population component. The increase in population in Hanover between 2000 and 2010 will require the Township to increase their contributions to both the entities due to our increased population. Police coverage will increase by \$83,857.16 and library contribution by \$17,237.00.

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. April 2012 brings an end to our five year escalating agreement with J.P. Mascaro (see other article for details). We rebid the contract in late 2011. The 2012 budget eliminates one full-time position from the Township office staff.

In 2011, employees began reimbursing the Township for the increase in their medical and dental insurance with 2010 being set as the base year and following the policy previously adopted for medical and dental coverage as follows: Employees who were hired on or after January 1, 2007 have 100% of the premium for their medical, dental, vision, hospitalization and short and long-term disability plans paid for by the Township. The employee may elect coverage for their spouse and children in the medical, dental, vision and hospitalization plans and the employee is responsible for 50% of the premium for that coverage through payroll deductions.

For employees hired prior to December 31, 2006, the Township continues to cover 100% of the premiums (individual and family) for the medical, dental, vision, hospitalization and short and long-term disability plans.

Additionally, employees hired after December 31, 2006 are not members of the Township's Defined Benefit Pension Plan but the Hanover Township Non-Uniform Employees' Money Purchase Pension (Defined Contribution Plan). Employees are required to contribute a minimum of 6% of their wages up to a maximum of 12%. The Township matches the employees' contributions up to a maximum of 8% annually.

During 2012, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$673,430.00 in Recreation revenues, which is a **-0.0379 decrease**. In 2012, the Township's subsidy of the Recreation Budget equates to 26.8% (\$247,129.31) which is an increase from 23.05% (\$211,149.00) budgeted in 2011 but a decrease from the 2010 actual which was 31.72% and 2009 actual which was 35.22%.

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 2012 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 and 2011 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 will be transitioned to the staff at the Community Center.

Capital Reserve Expenditures in 2012 will include monies appropriated for municipal facilities, an ambulance, two replacement SUV's, a John Deere 6330 tractor, a landscape tractor and an entrance to Village View Park.

During 2012 road resurfacing will be completed on the following Township roads: Kenwood Drive, Allen Way, Allen Circle, Winthrop Avenue, Harmor Lane, Harmor Circle, Lord Byron Drive (south of Stoke Park Road), Chaucer Lane (south of Stoke Park Road), Windsor Circle and Brodhead Road.

The 2012 Debt Servicing includes \$331,255.00 on the Community Center, which will be paid off in 2015 and \$143,250.78 for the 248 Brodhead Road building purchase and renovation which will be paid off in 2022.

**2012 Consolidated Budget**  
**General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Recreation Fund, State Highway Aid Fund**

	<b>Consolidated Budget</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Recreation Fund</b>	<b>Capital Reserve Fund</b>	<b>State Fund (Highway Aid)</b>
<b>Beginning Balance -- January 1, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 11,127,818</b>	<b>\$ 7,177,128</b>	<b>\$ 25,677</b>	<b>\$ 3,418,140</b>	<b>\$ 506,873</b>
<b>REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES</b>					
Property Taxes & Fees	<b>\$ 1,640,911</b>	1,640,911			
Other Taxes	<b>3,292,839</b>	3,292,839			
Licenses and Fines	<b>91,750</b>	91,750			
Fines and Forfeits	<b>58,219</b>	58,219			
Interest	<b>36,770</b>	20,000	100	12,000	4,670
Intergovernmental Revenue (recycling grants, sanitary sewer fees, insurance premium taxes, state aid)	<b>1,023,360</b>	758,887		0	264,473
Charges for Services (building permit fees, inspection fees, public utilities tax, solid waste & disposal fees)	<b>1,912,367</b>	1,251,037	661,330		
Miscellaneous Revenues	<b>368,883</b>	326,883	12,000	30,000	
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	<b>654,506</b>	0		654,506	
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	<b>247,129</b>		247,129		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$ 9,326,734</b>	<b>\$ 7,440,526</b>	<b>\$ 920,559</b>	<b>\$ 696,506</b>	<b>\$ 269,143</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES</b>					
General Government (legislative, executive, financial, tax collection, clerical, legal, engineering, buildings and plant)	<b>\$ 666,695</b>	\$ 652,695	\$ 14,000		
Public Safety (police, fire, crossing guards, fire hydrant rentals)	<b>2,102,629</b>	2,102,629			
Waste (sanitation, refuse, sanitary sewer)	<b>1,203,900</b>	1,203,900			
Public Works (road maintenance, snow removal, traffic signals/signs maintenance, street lighting, equipment)	<b>2,011,097</b>	1,018,044	0	547,253	445,800
Debt Service	<b>474,506</b>			474,506	
Culture -- Recreation (recreation, community center, library contribution)	<b>944,666</b>	199,518	745,148	0	
Employee Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, Insurance, Miscellaneous	<b>1,348,768</b>	1,187,356	161,412	0	
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	<b>826,506</b>	826,506			
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	<b>247,129</b>	247,129			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$ 9,825,895</b>	<b>\$ 7,437,777</b>	<b>\$ 920,559</b>	<b>\$ 1,021,759</b>	<b>\$ 445,800</b>
<b>Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2012</b>	<b>\$ 10,628,657</b>	<b>\$ 7,179,877</b>	<b>\$ 25,677</b>	<b>\$ 3,092,887</b>	<b>\$ 330,216</b>



## 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/ternstyle/templates/media/files/Township\\_Snow\\_Operations\\_Policy.pdf](http://hanovertwp-nc.org/ternstyle/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 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 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.

## STORM DEBRIS CLEAN UP

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 October 29, 2011 winter storm.

### 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.

## 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](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org) and use the **Email Sign Up** click through on the main page.

### RYAN P. KISH – *New Township Treasurer*

Ryan P. Kish was appointed Township Treasurer/Assistant Secretary by the Board of Supervisors in November of 2011. Ryan took over for Francine J. Spevak who moved to Florida in November.

Ryan is a graduate of Kutztown University where he received his Bachelors Degree in Public Administration with a minor in Political Science. He has also earned an Associate's Degree in Business Administration from LCCC. This May, Ryan will earn his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kutztown.

Immediately prior to joining the township, Ryan worked for The Guardian Life Insurance Company as a Benefit Analyst. He has also been employed as a Graduate Assistant for the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Kutztown University, as well as in their Financial Aid Office as an Assistant Alternative Loan Coordinator. Ryan's hobbies include state and local government, hiking, bicycling, and the Philadelphia Phillies.



## 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 2012 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 1,400 tons of Leaves and 545 tons of Yard Waste in 2011! In 2010 the department collected 1,400 tons of Leaves and 454 tons of Yard Waste.

### ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

Mandatory Annual Commercial & Institutional Recycling Reports for the Year 2011 were mailed to all Township Businesses. The form **MUST** be completed and returned to the Township Office **NO LATER THAN** February 24, 2012. All tenants, businesses, etc. must report what is being recycled in their own location, space, office, suite, etc.

### CURBSIDE RECYCLING REMINDER

Use a bin (blue) purchased from the Township or a rigid plastic, metal, or fiberglass container with handles with a capacity no greater than 35 gallons and weighing no more than 60 pounds when full.

#### WHAT TO PLACE IN YOUR BIN:

**Cans** – Aluminum beverage and steel and tin food and beverage cans; empty aerosol containers

**Glass** – Clear, green, and brown food and beverage bottles and jars.

**Plastics** - #1 through #7 food and beverage containers and laundry product bottles; the number is usually on the bottom of the bottle within a triangle.

**Poly-coated cartons** – Milk and drink boxes.

#### WHAT TO PLACE BESIDE YOUR BIN:

**Newspaper** – Newspaper, including all the inserts that come with the newspaper, may be tied in bundles or put into brown paper grocery bags; no higher than 12-inch bundles.

**Magazines** – Catalogs and magazines may be tied in bundles or put into brown paper grocery bags; no higher than 12-inch bundles.

**Cardboard** – Cut into 3-foot by 5-foot pieces and tied into bundles with twine or string.

**Paper** – High-grade office paper, mixed office paper, and junk mail may be tied into bundles or put into brown paper grocery bags.

**REMEMBER:** 1) There are items that should **NOT** be placed into your bin; please only include items from the list. Our hauler may collect from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on

your scheduled day. Please place your bin at the curb by 7:00 AM on your collection day. To find out more about recycling, please call Hanover Township at (610) 866-1140.

### Armed Forces Day

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 19, 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.



### NOTICE ANYTHING NEW?

The Township Municipal Tract, Crawford Park and Pharo Park are sporting some new Recycling Containers!

In September 2011 the Township applied for a Greenways Mini-Grant with "Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful" and was awarded a \$500.00 grant. The total cost for the containers was \$1,151.43 with the Township paying the difference of \$651.43.

In efforts to extend the Township Recycling; we ask that while you visit these parks, take notice of the containers and partner with the Township to increase recycling and to keep are parks clean and litter free!

This project was funded in part by a grant provided by Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful and the Community Conservation Partnership Program, Environmental Stewardship Fund, under the administration of the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Recreation and Conservation.

*Township  
Recycling  
Coordinator  
Lori Stranzl &  
Marty Limpar,  
Parks Crew Leader  
demonstrate the  
use of the new  
recycling barrels.*



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Director:  
Cathy Heimsoth

### RECREATION NEWS

Assistant Directors:  
Fran Taglang  
Rob Cepin

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

First Strides Hanover	<b>Tuesday March 20</b>
Easter Egg Hunt	<b>Saturday March 24</b>
Vera Bradley Bingo	<b>Sunday April 22</b>
Hanover Preschool Book Fair	<b>M-F April 23-27</b>
Truck Touch/ Car Show!	<b>Saturday June 9</b>
AARP Safe Driver 4 hr.	<b>Wednesday July 11</b>

#### HTCC HIGHLIGHTS

♦ Lifestyle Programming is designated for our over 50 crowd- looking to socialize, challenge your fitness, learn something new or enjoy some afternoon entertainment call for the most recent schedule! 610-317-8701

♦ High School community service – if your child is interested in doing a learning service project for community service ask about our STEP program! Student identifies an area of interest and develops that within our township!

♦ Don't have a membership? You can come for a visit with a guest pass! \$8 adult, \$6 student/seniors. Your guest pass gives you full service (fitness) access to the facility. Too cold to run outside- come run on our treadmills!

♦ HTCC is open to residents and non-residents.

### Annual Fitness Fair & Membership Drive

On January 7th HTCC hosted its annual Fitness Fair. Those who attended were in for a treat; tables were set up with various wellness information from a Reiki Master to a Wellness Counselor giving out valuable information in support of a healthier you!

Thank you to those volunteers in attendance: Tara Gallus-Reiki Master, Christine Scarince- Wellness Counselor, Kelly Cascario- HTCC Personal Trainer, The Trainers from Coordinated Health PULSE program, and the Miller Keystone Blood Center employees.

We would love to have all our residents become a member of the community

center! Memberships support passive and active recreation within our township. In addition, several times throughout the year, the facility is host to special events. New for 2012 Rob Cepin has been appointed Assistant Director Program and Special Events. The township is lucky to have a very active Special Events Committee, Rob looks forward to working with all the volunteers. Rob will bring the same energy to his new responsibilities as he has over the past 4 years of employment with the township. Congratulate Rob when you see him, and

remember he is always looking for volunteers to assist during these special events. HTCC offers many different ways to belong- pick the best membership that suits your needs: **2012 Resident Rates**

**Basic-Family \$145\*Adult \$85 \*Student \$69 \*Senior \$69**

**Fitness-Family \$535 \*Adult \$278 \*Student \$130\*Senior \$130**

**Program Member:\$78  
Basketball Member: \$69.00  
1 & 3 month Memberships available for fitness memberships!**



**MILLER-KEYSTONE  
BLOOD CENTER**

**THANK YOU TO THOSE FOLKS WHO FILLED OUR SCHEDULE FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 7TH!**

### Employee Highlights

#### NEIL CURTIS Tennis Pro



Welcome Neil! Neil has been a player for 50 years, and has shared his love of tennis for the past 41 years as a Tennis Pro. He joins our staff at HTCC to share his passion! After working for the last 27 years as the head pro and tennis director at West End Racquet Club, he quickly found he missed sharing his passion for tennis with others.

Within our recreation department Neil can continue to share his vast knowledge, the perfect match for success on all accounts. Neil's experience working in District 11 boys and girls tennis gives him unique insight to tennis at the high school level. Neil also is volunteering with Meals on Wheels and keeps busy with other volunteer work in our community. The best part is that Neil is a 35 year township resident!

Neil will be joining Mike Stasak, USNTA Instructor,

at HTCC; expanding our program to give everyone a chance to take part in a clinic designed to suit your tennis needs. Tennis truly is a lifetime sport. Why not get involved and enjoy tennis in your lifetime! Private lessons also available. Contact 610-317-8701 if you are interested in Tennis!

With great regard we wish Julie Haney the best of luck as she moves forward in her career. Julie accepted a position in NY after graduating from ESU with her Bachelors in Early Childhood Education! Good luck Julie- we will miss you!





### VERA BRADLEY BINGO SUNDAY 4/22 @ 1 PM

**TICKETS: \$15 PRIOR TO  
4/1 - \$20 AFTER 4/1  
AND AT THE DOOR.**

### Vera Bradley Bingo

Twice a year HTCC hosts a Vera Bradley Bingo. This spring our VB Bingo will be on Sunday, April 18th @ 1 pm.

Tickets: \$15 prior to April 1st! \$20 after April 1st and at the door.

Food and Beverages will be available, bring our appetite.

Door opens at 12 pm.

Community Bingo continues on a monthly basis meeting once a month with the exception of January. On August

2nd we run a special Pampered Chef Bingo.

The first Thursday of the month is reserved for this event, gathering in the meeting room and having a wide variety of foods available from our kitchen. Early Bird games (\$5) start at 6:30 pm and are over by 7- so if you can't come out for the entire evening, we encourage you to come for the early part! Regular bingo starts at 7 pm- \$25 for 22 games- 9 boards or 9 chances to win each game! Specials are included and prizes range from \$40 to

\$125 per game!

Each month HTCC supports a different non-profit cause. If you know of a non-profit organization who would like to collaborate on this fun evening contact Cathy at HTCC. 610.317.8701.



## First Strides Program and Goal Run 2012

Do you sometimes imagine yourself fit and strong - striding effortlessly down the road during an easy workout or a 5K race?

This gradual 12-week program will help you comfortably progress from the couch to walking, jogging or running at a pace that's right for you.

First Strides has two programs a year at Hanover. In the spring program, we have the honor of hosting the goal event for all the First Strides programs in the area. HTCC also honors a mentor each spring with the Eileen Sakamoto Award- remembering the dedication and commitment of our mentors! The best thing about First Strides is the education and satisfaction of supporting each other as each participant improves their abilities, this is indicative of all the mentors in our program.

First Strides Hanover will be meeting on Tuesdays; starting on March 20th at 6 pm.

Registration is taken through the Community Center- either by mail, fax, or walk in.

**Fees: \$45 members & early registration thru March 8th  
\$50 March 9th and after**



Welcome Jocelyn Bellew as this spring's Lead Mentor! Jocelyn has been a runner for 10 years, logging 10-20 miles per week. She ran her first half marathon in 2006 and has been a first stride mentor for many years. Jocelyn is anxious to share her love of running with our First Stride group this spring.

### Hanover Women's 5K Walk/Run

- Saturday, June 9th @ 9 am.

\$15 First Stride participant/early bird registration through 5/30- \$20 5/31 and beyond. Race day bags are limited to the first 300 participants.

### Additional Exercise Classes

HTCC offers a variety of classes year round. The aerobic schedule can be found on our website and is updated on a quarterly basis.

Yoga - Pilates - Step - Aerobic Dance - Step-ZUMBA - Walk it OFF! - Spinning - and Coordinated Health Pulse offerings!

Want more personal attention? Personal Training also available: \$25 hr / \$20 1/2 hour  
Call HTCC for an appointment today!

## Preschool Registration for 2012/13 School Year: Now Open



Hanover Preschool is now taking open enrollment for fall 2012 classes. If you would like to meet with our Director or Preschool Coordinator a private tour and consultation will ensure that your child is in the right class and program environment. In addition to the "traditional" classroom setting, Hanover offers Enrichment programs that offer extended care hours and enriching activities for your child.

Hanover Preschool offers traditional programs for Young 3 yr olds, 3 & 4 years olds, Pre-K for the older 4 year old as well as a Kinder Club for 4-5 year olds.



### Looking ahead to summer:

- ◆ Parks
- ◆ Camps
- ◆ Swim lessons
- ◆ Tennis
- ◆ Field Trips

Watch for your Recreation Newsletter for more details.

### Enrichment Programs

- ◆ Creative Club: 1-3 pm daily for your preschool age child
- ◆ After School Enrichment: 3-5:30 for children up to 12 yrs. old
- ◆ You do not have to be a Hanover Preschool participant to take advantage of Enrichment program at HTCC!



## Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny returns to HTCC to enjoy an afternoon with the children.

**2000 filled** eggs will be disbursed between three different age groups.

Bring your cameras for photo opportunities, and plan on staying for activities with the bunny from 12 to 1:30 pm.

**Hunt Includes:** **Filled** Easter eggs. Chance to meet Easter Bunny (photo opportunity), coloring and reading activities!

Saturday- March 24, 2010

\$6 for the Hunt!

### 3 Age Divisions:

0-2yrs – Hunt starts @ 12pm

3-5yrs – Hunt starts @ 12:30pm

6-8yrs – Hunt starts @ 1pm

12-1:30pm – Activities with the Easter Bunny!

To encourage success for your child, we are limiting availability to 40 registrants per age group.



REGISTER EARLY FOR YOUR CHILD'S SPOT IN THE HUNT!



**NEW**

**Hanover Twp**

## Truck Touch & Car Show

Saturday, June 2nd - 9 am to 3 pm

**Truck Touch:** come see and touch all the different kinds of trucks in the township, expanded program for your family to enjoy! An annual family favorite!

**NEW Car Show:** Open to All Cars Register your car for one of our classes and enjoy the quality craftsmanship of the automobile! Early Registration \$10, Day of Event \$15. Judging will be provided by the Thomas Michael Agency! For a complete list of classes go to <http://hanovercommunitycenter.com/community/community-events>

On hand will be: Food Vendors, Raffles, 50/50, DJ Hodge Podge Variety Music and more!



## Birthday Parties

### Basic Package Includes:

- ◆ 60 minutes of supervised activity
- ◆ 120 minutes in our private party room
- ◆ Party invitations– by request
- ◆ 2 trained party coordinators
- ◆ Affordable Pizza Packages\*
- ◆ Certificate for each child attending

### \*Fees:

- 1-10 children
- \$85 Members/ \$110 Non-members
- 11-20 Children
- \$100 Members/ \$130 Non-members
- 21-30 Children
- \$115 Members/ \$150 Non-members
- \*Pizza: \$12 a pie/ \$1 topping

\$50 deposit needed at time of booking to secure date and time of your special party!

Meeting rooms available for family packages/Corporate meetings/showers/and more!

Meeting room rentals start @ \$35 per hour.

### Hanover POOL Parties

Enjoy the Hanover pool for one hour of private pool time. Organized games or open swim for the first hour - second hour can be used in shaded party area or open swim. Pool opens to public at 12 pm. Additional \$25 Life Guard Fee for pool parties.

Available weekends from 11 am to 1 pm. Optional Fee: \$2.00 per person for extra swim time past 1 pm.

## Year Round Activities:

### TOPS

### "Take Off Pounds Sensibly"

Meetings take place every Thursday at 7 pm.

This program is open to women, men and children older than 7. Yearly National Fee of \$24. Weekly dues are \$2.00 per week. Incentives will be put in place to help you reach and maintain your goals.

### Karate – Youth and Adult

This progressive class is an excellent form of exercise for all ages– learn self defense techniques and strengthen your mind and body through martial arts. No contracts– monthly program with Punch Card option for adults!

### Music Lessons @ HTCC

Instruction in: piano, guitar, and additional instruments by request.

Fees:\$20 members/ \$21 non-members - 30 minute lessons

## Scholastic Book Fair @ HTCC

April 23rd– April 27th

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Help build our  
Preschool/  
Enrichment Library!



*"THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY"*

Looking for volunteers at all special events in the township! Contact Rob Cepin if you would like to participate – all ages welcome!

Hanover Township is approved by BASD for Community Service.

## Hanover Township Special Events Spring Event Schedule



### Ready To READ

Friday, May 4, 2012 – 12 pm



Afternoon program kicks off our quest for better readers in Hanover! Starting with our youngest reader first, Ready to Read provides a wonderful atmosphere to explore the world of books. Guest Readers, complimentary food and beverages, give-aways, and children activities. FREE to residents.

### John Phillip Sousa Concert



Sunday, May 6, 2012 – 2 pm

Join us for the wonderful music of John Phillip Sousa! Since 1998 the Liberty and Easton High School Alumni Bands have joined forces to entertain us with the powerful compositions of John Phillip Sousa. FREE

### Hanover Days (aka Hanover Carnival)

May 17-19 Rain or Shine



Thursday 6-9 pm: Family Night, watch for discounts and family activities, Bingo inside, and more! Live Music, Rides and Games!

Friday 6-9 pm: Local Musicians will grace the Band Stage with a Battle of the Bands! Enjoy rides, games, food and more!

Saturday 3-9 pm: Think mini-sports fest in Hanover, Live Music, Rides, Games, and most of all FUN! Watch for more details on Hanover Days at [www.hanovercommunitycenter.org](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.org)

Mark your calendar for future Special Events:

- ♦ Patriot Day - Tuesday, September 11th
- ♦ Fall Festival - Saturday, October 6th
- ♦ Tree Lighting - Friday, November 30th

**We are on the web!**  
**[www.hanovercommunitycenter.org](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.org)**

## Lehigh Valley, Monroe Gain Clout Under Reapportionment

*An Op-End Column by Senator Pat Browne, 16th Senatorial District*



Senator Pat Browne

Pennsylvania's Senate and House of Representatives districts are redrawn every 10 years based on U.S. Census data. The Pennsylvania Constitution requires these boundary changes to ensure state residents receive equal representation in state government. Under the new reapportionment plan, each state Senator will represent approximately 254,000 citizens and each member of the House of

Representatives will represent approximately 62,500 citizens.

The state legislative districts are drawn and approved by the Legislative Reapportionment Commission, a bi-partisan, bi-cameral panel and do not need to be approved by the House or the Senate or signed into law by the Governor. The Legislative Reapportionment Commission recently approved the final maps showing the new realignment of Pennsylvania's state legislative districts. The Lehigh Valley and Monroe County areas saw significant change with the release of the new districts.

Starting with the Senate, the Legislative Reapportionment Commission was able to address the criticisms of the 2001 district realignments. For one, Monroe County, which was divided among six state Senators – none of whom lived within the county lines – will be represented by a single Senator come 2013. To make this possible, the 45th Senatorial District was moved from Allegheny County to Monroe County. With Monroe County experiencing some of the greatest growth in the state over the past 20 years and Allegheny County seeing its population numbers decrease, it was natural to shift a seat from the west to Monroe. The new 45th Senatorial District will include all of Monroe County and will extend into part of Northampton County.

Another adjustment, this time in Northampton County, was shifting Easton back into the 18th Senatorial District where it had been until the 2001 redistricting. On the House side of the plan, one of the major changes involves the addition of a new district in the Lehigh Valley, specifically in the city of Allentown.

The 22nd State House District would be moved from Allegheny County to the City of Allentown. Currently, Allentown is split between four House Districts. Under the final approved plan, the city would be represented by just two seats: the 22nd and the 132nd districts. This move not

only reflects the population growth experienced by the city, but will potentially give Allentown a less fractured voice in Harrisburg. This change will be a true benefit for the city and for the Lehigh Valley region in general.

As for the 16th Senatorial District, which I represent, it has been consolidated under the new reapportionment plan and will consist solely of municipalities in Lehigh County. My new district, starting in 2013, will include: the City of Allentown; the townships of Heidelberg, Lower Macungie, Lower Milford, Lowhill, Lynn, North Whitehall, South Whitehall, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, Upper Saucon, Washington and Weisenberg; and, the boroughs of Alburtis, Coopersburg and Macungie.

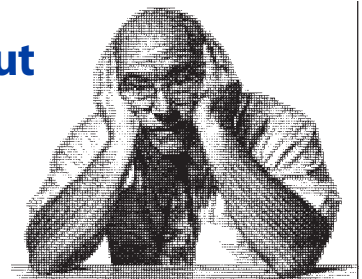
While I regret losing my portions of Northampton and Monroe Counties, I truly believe that the changes made in all three counties will benefit the residents of each and meet the goal of combining municipalities and regions that share many common interests. I have greatly enjoyed and it has been an extreme privilege to represent the residents in the boroughs of Bath, Chapman and Wind Gap and the townships of Allen, Bushkill, East Allen, Hanover and Moore in Northampton County and the townships of Chestnuthill, Hamilton and Ross in Monroe County. While I may not represent these municipalities anymore, I will continue to work for what is best for the whole Lehigh Valley region.

The final reapportionment plan was approved on December 12, 2011 and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. A 30-day window in which grievances and challenges are able to be filed with the courts started following this approval. If no challenges are successful, the reapportionment plan will be approved by the courts and finalized. To view the final maps, visit the Commission's website: [www.redistricting.state.pa.us/](http://www.redistricting.state.pa.us/).

### Don't Miss Out

Upset you're not informed as to what is happening in the Township and don't know who to blame.

Visit the Township website [www.hanovertpw-nc.org](http://www.hanovertpw-nc.org) and register to receive emails from the Township. If you don't, you'll have no one to blame but yourself!





## Support for Caregivers

*By State Representative Marcia Hahn, 138th Legislative District*



**Rep. Marcia M. Hahn**

Gov. Corbett has signed into law House Bill 210, which updates Pennsylvania's Family Caregiver Support Program to include non-relative caregivers and brings the state program in line with its federal counterpart. The Family Caregiver Support Act, which takes effect the end of February, provides benefits and services for eligible caregivers who care for functionally dependent relatives 60 years of age and older, as well as

those with chronic dementia, such as Alzheimer's, who are 18 years of age or older.

The new law increases the maximum amount allowable for out-of-pocket expenses from \$200 per month to \$500 per month and provides grants of up to \$2,000 for home modifications such as ramps and chair lifts. It also changes the definition of caregiver to include non-relative caregivers and removes the requirement that a caregiver must live with the care recipient.

### *Keeping in Touch*

You have sent me to Harrisburg to serve as your voice in the General Assembly. It is an honor and privilege that I respect deeply and by which I am humbled. It is also a responsibility best accomplished by offering constituents a number of options when it comes to obtaining information and offering their opinions.

I have recently expanded my satellite office hours to include 4-7 p.m. two nights a week as follows:

- Wednesdays – Hanover Township Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road, Bethlehem.
- Thursdays – Bethlehem Township Community Center, 2900 Farmersville Road, Bethlehem.

I also hold satellite office hours Monday through Thursday every week, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the East Allen Township Municipal Building, 5330 Nor-Bath Boulevard, East Allen. This is in addition to my district office, located at 354 West Moorestown Road, Nazareth, which is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## HANOVER TOWNSHIP LIONS NEWS

*by John McGaughey*

Over the years, the Hanover Township Lions Club has supported community service, and contributed to various large humanitarian projects through our participation in Lions District 14-K programs. Working together within Lions District 14-K, the Lions Clubs in Northampton and Lehigh Counties have reached out to accomplish much more than the individual clubs could have achieved.

One of our most visible contributions to the community is the pavilion in the Hanover Township Municipal Park on Jacksonville Road. Your Lions Club funded the design, material and construction expenses of this important addition. We continue to look for opportunities to share in the growth and health of our community. Since being chartered in 1989, our Club has made a commitment to serve our local community and help the world around us.



Many Lions Club Programs support sight conservation, assistance for the blind, and the prevention of blindness. Our strong emphasis on sight has been a Lions Club priority since 1925, when Helen Keller challenged Lions to become "Knights of the Blind". This has led our Club to support many sight related programs and activities. Currently, the Lions Clubs in District 14-K support The Center for Vision Loss, diabetes awareness, and the world class Northeast Pennsylvania Lions Eye Bank on Jacksonville Road, where nearly 2,300 cornea are prepared each year for local, regional, and international sight restoring transplants. We also support the Lions District 14-K Eye Care Center that sponsors cataract operations for local needy individuals, and we collect used eyeglasses that will be cleaned and recirculated among the worldwide poor by Lions eye care professionals. Our Club has a drop-off box for used eyeglasses in the township community center. Space limitations prevent a more extensive description of the many other programs that we support.

We thank Hanover Township for supporting our programs and activities to help those around us. Our Lions Club welcomes men and women who would like to share friendship, and the satisfaction of making a difference in this world. We meet the first Wednesday and the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, please call 610-868-9301.

## 5 Steps to Employer Success

# OVERVIEW OF THE NEW ACT 32 FILING RULES



KEYSTONE  
collections group<sup>SM</sup>

Keystone Collections Group provides this reference guide to help your business implement the new employee withholding rules. Please read this overview, and visit the "Employer Resources" page at: [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com)

**STEP 1** - Employer must require each employee to complete the *Certificate of Residency* form. This form is available on request and may also be downloaded from the "Employer Resources" web page at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com). The *Certificate* identifies the political subdivisions where an employee lives and works. Employer will retain this form.

**STEP 2** - Employer must withhold the greater of the employee's resident tax rate for where they live or nonresident tax rate for where they work. The employer must withhold the proper tax rate in accordance with the DCED Official Tax Rate Register. Keystone provides a link to the DCED Official Tax Rate Register on the "Employer Resources" web page at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com).

– OR –

If you choose to file online, Keystone automatically includes the tax rate information for you based upon your filing information. To start, go to the **Business Portal** on Keystone's web page at [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com).

– OR –

**STEP 3** - Within 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter, employer must file a Quarterly Return Form and pay the amount of income taxes deducted during the preceding calendar quarter using the **proper payment stub**.

– OR –

For easier and faster service, the employer may alternatively **choose to file online** using the Business Portal described in Step 2.

**STEP 4** - Employer shall file an individual withholding statement integrated into the W-2 form for each employee.

**STEP 5** - By February 29, 2013, every employer shall file an *Annual Reconciliation Form W2-R*.

✓ An employer that discontinues business must file the required returns and pay any outstanding tax due within 30 days after closing its business.

✓ A business that employs 20 or more employees should submit employee earnings and withholding information online or electronically (please contact our office for file specifications). As a service to the business community, Keystone provides easy online access to report payroll withholding as well as tax form downloads. To file your payroll withholding online, visit [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com).

Keystone's



Your easy alternative to paper filing.

Visit: [www.keystonecollects.com](http://www.keystonecollects.com)

**Employer Help Line – 1-888-328-0558**

Mon. - Fri. - 8 AM to 4 PM



## PATRIOTIC BREAKFAST AND SPECIAL GUESTS HONOR VETERANS

An overwhelming response of community veterans attended a recognition breakfast on Friday, November 11, at the Traditions of Hanover Retirement Community in Bethlehem. U.S. Congressman Charlie Dent, 15th District, addressed over 80 former members of the military recognizing them for their service to their country. State Representative Marcia Hahn delivered proclamations to each veteran and personally thanked them for their valor, commitment and contribution to maintaining freedom. "I was surprised to see so many veterans attend," said Traditions of Hanover resident William Thierselder. "At this age, you don't expect a lot of people."

Veterans were complimentary attendees, but guests were asked to make a \$5 contribution that was donated to the Keystone Wounded Warrior Project, a national project that raises awareness and helps wounded warriors become integrated back into society. "We raised \$265 in contributions," said Jennifer Murphy, director of Marketing at Traditions of Hanover. "Once people found out that the money was being donated to the Keystone Wounded Warrior Project, they put extra money in."

The breakfast event also included a presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Linda Ettl who just returned home on October 6th from a year-long tour in Iraq. Lt. Col. Ettl, a 32-year veteran herself, shared with the audience some of the changes in military protocol. Like those veterans in the audience, and at one point in her career as well, servicemen might find themselves on the battlefield with the squad they were trained and deployed with. Now it is commonplace to be in the Army, have a Marine to your left and an Airman to your right. She spoke about being one family, one team, working towards a common mission. She commented that although she is fiercely proud to be in the Army, nothing compares to being a veteran.

Wendall Phillips, a veteran and Traditions of Hanover resident, gave the benediction and played a recorded version of Taps during the ceremony. "I enjoyed the expressions of some of the veteran's faces when I gave the military commands for the pledge of allegiance," he said. "I also surprised some of them by playing Taps."

In addition, John Bauer performed a musical medley recognizing all of the different military branches. Resident June Collins commented that his performance was very patriotic and professional. As quoted on the Wounded



*The Traditions of Hanover Retirement Community in Hanover hosted a well-received Veteran's Recognition Breakfast on Friday, November 11th. Some of the residents who attended were (from left) Gertie Brita, June Collins, Veteran Wendall Phillips, Pauline Beck and Veteran Alfred Blue (seated). Pauline Beck holds her husband Robert's proclamation given to her by State Representative of Northampton County Marcia Hahn.*



*Additional veterans who enjoyed the Recognition Breakfast included (from left) Stanley Szymanski, Ray Hess, Ray Bottazzi and Reno Marcante.*

Warrior Project web home page, "The greatest casualty is being forgotten." This annual event brought the community together to remember and recognize the past service of our men and women who served in the military. Resident Jim Mills summed it up by saying, "It was nice and well done."



## EMS CORNER

by Karen Van Why, EMS Captain

I am Karen Van Why and I serve as the EMS Captain for the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. I have been the EMS Captain since 1992. Prior to this I ran as an EMT and served as an EMS Lieutenant. I was raised in Hanover Township and followed other family members who had joined the fire company. I also have three children all of whom are actively involved in the Fire Company. My daughter is an EMT, my older son is a Firefighter and EMT and my younger son is a Junior Firefighter. I am proud to say I raised my children to give back to their community. They have also found that the feeling you get when helping someone in need is awesome.

Our Fire Company has always put the residents, visitors and employees in the township first. In 1998, as the number of available daytime volunteers dwindled, we formed TEAMS (Township Emergency Ambulance Mutual Services). This was a joint staffing venture with Bath Borough, East Allen and Lower Nazareth townships that ensured an ambulance was able to respond to daytime emergencies when our volunteers were unable. TEAMS worked very well for almost 13 years; however, during that time the number of responses within Hanover Township increased steadily. Eventually, the response requirement within our own township, coupled with the increased response times to calls for help in our township from the other stations where TEAMS was based, we found ourselves looking for another solution to maintain top notch, consistent service to our township.

On February 28, 2011 Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 left the TEAMS organization and began our own paid EMS service to provide emergency medical care to Hanover Township. We have 11 staff

members and 25 active volunteers who together cover emergency calls 24/7. Our (YOUR) Fire Company is a unique organization that has volunteers and paid staff working together to serve Hanover Township. The camaraderie among the members is astounding. We are one of the few Fire Companies in the area where each division of service, Fire, EMS and Fire Police, assist each other in every aspect. We are one company and we pride ourselves on working together as a team.

Here is a breakdown of what our EMS responded to last year:

### CALLS TOTALS FOR 2011:

Month	Medical Emergency	Auto Accidents	Fire Calls	Misc. Calls	TOTAL
January	135	14	16		165
February	99	9	15		123
March	160	17	18	2	197
April	128	7	20		155
May	101	9	12	2	124
June	112	6	13		131
July	120	3	25		148
August	143	10	19		172
September	114	10	24	3	151
October	113	10	28		151
November	115	15	18		148
December	127	12	18	1	158
TOTALS	1,467	122	226	8	1,823

If you have any questions, comments, concerns or would like to join our organization you may call our station 610-867-2103. We are always looking for new members to join any one of our divisions. We train every Monday night and we will pay for you to get training to Help you Help your community, Hanover Township.

## CRPD'S NEWEST OFFICER



*District Magistrate James Narlesky swears in Officer Antonucci.*

### Officer Matthew Antonucci

graduated from East Stroudsburg University in May of 2009 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and a concentration in criminal justice. He then went on to the Delaware County Police Academy from which he graduated in December 2009. Officer

Antonucci started his law enforcement career as a patrolman for the Borough of Clifton Heights, NJ in February 2010 until he was hired by CRPD in October 2011.

## Hanover Township Spring Concert John Phillip Sousa Concert Sunday, May 6th • 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 fifteenth 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.

## Brotherhood in the Fire Service

by Craig Wasem, Hanover Township Fire Chief

Were you ever sitting in traffic when in your rearview mirror all you see and hear are flashing lights and screaming sirens? You quickly decide how to safely get your vehicle off to the side of the road to allow the fire engine to pass. Most likely your next thought being, "I wonder where they are going?" When I see an emergency vehicle pass, I don't notice the lights or sirens as much. I have the tendency to look past the shiny red paint and into the passenger compartment. Into the tradition, history, and brotherhood that occupies the seats inside.



A fairly good amount of people have asked me in the past, "Why do you voluntarily put your life on the line for strangers?" One of the answers lies within the members of the firehouse. The guys and gals that answer the calls just as, in many cases, the generations of family members before them did. Each truck that screams by is filled with family members, some blood family, and some firehouse family. All still family. We use the term "brother" or "sister" to address one another. It doesn't matter if you know the person's name or not. We are all still brothers.

At Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company we currently have one family that has three generations actively serving. We have father-son duos, husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, and blood brothers, the list is fairly extensive. All of which belong to the same family, the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. But the limit to "firehouse family" doesn't live within just the HTVFC, it extends to all firefighters and EMS personnel. This became clear to me when we needed coverage assistance from surrounding departments while we conducted a fire service funeral to honor one of our own.

We reached out to several departments that neighbored Hanover Township, all of which were willing and able to do anything we needed. Some of those departments manned fire apparatus at our station to cover any emergency calls that occurred in Hanover while we sent our entire fleet to honor our brother. A fire service tradition is to carry the body past the firehouse and to the final resting place. When the procession passed our station, the brothers of the departments that were manning our station all stood single file at the curb to salute and honor our fallen brother. Two other departments assisted us by raising a flag with their aerial ladders at the cemetery for the procession to pass under.

The camaraderie in the fire service is second to none. It's something that I would encourage anyone to be a part of. Join the family, become a brother or sister. Join your local fire department, and help us help you.

## HELP FOR ELDERLY RESIDENTS

by Karen VanWhy, EMS Captain

Caring for your spouse or yourself as you get older may become difficult. Please know there is assistance for you. I have listed below several different types of assistance which may help you.

### NORTHAMPTON COUNTY AREA AGENCY OF AGING

- This agency assist older citizens with a variety of services from bathing, grooming and personal care assistance in your home or guidance on a nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult day care and many other services. Please call the number below to receive additional information

**Intake Information and Referral Service**  
610-559-3270

### ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

- Live independently with the assistance of staff with daily living such as personal care, grooming, meals and so much more. Below is a list of a few in our area.

**Atria Senior Living,**  
**Hanover Township**  
610-317-0700

**Country Meadows,**  
**Bethlehem Township**  
610-882-0645

**Sacred Heart Senior Living,**  
**Borough of Northampton**  
610-262-4300

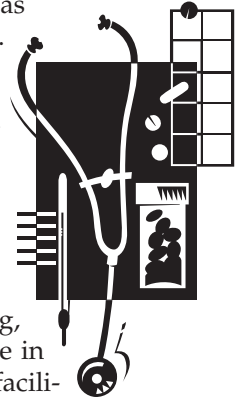
**Alexandria Manor Assisted Living, Bethlehem**  
610-867-3060

### INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITY

- Live completely independent with or without household chores allowing time to socialize, enjoy activities, and much, much more. Please note some of the above have independent facilities as well.

**Traditions of Hanover, Distinctive**  
**Independent Living,**  
**Hanover Township**  
610-882-0400

**Sterling Heights,**  
**Hanover Township**  
610-868-4600



## HANOVER SCHOOL NEWS

by Tim Lynch, Principal

### Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready To Learn

Happy New Year from the staff and faculty of Hanover Elementary School. It is hard to believe January 13, 2012 marked the halfway mark of the school year. The first marking period was filled with many activities in addition to the daily classroom routines. The Hawk Walk was moved to the fall and we enjoyed a beautiful day. The Hanover Volunteer Fire Department made their annual visit to the school. New staff members Miss Boyko and Mr. Fritzinger received an unannounced ride 65 feet above the ground in the fire department pumper truck. Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Kounupos spearheaded the weeklong Scholastic Bookfair. The end of Bethlehem Education week provided a chance for the Great Persons to come to Hanover to spend some time in the classrooms see all of the wonderful happenings at Hanover. Thank you to Mrs. Muller and her committee for making the day a great success. We were able to be entertained by yo-yo tricks and receive the message: Never give up, Encourage others, and Do your best from the NED program. Thank you to Mrs. Todaro and the other yo-yo salespersons for your help selling the yo-yos and accessories after lunch each day for a week after the program.

Through a grant we were able to bring the Pennsylvania Youth Theater to Hanover to allow the students to enjoy the performance of Tomas and the Library Lady. The Library Lady invites Tomas in and introduces Tomas to books about anything and everything he can possibly imagine. Tomas enthusiastically shares the new stories that he has found with his family, and he and his brother Enrique find other books in the town dump. Tomas teaches the Library Lady some Spanish, while he becomes more confident in English and realizes that he doesn't need to be afraid of the Nightmare Teacher any longer. Then comes the day when Tomas comes to visit the library with his Papa Grande and tells her that he must teach her a sad word in Spanish: Adios. Tomas Rivera grew up to become the father of Chicano literature, as well as the Chancellor of the University of California at Riverside. The library there bears the name of the boy who was encouraged to read by a library lady in Iowa.

The first quarter progressed with our inaugural Harvest Day Celebration. Thank you to Mrs. Wright, Mrs. VanSpanje, Mrs. Haire and committee members for planning and preparation in what was an enjoyable morning filled with seasonal activities. Thank you Mr. Fritzinger for the use of your tractor and wagon! The afternoon continued with our Halloween Parade followed by classroom celebrations hosted by the homeroom helpers.

We welcomed November with the Reflections Awards ceremony. Sixteen students entered projects in categories that included art, photography, music, and writing. The topic for this year was Diversity. Congratulations to all of the entrants and best of luck to the students who have advanced to the next level of competition at the regional level. Thank you to Mrs. Szollas and Mrs. Kane for organizing this event on such short notice.

The weather cooperated for the Veterans Day Assembly. Members of the United States Army Reserve Corps started our festivities with a flag raising ceremony. State Representative Marsha Hahn recognized each Veteran with a certificate. The students sang patriotic songs with accompanying motions taught by vocal music teacher Mrs. Rhode. Mr. Antes led the trumpet players in "God Bless America." The classroom teachers prepared an acrostic poem that was recited by representatives from each class. We enjoyed selections by the Liberty High School Brass Ensemble and Bagpipers. Former Hanover student Alison Wycherly sang the National Anthem. The veterans made it a point to mention how touched they were by the program and how much they appreciated the ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Ronyack, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Gallagher, and staff members for all of your help in organizing the event. Thank You Veterans!

Mrs. Pelletiers coordinated a fun-filled evening at Chuck E. Cheese. The night was filled with good food, good friends, and good games. Mrs. Villani and her helpers led the Election Day bake sale. The committee manned the baked goods tables for the entire day and prepared delicious items for lunch and dinner for the hungry voters. Mrs. Magyrics led the pajama collection for three needy local organizations. Many local children will be a little bit warmer this winter because of your generosity. Thank you for all of your support and volunteerism in the above mentioned endeavors.

The Hanover school community made the holiday a little brighter for the 200 children who received gifts as part of our annual giving tree donations.

In January we were fortunate to have the Lehigh University Men's Basketball team visit us as part of the C.O.A.C.H. (Community Outreach by Athletes who Care about Helping) program. The students were impressed by the height and skills of the players and by the messages delivered by Coach Reed and the players.

Hanover continues to be successful because of your support. I am impressed by the work the children are producing under the direction of the teachers and staff members. The hallways are filled with family photos of kindergartners, color-coded paragraphs and math written by the first graders, dog or cat writings by the second graders, wetu diagrams and letters by third graders, posters, flip chart book reports, and multiplication/division story problems completed by the fourth graders, scenes from Tuesday of the Other June and Words of Advice from the Fifth Grade, Gytaku prints and Chrysanthemum Kiku can be found outside the art room, seasonal chants. Ternary ABA forms are on display outside the music room, and photos of the IU students the bulletin board in the hallway outside the classroom.

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.





*The Library is closed February 20, April 6, May 26,  
May 28 and July 4. Amended Musikfest schedule.*

### Main Library

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

### HOURS

Monday-Wednesday: 9AM-9PM  
Thursday & Friday: 9AM-6PM  
Saturday: 9AM-5PM

### South Side Branch

400 Webster Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610 867-7852

### HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: 11AM-8PM  
Wednesday: 11AM-5PM  
Saturday: 11AM-5PM

### **BAPL is coming to you! Books and DVDs in kiosk at Community Center**

The kiosk, restocked on a regular basis with books and DVDs from your Library, will be conveniently located in the Hanover Township Community Center. There are only a handful of these kiosks available to library patrons in the entire country! Arrival is tentatively in April. A BAPL card with a pin # (easy to set up online once you have a library card) gives you access to 80 DVDs and a mix of approximately 100 adult and children's paperback and hardcover titles.

### Free Adult Programs

Phone the Main Library at 610 867-3761 x224  
or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) to register or for details.

- Computer workshops
- Resume Writing workshop
- Medium: connect with the other side!
- Keystone Knitters: instruction or swap tips and patterns
- Book Discussions: lively conversation about fascinating books
- Literary Speed Dating: can Kafka find romance with Stephanie Meyers?
- **\*NEW\*** Adult summer reading program

### Free Children's Programs

Phone the Main Library at 610 867-3761 x499,  
the South Side Branch at 610-7852  
or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) to register or for details.

- Magic Tree House Super Saturday events
- Anime Saturday
- Family Fun Nights
- Read Across America: celebrate Dr. Seuss
- Film Festival: family-friendly movies for all ages
- Brain Awareness Month: exhibits and activities
- Daytime Storytimes for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers
- Family Place: play dates connecting parents & kids to community resources
- After school homework help: grades 1-12, all subjects
- Summer Reading programs for children & teens

### Wii Games

**Fantasy, fitness, fun & free!**  
A new collection of Nintendo  
Wii video games circulate for  
one week with up to two  
renewals. 125 choices!

## ROOM TO GROW FASHION SHOW

Wednesday

**February 15, 2012**

hosted by *The Shoppes at Sands*

5:30-9 PM

\$50 Ticket includes:

- Runway fashion show
- Open Bar
- Exquisite Food
- Private preview shopping

Details and tickets available at:

[www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org)

or phone 610 867-3761 x259.

### BAPL Book Sales

**Wednesdays & Saturdays  
in 2012!**

Visit [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org)  
for more information  
or phone 610 867-3761 x259

Wednesday, March 14: noon to 8PM  
Saturday, March 17: 10AM-4PM  
Also, May 9 & 12 and June 20 & 23

## Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

**MONDAYS, except where noted**

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning February 6)

12:15-1:15-Greenbrier Dr. near Mulberry (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 13)

12:15-1:15-Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. (Thursdays)

3:00-4:00 - Hanover Township Community Center

4:05-4:50 - Blair Rd. at end of road

5:00-5:45 - Monocacy Dr.

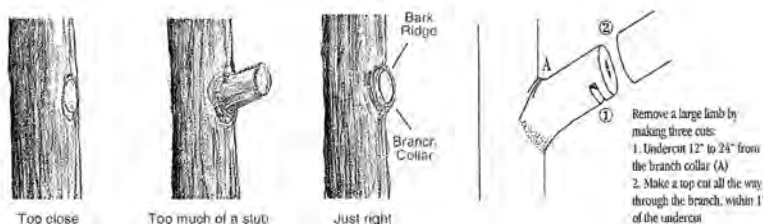
6:45-8:15 - Chesterfield near Lord Byron

## PROPER PRUNING

by the Shade Tree Advisory Commission

Proper pruning enables your tree to heal itself. By following these instructions you will make proper cuts and preserve the branch's "collar", which is necessary for wound closure.

- Never leave a stub
- Never cut off a branch flush with the trunk
- Make the cut just outside the branch collar



1. Locate the branch collar, a slightly thickened area where the branch meets the trunk
2. Undercut the branch 12-24\" from the trunk, half-way through the branch (cut #1)
3. Remove the branch by making a top cut all the way through, just beyond the undercut (this prevents a heavy branch from tearing the good bark) (cut #2)
4. Make the final cut just beyond the branch collar at an angle (cut #3)

### PERMIT NEEDED

If your street tree or easement tree dies or had to be removed because of storm damage, you must submit a permit (free) and replace the tree with one from the Approved Tree list. A permit can be downloaded from the Hanover Township website or picked up at the Township Office.

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### YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2012 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery on December 30, 2011 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available online at [http://hanovertwp-nc.org/ternstyle/templates/media/files/Yard\\_Waste\\_2011.pdf](http://hanovertwp-nc.org/ternstyle/templates/media/files/Yard_Waste_2011.pdf)

### 2012 REAL ESTATE TAX BILLS

Your 2012 real estate tax bill will be mailed to each property owner the first week of February. If you do not receive your bill by mid-February or if you have any questions, please call Berkheimer Tax Administrators at 866.300.1714 or 610.599.3143. Payments will not be accepted at the Township Office. You may pay your bill at Berkheimer Outsourcing, 1530 Valley Center Parkway, Suite, 200, Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

### 2012 RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING BILLS

Your residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2012 calendar year will be mailed in late January or early February to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by mid February, please call the Municipal Office at 610.866.1140. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited in our mail slot during non-business hours.

## Asa Packer 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. We were treated to a morning of laughs by "The NED Show" who taught us to Never Give Up, Encourage Others, and always Do Your Best. October was equally fantastic and brought us our first of several teacher sponsored Literacy Nights. We also enjoyed a Family Movie Night under the stars and celebrated during our Halloween Parties. November highlights include an International Family Food Night, Science Night and Math Night. We also had the pleasure of hosting Author Debbie Dadey and the

Lehigh Women's Basketball Team. 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 busy 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 Karaoke. 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 apart 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!

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OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

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## 2012 Meeting 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 WEDNESDAY of each month, starting at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

**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:** March, May, July, September and November on the SECOND WEDNESDAY. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.