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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman – Board of Supervisors

Last year will be remembered by most of us in Hanover Township's government as a year of conclusions and restarts, of old and new and of lows and highs.

Probably the most upsetting event for the Board of Supervisors was the unfortunate passing of our dear friend and colleague, Dr. Frank T. Colon. It was a difficult adjustment for us not to have his thoughtful and caring presence among us. We were blessed with over ten very capable and qualified citizens stepping forward to be considered for the vacancy. Local citizen and businessman Mark Tanczos was chosen for the position and is now serving us very well. Mark was formerly the Chairman of the Hanover Township Planning Commission. Mark's appointed term concludes at the end of 2009 and he will need to stand for election this year.

New in 2008 was the implementation of the separate trash and recycling collection fees. We're very pleased that the overwhelming majority of residents understood and accepted the change. This year's billing process is underway and we expect another successful year. As an enhancement, we have expanded the type of material that will be collected for recycling.

Last year we also began the implementation of the new "yard waste" collection program. Township crews using a new waste collection truck have done a fine job getting the program off the ground.

An enhanced schedule, coupled with a public education effort has positioned us for even better results this year.

As planned, roadway system improvements were completed as part of the Jaindl Land Company development plan in the northern area of the Township. I believe



most people have been pleased with the roadway and signal improvements on Route 512 and the opening of Jaindl Boulevard and Sterner's Way.

The year saw us complete renovations to the old State Farm Insurance claims office on Brodhead Road. We also finalized a co-ownership of the facility with Lower Nazareth Township. Most importantly, the Colonial Regional

Police Department moved into this well planned and modern police facility.

Also joining the police in this building was the District Court and offices of the Honorable District Judge James Narlesky.

About this time last year, I had hoped to have reached a fair and amicable settlement with Bath Borough over the troubling issue surrounding the new police station. That settlement never occurred and the issue unfortunately wound itself through the legal system and took the entire year to resolve. I am now most pleased to report that we have reached a conclusion to the situation. Bath's legal challenges to Hanover and Lower Nazareth were denied by the Northampton County Court of Common Pleas, but were appealed by Bath. On December 30th, an opinion was issued by the Commonwealth Court upholding the earlier decision of County Court. No further challenges are expected. While Bath is not a co-owner of the new facility, they remain a member partner in the operation of the Colonial Regional Police Department.

A key issue that needs to be resolved this year is how to distribute a portion of casino tax revues to municipalities that border the City of Bethlehem. Under law, Freemansburg, Hellertown, Lower Saucon, Bethlehem Township and Hanover are eligible to

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What You Wanted To Know About Taxes..... And Were Afraid To Ask

Do you know what a mill is? Do you know how many mills of real estate taxes you pay to Hanover Township, the County of Northampton and the Bethlehem Area School District? Do you know how the assessed value of your house and the millage rates are used to compute your taxes? Everyone pays real estate taxes if they own a property, but most people don't understand how their taxes are computed or how all the verbiage about millage and assessed value translates to your wallet. Well, read on and hopefully some, if not all of your questions will be answered.

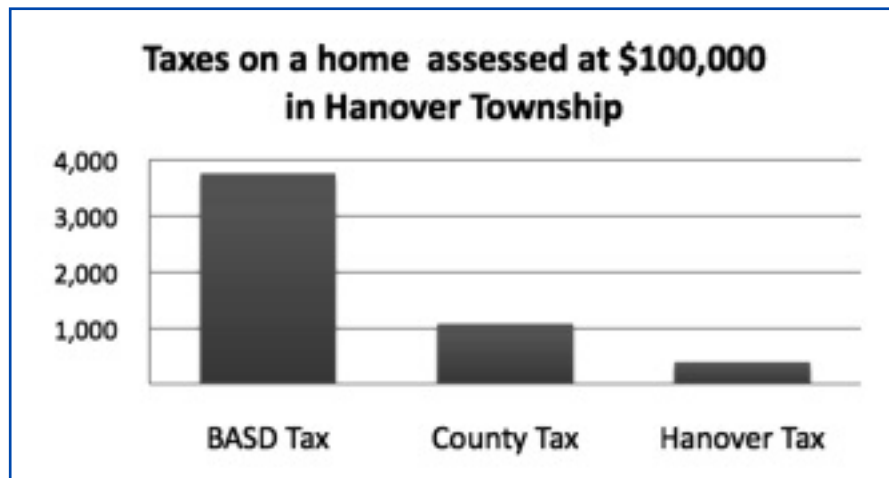
The word mill means a money amount equal to 1/10 of one cent. One mill is represented in decimal form as .001. Each year the three taxing authorities, the Township, the County and the School District establish the millage rate for the upcoming year. Currently the rates are: Hanover Township – 3.9 mills (.0039), County of Northampton – 10.8 mills (.0108) and Bethlehem Area School District – 37.56 (.03756).

2009 Hanover Township Residents' Tax Millage and Taxes for a \$100,000 Assessed Property

Your property values are determined by County of Northampton and the assessed value is 50% of the county determined market value. That assessed value is multiplied by the millage rates above to determine the amount

of tax you owe on your property. The chart below shows the values of three properties, what the assessed value is for each of those properties and the taxes you would pay to each of the three taxing jurisdictions.

<u>Property Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>BASD (37.56 mills)</u>	<u>County (10.8 mills)</u>	<u>Hanover (3.9 mills)</u>
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$5,634	\$1,620	\$585
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$3,756	\$1,080	\$390
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$1,878	\$540	\$195



The next chart, on page 3, shows what an increase of one mill in township taxes would be in dollars for a Hanover Township property owner. A one mill increase in Hanover Township taxes would be a 25.64% tax increase, which sounds like a lot, but it would only result in \$100

more in taxes from \$390 to \$490 for the owner of a \$200,000 property (assessed value of \$100,000). A one mill increase by the school district would result in the same \$100 increase from \$3,756 to \$3,856, but would only be a 2.7% tax increase.

<u>Property Value</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Current Township Tax (3.9 mills)</u>	<u>1 Mill Increase (4.9 mills)</u>	<u>Total Tax Increase</u>
\$300,000	\$150,000	\$585	\$735	\$150
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$390	\$490	\$100
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$195	\$245	\$50

Okay, now that you understand all the figures, below are *some* of the services provided for your township tax dollars:

Public Works

- Winter road maintenance and materials
- Yard waste collection
- Road maintenance-crack sealing, asphalt repairs and materials
- Storm sewer inlet maintenance
- Street sweeping
- Leaf collection & tree trimming
- Asphalt paving overlays and materials
- Street and traffic sign materials, maintenance and replacement
- Annual traffic line striping and all intersection markings
- Township-owned building maintenance
- Traffic light installations & maintenance
- Vehicle & equipment maintenance

Administration

- The administration, supervision and control of all township activities to provide the efficient operation of all township services

Zoning & Code Department

- Licensing of contractors and other businesses
- Building codes and zoning ordinance enforcement
- Building and zoning permit applications

- Building, site, and property use plan reviews
- Building inspection
- Nuisance complaints
- Property maintenance enforcement
- Property records and plans management
- Administration of construction and zoning appeals

Parks Department

- Maintenance of 12 community parks
- Maintenance of 7 tot-lot playgrounds
- Maintenance of 9 baseball / softball / soccer / lacrosse fields
- Maintenance of 8 detention basins & berms
- Maintenance of 1 major swale
- Maintenance of 3 pavilions (1 rental)
- Maintenance of three park / pool bathroom facilities
- Snow removal for municipal buildings and parking lots and sidewalks
- Three firefighters

Recreation Programs

- Subsidizing the operation and maintenance of the Community Center
- Subsidizing the operation and maintenance of the Hanover Township municipal pool

- Subsidizing the summer play-ground program

Colonial Regional Police Department

- Funding 52.3% of the CRPD Budget
- 24 hour, 7 day a week police protection and services to include:
 - ✓ Canine support
 - ✓ Investigative operations
 - ✓ Emergency response team training and operations
 - ✓ Truck safety and weight inspections
 - ✓ Public awareness and safety programs
 - ✓ Participation in drug task force
 - ✓ Bike patrols
 - ✓ DARE& Kids Cards
 - ✓ DUI Checkpoints
 - ✓ Citizens Police Academy

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1

- Subsidizing the 24 hour, 7 day a week fire services and protection
- Subsidizing the 24 hour, 7 day a week ambulance service including TEAMS & ALS services
- Purchase of all emergency vehicles (.5 Fire Tax)

How Hanover Township Residents' Taxes Compare with Our Neighbors

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

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

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

Assessed Value		Hanover (1, 2)	East Allen (3, 4, 5)	Palmer (2)	Bethlehem Township (3)	Forks (2)	Lower Nazareth (3)
↓	2009 → Mill Rate	3.90	6.50	6.25	5.90	5.10	4.15
\$150,000		\$585.00	\$735.00	\$937.50	\$885.00	\$765.00	\$622.50
\$100,000		\$390.00	\$650.00	\$625.00	\$590.00	\$510.00	\$415.00
\$50,000		\$195.00	\$325.00	\$312.50	\$295.00	\$255.00	\$207.50

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

New Township Website

In November of 2008 the Township launched its "new and updated" Website www.hanovertwp-nc.org with many enhancements and additional items being covered. Due to the new functionality of the site Township Staff is able to update the information instantaneously. We invite residents to view the information contained on the site and to also sign up for email notification.

The Township would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Mike Prendeville who served as the Townships webmaster since the site was launched in 2001.



STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP *continued from page 1*

share an expected \$1 million. The funds are intended to help offset the effects of the casino on public works or services. Bethlehem Township wants the distribution to be based on population. The other four municipalities consider this an unfair method and wish to remove the poli-

tics of determining allocation by supporting an equal share distribution. At this point it is up to Northampton County Council to decide on who will collect and distribute the casino tax. If you are following the story in the press, you will recognize that this is a problem in itself.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Director:
Cathy Heimsoth

RECREATION NEWS

Assistant Directors :
Firan Taglang
Rob Cepin

LOOKING AHEAD!

Summer Theme Camps
Specialty Camps
Hanover Preschool
Special HTCC & Pool Combination Pass
Pool Birthday Parties
Personal Training 2 day-Workshop
Scholastic Book Fair April 27-May 1

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Basic Memberships for your family allows you to utilize the basketball gym and game room, discounted fees for programs, aerobics and fitness room.
- *Did you know that it only costs pennies a day for a family to belong to the center?*
- Fitness Memberships are designed to give you full access- included in your fee is unlimited use of the fitness room, aerobic programs, discounted program fees and access to all areas of the facility and free child care while you work out.
- *Families pay \$1.30 a day to have a full fitness membership for the entire family!*
(family-fitness-resident)

It has become quite apparent that there is a need for child care within our community. That is part of the reason our summer programs have grown significantly. The Community Center has received many requests for organized activities before and after school for those children who are a little bit older and do not fit into the "traditional" day care environment.

With most families trying to save money and cut costs, it is difficult to find a program that will let you flex your time with child care.

HTCC has been doing just that for our preschool age children over the past few years. Creating an environment of care and activity for families when they need it the most. Preschool age children who are members of the Community Center

are able to sign up 24 hours in advance for extended care time at the facility. HTCC is a fully licensed child care facility and has been for 10 years. The very successful Preschool Program follows all standards for this license and is a 4 Keystone Star program. Not an easy task.

With leadership from Susan Lavelle, the School - Age program will be designed to work in a similar way; offering families a safe environment for their children before and after school. There are many things to work on in the next few months, transportation concerns and fee structure at the top of the list. Many of our programs are in place to support the needs of child care for our families. As we grow, we will continue to fill these needs.

The new program is targeted to begin in the fall of 2009. Before and After School Care programs for children 5 to 12 will be designed to create a safe and productive atmosphere for your children. Homework help will be available, computer access, physical activity, and organized games and fun.

Any family interested in the program is encouraged to sign up to receive complete details as they become available. Call us at (610) 317-8701.



HTCC IS DEVELOPING A
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
CHILD CARE PROGRAM FOR
FALL 2009!

Employee Highlight- Al Rotondi

Al has been working behind the front desk at HTCC two nights a week for the past 10 years! His commitment is exceptional.

Al is a retired school teacher from New Jersey. His attention to detail in taking care of our facility is definitely an asset. Al enjoys the many township events with his wife Joan- both retired and living in

Hanover Township. Joan is often seen at the special events taking photos. She shares these photos with us and has had several printed in our publications within the township.

Al and Joan often go south to visit family and enjoy their grandchildren. When Al is gone, we all miss him at the Center.

We encourage our members and residents to stop in the center and say hello to Al!

HTCC is now accepting
applications for summer
employment.

Support your community by
contributing your talents at
HTCC. Contact the Commu-
nity Center if you have a skill
you would like to share.



**VERA BRADLEY BINGO
SUNDAY 4/26 @ 1 PM**

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

Community Bingo - Thursday's

Congratulations to our 2008 winner of the progressive jackpot- this lucky person went home with \$375.00!

Except for January and August, Community Bingo runs the first Thursday of the month. Why not be one of our regular players who enjoys the fun evening out? Refreshments are available. Dates to remember: 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/7, 6/4, 7/2, 9/3, 10/1, 11/5, & 12/3

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. In February we highlight the Bethlehem Schwabisch Gmund- a sister city who sponsors BASD high school students for a two week educational visit to Germany! If

you know of a non-profit organization who would like to collaborate on this fun evening contact Cathy at HTCC. 610.317.8701.

Vera Bradley Bingo

Twice a year HTCC hosts a Vera Bradley Bingo. This spring our VB Bingo will be on Sunday, April 26th @ 1 pm. Tickets are \$15 prior to April 1st! \$20 after April 1st and at the door.

Refreshments will be available. Door opens at 12 pm.

"THE FIRST STRIDE

VOLUNTEER

MENTORS SUPPORT

THE PROGRAM" ...IF

YOU WOULD LIKE TO

BE A MENTOR

CONTACT HTCC.

First Strides Program and Goal Run 2009

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 program "runs" twice 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. Last year we hosted

400 women in this amazing event. The best thing about First Strides is the education and satisfaction of supporting each other as each participant improves their abilities.

First Strides Hanover will be starting the week of March 23rd. Contact HTCC for day, 6 Pm start time.

Registration is taken through the Community Center- either mail, fax, or walk in. Register before March 9th- \$40, After March 9th \$45.

Hanover Women's

5K Walk/Run

- Saturday, June 13th
- Run @ 9 am/ walk @ 9:10

\$15 early bird registration/ Starting May 31st and day of the race \$20. Gifts are limited to the first 300 participants.

New this year will be our Women's Health Fair! From 9 to 11 am stop in to support the race, win door prizes and learn how to keep your



**PERSONAL TRAINER
CERTIFICATION-2 DAY
WORKSHOP 4/25 & 4/26**

**GROUP EXERCISE
CERTIFICATE-JUNE 27
BALANCE WORKSHOP-
6/28**

NETA- National Exercise Trainers Association

HTCC partners with NETA is offering a two day workshop for Personal Trainer Certification.

Anyone 18 and older is eligible to take advantage of this certification. Nationally recognized and hands on, this professional development offers 1.5 ACE continuing education credits, 11 AFFA credits and 14 credits for NETA certified individuals.

Call for a free packet of infor-

mation at 1-800-237-6242. Registration is online at www.NETAfit.org or call the 800 number listed above.

Now accredited by NCCA! Join the fastest growing segment in the fitness industry. The 2 day course includes 14 hours of lecture, demonstrations and practical, hand-on applications. This extensive workshop is designed for people with some fitness experi-

ence. Includes: Exercise Science Refresher, Health & Fitness Assessments, Exercise Programming for Healthy Adults, Exposure to Cardiovascular and Strength Training Equipment, dynamics of Communication & Leadership skills, and a written exam & National Certification valid for 2 years.

On June 27th & 28th, NETA returns to host a Group Exercise Certification and workshop- "Ultimate Balance Challenge"

New & Improved: Easter Egg Hunt

Last year the overwhelming response and the bad weather proved to be a challenge at the Egg Hunt- this year we look to redeem ourselves. The Easter Bunny returns to HTCC to enjoy an afternoon with the children.

2000 filled eggs will be disbursed between three different age groups. Limits on registration to ensure control of participation! Coloring activity, Story time, and goody bags will be included in the fee, providing a smoother transition for age

groups. All these things add up to one common goal: to provide an exceptional experience for your families!

Bring your cameras for photo opportunities, and plan on staying for the "story time".

When: Saturday, March 28th
Age/Time: 0-2 12 pm
3-5 12:30 pm
6-8 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per child - hunt and goody bag! Activities will be taking place in the meeting room from 12 to 1:30 pm



NEW AND IMPROVED
EASTER EGG HUNT!



Birthday Parties

Your birthday is a special time
to celebrate the gift of
"you" to the world!

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!

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 10 am to 12 pm.
Optional Fee: \$2.00 per person for extra swim
time past 12 pm.

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

Meeting room rentals start
@ \$35 per hour.

Hanover Township Starz

Competitive Cheerleading

Come join us for one of the largest and fastest growing programs at the community center! Girls ages 4 and up will learn the fundamentals of cheerleading, cheer at soccer games for the Bethlehem Soccer Club and compete in 5 or 6 local competitions. This program promotes building confidence, character, community, and teamwork in every girl. Here at Hanover Township...we build STARZ! Practices: Tuesday and Thursday Program runs: July - early December

Registration: \$85 members/\$95 non-members (10% discount for 2nd & 3rd child)

For more information please visit our website at www.hanoverstarz.com

Fun & Stuff

Variety of games appropriate for the age group of the party. Join in the fun of the gym with crab soccer, freeze, hula hoops, relays, and much more!

Fun & Fit

Perfect for the child under 5 years old. Creative movement, Parachute, tumbling, bubbles, songs and more.

HTCC Sports Party

The sports theme parties are all held in the gym for children ages 5 and older. Choose from soccer, floor hockey, basketball, volleyball, kickball, whiffleball, flag football, or a combination of fun!



Scholastic Book Fair - April 27-May 1

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Help build our Child Care Library!

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK-CHECK IT OUT AT WWW.HANOVERTWP-NC.ORG



"THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY"



Preschool Registration for 2009/10 School Year Now Open

All registrations are handled by Susan Lavelle the Preschool Director. You may schedule an appointment with Susan by calling 610-317-8701. 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 Preschool offers opportunities for you to pick extra value programs or add extended care hours.

Hanover Preschool offers the following classrooms:

Pre-K Class-Curriculum designed with the BASD Pre-K standards and objectives,
Must be age 5 by January 31, 2010

4 yr old classes-Kindergarten readiness skills, socialization, and academic concepts,
Must be age 4 by October 1, 2009

3 yr old classes-Socialization skills, self-reliance skills, academic exposure and awareness,
Must be age 3 by October 1, 2009

At Hanover Township Preschool we believe every child is an individual ready to learn, explore and express themselves in a creative and loving environment. We provide the foundation for a lifetime of discovery through the encouragement of excellent, well trained, and caring teachers.

We are proud to be your NAEYC Accredited Preschool! We are also 4 Keystone STARS quality preschool!

NEW PROGRAM

Cake and Cupcake Class

Enjoy some creative fun in the kitchen!

Session 1: Wed. Mar. 4: 5-6pm, Wed. Mar. 11: 4-6pm, Wed. Mar. 18: 4-6pm

Session 2: Wed. Apr. 22: 5-6pm, Wed. Apr. 29: 4-6pm, Wed. May 6: 4-6pm
\$40 per child

FREE

Balance Screening

Dr. Steve Super, PT
Is the fear of falling or dizziness affecting the quality of your life? A quick balance assessment can help.
Learn ways to improve your balance.

When: Wednesday
March 25th
Time: 8 to 10 am
All ages welcome.

We invite all residents to take interest in our Community Center. Did you know that we have several opportunities a year to utilize the facility for free to Residents? Did you know that we have FREE programming on a regular basis for residents? Come for a tour and find out more.

Would you like to volunteer and earn membership credit? We have volunteer opportunities as well. Many of our part time employees are residents; earning membership discount and contributing their time and talent to the community.

Community Contributions:

STEP- this community service project brings high school age volunteers together to help run and contribute to programming at the center. This project was designed to encourage better communication and relationships with our high school volunteers.

Mother/Daughter Book Club- love the idea? We are looking for a leader to volunteer in organizing this book club for Middle School age children. Free to HT Residents. Contact Cathy @ 610.317.8701



Women's Book Club 1 pm
2nd Wednesday of month.

INTERESTED IN A BOOK CLUB?
HANOVER WILL BE STARTING A
FREE MOTHER/DAUGHTER
BOOK CLUB. SEE DETAILS
LEFT.



What's on
your *play* list
this summer?

Planning your vacation early? Need to know what weeks you have child care? HTCC Summer theme camp schedule is ready...plans are in the making. Join all your friends this summer for more choices and more weeks of fun at HTCC!

Summer Theme Camps and Specialty Camps

6-6/6-12- Career Week

6-15/6-19- Go for the Gold

6-22/6-26- Wacky Water Week

7-6/7-10- All Around the World

7-13/7-17- Be a Hero Week

7-20/7-24- Holidays in the Sun

8-3/8-7- Mad Scientist

8-10/8-14- Boot Camp Week

6-16/7-21 (Tues/Th) Speed & Strength Camp

6-15/6-19 Weight Training Camp

7-20/7-23- Traci Cyr CO-ED Basketball Camp

7-27/7-30- Traci Cyr Girl Basketball Camp

6-29/7-2- Dance Camp

8-10/8-13- Volleyball Camp

6-29/7-2- Art Camp

6-15/6-19- Cheer Camp

Watch for more details in the spring/summer newsletter and the website- coming soon!

Lawmakers Face Budget Blues as New Session Begins

A COLUMN BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE CRAIG A. DALLY - 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

A new session of the General Assembly began January 6th with the customary swearing in of members. There was, however, an undertone of concern during what is typically a festive day of ceremony in the Capitol. Following the swearing in, leaders from both sides of the aisle spoke of the fiscal challenges facing the Commonwealth as revenue collections are falling short of what was forecast when the budget was enacted in July.

According to House Appropriations Committee figures, the General Fund revenue shortfall is now \$814.5 million. The state is currently below estimate in each of the four major revenue collection categories. The year-to-date General Fund revenue total is 4.6 percent less than it was at this point last year. December 2008 marks the fourth time this fiscal year that the monthly revenue collections have come up more than \$100 million short.

Prior to the swearing in, House GOP lawmakers returned to Harrisburg in December to review the economic crisis and discuss how to deal with the challenges the state is currently facing. As a result of those meetings,



Representative Craig Dally

task forces were to develop comprehensive strategies that will redesign and refocus the state's efforts to strengthen the economy and create family sustaining jobs without depleting dedicated one-time funding sources and raising taxes. The task forces will focus on six key areas including state spending, education and job training, energy, health care, transportation and infrastructure and reforming state government.

I was appointed, along with Rep. Gordon Denlinger (R-Lancaster), to chair the Budget and Economic Policy Task Force. This task force will develop sound budget practices, suggest responsible budget cuts and promote innovative ideas to reduce government spending in light of the budget deficit. The task forces are to begin their work immediately in an effort to have proposals prepared for upcoming budget discussions over the next several months. Our major goal is to reduce spending without raising taxes or increasing the state's debt. I encourage you to visit www.CraigDally.com for updates on the activities of all the task forces.

MILLER-KEYSTONE BLOOD CENTER RESUMES CHOLESTEROL TESTING

Complimentary Service To Blood Donors Resumes After Suspension To Replace Outdated Equipment

Miller-Keystone Blood recently announced that it has resumed complimentary cholesterol screening for blood donors. "To help monitor and improve the health and wellness of our blood donors, MKBC has historically extended a free cholesterol screening to each and every donor that comes through our doors," explains Catherine Palumbo, Director of Marketing. "However, our previous cholesterol screening equipment was rendered obsolete in June 2008 because it is not compatible with a new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) mandated labeling system. Therefore, we were recently unable to offer our donors this complementary service."

Funds from the Blood Center's 2008-2009 Annual Appeal were designated to replace this vital equipment, in the form of the Olympus AU400 Chemistry Analyzer. According to Palumbo, this new equipment will allow the

Blood Center to better serve both its volunteer blood donors and blood recipients.

"This new equipment will enable Miller-Keystone Blood Center to resume providing a vital community wellness initiative to our blood donors by allowing us to assist in maintaining community wellness as a whole by screening for preventable and treatable diseases," she says. "We believe that this, in turn, will translate into additional blood donations, and ultimately, additional life-saving blood products available to care for premature infants, accident victims and cancer patients at our regional hospitals."

For more information, contact Catherine Palumbo, Director of Marketing, at ext. 291, at 610-691-5850 or 800-223-6667, or cpalumbo@hcsc.org.



MILLER-KEYSTONE
BLOOD CENTER

2009 Consolidated Budget
General Fund, Capital Reserve Fund, Recreation Fund, State Highway Aid Fund

	Consolidated Budget	General Fund	Recreation Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	State Fund (Highway Aid)
Beginning Balance -- January 1, 2009	\$ 11,106,123	\$ 6,239,242	\$ 31,899	\$ 4,316,476	\$ 518,506
REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES					
Property Taxes & Fees	\$ 1,703,815	1,703,815			
Other Taxes	3,311,010	3,311,010			
Licenses and Fines	80,000	80,000			
Fines and Forfeits	57,527	57,527			
Interest	236,149	150,000	966	70,000	15,183
Intergovernmental Revenue (recycling grants, sanitary sewer fees, insurance premium taxes, state aid)	921,931	676,291		0	245,639
Charges for Services (building permit fees, inspection fees, public utilities tax, solid waste & disposal fees)	2,001,402	1,260,706	740,696		
Miscellaneous Revenues	268,542	159,439		109,103	
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	902,918	0		902,918	
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	242,769		242,769		
TOTAL REVENUES AND FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 9,726,062	\$ 7,398,788	\$ 984,430	\$ 1,082,021	\$ 260,823
EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES					
General Government (legislative, executive, financial, tax collection, clerical, legal, engineering, buildings and plant)	\$ 678,383	\$ 666,272	\$ 12,111		
Public Safety (police, fire, crossing guards, fire hydrant rentals)	2,009,613	2,009,613			
Public Works - Sanitation (refuse collection)	1,112,269	1,112,269			
Public Works (road maintenance, snow removal, traffic signals/signs maintenance, street lighting, equipment)	2,073,106	989,045		754,591	329,470
Public Works - Other	2,400	2,400			
Debt Service	757,918			757,918	
Culture -- Recreation (recreation, community center, library contribution)	1,102,094	182,249	810,742	109,103	
Conservation and Development	33,565	33,565			
Employee Retirement, Unemployment Compensation, Insurance, Miscellaneous	1,126,715	967,149	161,566		
Capital Reserve / General Fund Transfers	1,193,456	1,193,456			
General Fund / Recreation Fund Transfer	242,769	242,769			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND FINANCING USES	\$ 10,334,289	\$ 7,398,788	\$ 984,419	\$ 1,621,612	\$ 329,470
Unappropriated Fund Balance December 31, 2009	\$ 10,497,896	\$ 6,239,242	\$ 31,910	\$ 3,776,885	\$ 449,859

PENNSYLVANIA FACES SERIOUS CHALLENGES IN 2009

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE - 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

The beginning of a new year always brings new challenges and 2009 will be no exception for the Pennsylvania General Assembly as we work to address the impact of the current fiscal crisis. The signs of the Commonwealth's economic condition are crystal clear and have been for some time. We have seen revenues coming in below projections on a monthly basis to the point where they now total \$814.5 million, or 6.8 percent, below estimate.

That shortfall and the latest state labor statistics, which show Pennsylvania's statewide unemployment rate as well as those of Lehigh and Northampton counties, increasing to 6.1 percent and 6.7 percent for Monroe County, dramatically emphasize the need for greater fiscal responsibility and spending controls now and through the coming months.

It is essential that we not lose sight of the impact the economy is having on individuals, families and small businesses across Pennsylvania. Many people are now out-of-work and many others are struggling to make ends meet. We must remember that as we look toward addressing the revenue shortfall of the current budget and the spending that will be proposed by the Governor for the Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget.

The Governor's updated projection of a \$1.9 billion revenue shortfall by the end of the 2008-09 Fiscal Year may be extremely optimistic amid the daily news of the financial troubles across the nation that have impacted the banks, investment firms, the auto industry and many



Senator Pat Browne

other businesses, large and small. It is important to remember that Pennsylvania's financial problems would be much more significant if it were not for the efforts made by the Senate over the past two years. The media, especially in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, was quick to jump all over the Senate for what they saw as a 17-day budget impasse in 2007, even then forgetting that the Governor and his \$2.5 billion in proposed tax increases were a major stumbling block to an agreement.

You can just imagine what our current economic situation would be if we allowed those tax hikes to pass and the Governor's spending increases to occur. Instead, the

Senate held its ground — despite tremendous pressure from the big cities — and in the end, not one of those tax increases made its way to the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget. This year, even though we passed a budget relatively quickly — especially under the standards set during the Rendell Administration years — the Senate was roundly criticized by several media outlets for not supporting the Governor's spending increases — particularly for new entitlement programs. Again, it looks like time and events have proven the wisdom of our efforts.

As Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, I believe that it is essential that we use the same fiscal prudence now and take whatever steps necessary to mitigate the impact that the slowdown in revenues will have on Pennsylvania's economy, both in the short-term and the long-term.

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected 1,160 tons of leaves and 296 tons of Yard Waste in 2008! This put these items in the correct waste stream and out of the landfills!

"NEW AT THE CURB"

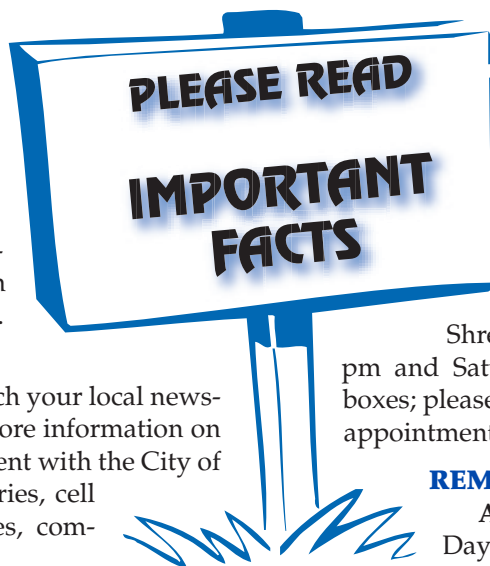
The Township has added to its residential curbside recycling program Plastics #1 - #7 beginning January 2009.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Watch your local newspaper and the Township Website for more information on the upcoming Electronics Recycling Event with the City of Bethlehem in May. Recycle your batteries, cell phones, fluorescent lights, microwaves, computer monitors, televisions and more!

TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

Attention all Township Businesses: Please complete



the Mandatory Annual Commercial & Institutional Recycling Report for the Year 2008 and return to the Township Recycling Coordinator.

FREE SHREDDING SERVICES

Did you know you can recycle your confidential papers by having them shredded at the Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center and it's FREE!

Shredding Hours are Mon-Fri 10 am – 2:30 pm and Saturday 9 am – 2 pm. Anything over 4 boxes; please call the Recycling Center to schedule an appointment at 610-865-7082.

REMEMBER EARTH DAY

April 22, 2009 is Earth Day! Make Earth Day Everyday by cleaning up your yard and the streets in your neighborhood. Organize a neighborhood clean-up and help keep Hanover Township Beautiful!

Main Library

11 W. Church St.
Bethlehem, PA 18018
610 867-7-3761
Mon.-Thurs.: 9 AM-9PM
Friday: 9AM-6PM
Saturday: 9AM-5PM

**South Side Branch**

4th & Webster
Bethlehem, PA 18015
610 867-7852
Mon. & Thurs.: 11AM-8PM
Tues. & Wed.: 11AM-5PM
Saturday: 11AM-2:30PM

The library will be closed on April 10, May 23, and May 25.

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

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

Don't miss it! **March Madness Book Sale** is scheduled for Thursday, **March 12** from noon to 8PM and Saturday, **March 14** from 10AM to 4PM. Over 10,000 carefully selected books, CDs, videos, and DVDs are arranged by author and subject and available at low prices. The library accepts donations of books and audio visual materials in good condition at the main desk during regular library hours anytime throughout the year. Call 610 867-3761 x259. The book sale web site is www.bestbooksale.org. The Spring Cleaning Book Sale is May 7 and 9.

Phone 610 867-3761x259 for the spring schedule of **computer classes for adults**. Three classes are offered: Introduction to Computer, Microsoft WORD®, and Searching the Internet. The Main Library also offers **Adult programs**: Phone 610 867-3761 x259 or visit www.bapl.org for the spring schedule which includes "Dress for Less," a gardening program, and a program on gem stones.

Check the library's web site at www.bapl.org or phone 610 867-3761 x499 for programs for students. Tutoring, SAT workshops, book discussions, and the annual Read Across America are some of the programs planned for 2009.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

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

Schedule A

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
				March 2	March 3	March 4	March 5
March 9	March 10	March 11	March 12	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19
March 23	March 24	March 25	March 26	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2
April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 13	April 14	April 15	April 16
April 20	April 21	April 22	April 23	April 27	April 28	April 29	April 30
May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14
May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21	CLOSED	May 26	May 27	May 28

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 the website http://hanovertwp-nc.org/public_works/Snow 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!

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

Be aware that we usually have to plow streets at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm. Please do not shovel 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 they lean is toward the roadway.

SNOW & SIDEWALKS

Please remember if you have a sidewalk adjoining your property all snow & ice must be removed within 36 hours after Hanover Township discontinues snow plowing operations. Please do not shovel snow into the streets!

TREES

Please note that the Township, when time permits, trims 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 in 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.

RECYCLING UPDATE

The Township has made provisions to collect all #1 through #7 plastics (remove caps and crush) (NO plastic bags, film, plastic toys). All items must be SMALLER THAN a 5 gallon bucket. (No Styrofoam)

Reminder: All cardboard must be no larger than 3' x 5' x 1' high, flattened and tied.

TRASH AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

While the Township doesn't have a formal ordinance to enforce this request, please DO NOT put material out for pickup before 6:00 P.M. the night before collection.

Please keep all trash & recycling cans behind the curb and NOT in the street. This is particularly important during the winter months.

All garbage shall be stored in containers with lids for pick-up. Please make sure your trash and recycling is secured from the wind and animals. Your neighbor does not want to clean up your blowing trash or recycling

PET OWNERS

1. Dogs are not allowed on Township Property.
2. Dogs shall be under owner's control at all times when off their property.
3. Please clean up after your animals.
4. All dogs shall be licensed with the County. (Forms available at Municipal Building or on the Township web site www.hanovertwp-nc.org)
5. Cat owners! Please be aware that as a cat owner YOU are responsible to keep your animal on your property. This has become a big problem over the past few years.

HANOVER ELEMENTARY

It's hard to believe we are entering the 2nd half of our school year! Time has really flown! We've been busy here at Hanover introducing new activities for our students to participate in after school. Our Theatre Group had its first production of "Toy School" before the holidays. We have some very talented actors and actresses in our midst! We're also busy planning an after school science program with Mad Science of the Lehigh Valley. We're hoping this takes us right into spring

by Laura Kuehner

to coincide with our annual Science Day! We had another very successful Reflections art program, with several of our students advancing on to the state levels. Planning for our 2nd annual Shopping Night Out is underway. This event will be held in April and will once again be open to the public. As always, we thank our parents and community for their continued support so that we can continue to be the High Flying, High Achieving Hanover Hawks!!

2009 Real Estate Tax Bills

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



2009 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2009 calendar year were mailed in January to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the end of January please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 235 for Francine. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited into our mail slot during non-business hours



what you always wanted to know: LOCAL SERVICES TAX

The Local Services Tax is a tax levied on individuals who are employed in municipalities or school districts that have enacted the tax. The Local Services Tax (LST) replaced the Emergency and Municipal Services Tax (EMST) on January 1, 2008. Hanover Township – Northampton County levies a LST in the amount of \$52.00 per year. The Local Services Tax is collected through payroll deductions from all employees. Self-employed individuals must pay their own tax on a quarterly basis per PA Act 7. However, if you choose to pay the full amount with your first quarter filing, that will also be acceptable.

The Local Services Tax is deducted for the municipality or school district in which you are employed. Since the Hanover Township enacted LST rate exceeds \$10, the tax must be withheld on a prorated basis determined by the number of pay periods established by an employer for a calendar year. In the event a person is engaged in more than one occupation or taxing district the collection of such tax shall be the taxing district in which a person is principally employed. The total LST paid by an individual in a calendar year is limited to \$52.00, regardless of the

number of taxing districts in which an individual works during the year.

A refund may be requested if employed in more than one taxing district and more than the maximum of \$52.00 was deducted. A copy of the LST refund request form and supporting documentation may be sent to Berkheimer Tax Administrator.

If you are employed in Hanover Township, there is a mandatory income exemption for those whose total earned income and/or net profits are less than \$12,000.00. Please be advised that the same income exemption may not apply for the school district portion of the tax and may result in a reduced refund. If you believe you will meet the exemption requirement, you must complete and return the Exemption Certificate to Berkheimer Tax Administrator.

To contact the Township's LST collector, Berkheimer Tax Administrator, please call 866.300.1714 or 610.599.3143. You may also refer to their website for refund forms, exemption forms and further information: www.hab-inc.com The above information is courtesy of Berkheimer Tax Administrator at www.hab-inc.com.

HELP WANTED

POOL, PARKS & CAMPS

The Township is currently accepting application for life-guards, gate guards and pool staff for the 2009 summer. Camp and park counselor openings are also being filled. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Rob Cevin at the Community Center, 610.317.8701

HELP WANTED

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CROSSING GUARDS

Need some extra cash. The Township is currently accepting applications for permanent part-time and substitute crossing guards. Hours are 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on school days. If interested, call (610.866.1140) or stop by the municipal building.

HELP WANTED



Jeena Rantuccio Receives Honor to Attend the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States of America

In January, outstanding high school students from across the United States took part in a truly American Celebration, the Inauguration of the 44th President – Barack Obama. The five-day program, the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference (PYIC) provided high school scholars with a better understanding of the history behind the electoral process and the rich traditions surrounding the presidential inauguration.

“The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference provided students with an opportunity to attend the events that coincide with the Inauguration of the President of the United States” said Marguerite Regan of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council.

Inaugural Scholars had the opportunity to interact with a major presidential candidate, White House officials, congressional staff, political experts and other VIPs, such as



former Secretary of State Colin L. Powell (USA Ret.) and former Vice President Al Gore. The scholars were also able to attend a Black Tie Gala Inaugural Ball.

Hanover Township was fortunate to be represented by Jeena Rantuccio a freshman at Liberty High School. Jeena is the daughter of Janice and Joe and has a brother Joey. Jeena has set a goal for herself of attending college to become a child psychologist.

At Liberty, while maintaining a 4.5 GPA, she is on the yearbook committee. Outside of school she devotes hours to her passion for dance, attending Miss Tonya’s Expressions of Dance in Nazareth where she takes hip hop, jazz and lyrical. Jeena belongs to FIAT (Faith in Active Teens) at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church where they have activities and also do volunteer work.

Congratulations Jeena and Good Luck!

FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Happy New Year!

The members of Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company would like to wish you and your family a safe, healthy and happy 2009! It is our privilege to serve you, our neighbors, our friends and our families. We will continue to work hard to be highly trained and proficient volunteers, ready to serve you in the EMS, Fire and Fire Police Services. We thank you for your support in 2008, and are thankful for the opportunity to serve you in 2009.

Santa Claus Day

It was our pleasure to escort Santa Claus around the township to visit with our children and their families on Dec 13th. Your smiles warmed us throughout the day, as did your generosity. The Grinch tried ruining the day by delaying our letters in the mail (which were mailed well in advance). Be assured, we already have plans in place to thwart any attempts he might make in 2009.



Additional Volunteers Needed

Consider serving alongside the Fire, EMS and Fire Police personnel that serve our community, and your family. The Fire Company provides all necessary training,

either on or off site. For more information, explore our web site: <http://www.htvfc.org/joinourteam>

If you are interested, contact the Fire Chief Scott Milham at 484-239-2247 or drop by the Fire Company at 100 Stoke Park Road any Monday night at 7:00 PM.

More Fire Company News next page

Fire Company Vehicles

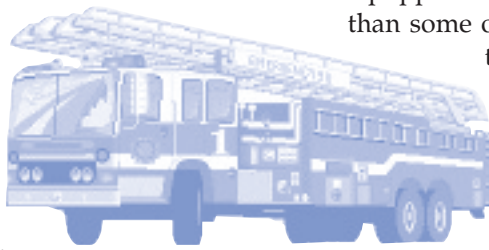
by Chief Scott Milham

Starting with this edition of the *Hanoverview*, I plan on writing a column that will respond to resident's questions and concerns regarding the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company, EMS and Fire Police Divisions and/or questions regarding fire safety. If you have a question please email them to htvfc1551@aol.com or you can email them to the Township at hanover@hanovertwp-nc.org. This month's topic is on Fire Trucks, their replacement schedule and why many volunteer fire companies have newer equipment than some paid or city fire departments.

First, many paid and city fire departments have the newest and most technologically advanced trucks and then some have older trucks that can either be well maintained or not well maintained. In the volunteer service many companies are equipped with newer trucks. However there are many that function with older but well maintained trucks. Volunteer companies generally respond to fewer calls than most paid departments, consequently keeping their trucks in service for longer periods of time due to less mileage and wear & tear.

Due to the fact that new trucks are very expensive it is difficult for some volunteer fire companies to purchase new equipment. For instance a new pumper may cost at least \$250,000 for the most basic of pumpers with minimal equipment on the truck and then another \$50,000 or more for the firefighting equipment that must be put on the truck prior to putting it in service. Additionally, the cost of firefighting gear for one firefighter is between \$3-4,000, which includes a full set of bunker gear, helmet, boots and a pager to alert them to calls. This does not include the cost of an airpack used for interior firefighting. The cost of the airpack is an additional \$5,000 per unit but it is not necessary to outfit every firefighter.

Many volunteer fire organizations do not get much financial support from their municipalities and rely on their own fundraising such as pancake breakfasts and bingo to fund the purchases of equipment and trucks. Some municipalities do not have a large enough tax base to adequately fund their volunteer fire companies. We are very fortunate in Hanover Township that our Supervisors have always taken a very proactive role in fire safety and EMS and make sure that the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company has the right tools to protect the residents and businesses.



There are many volunteer fire companies that are equipped with state of the art equipment that is newer than some of the paid departments. The main reason for this is that Volunteer Fire Companies do not have the labor costs, pension costs and benefits packages that the paid fire departments must incur. The starting salary of one of our local city fire departments is \$36,000 per year plus the cost of the health insurance and other benefits and the pension funding that also accompanies their salary. It would cost the taxpayers in Hanover Township in excess of \$1,000,000 a year for a full time crew available 24 hours a day, 365 days per year as the volunteers are. This cost savings allows the township to continuously upgrade the fire trucks (every 20 years) and ambulances (every 10 years) on a scheduled basis to avoid unit breakdowns and to upgrade to the newer technologies as they become proven technologies.

A driving force when fire trucks are to be replaced is the National Fire Protection Association's Standard 1901. The standard suggests that any equipment manufactured prior to 1991 does not meet the current safety standards

and should be replaced or used as a reserve truck only. One of the main safety standards that came after 1991 was that all firefighters must ride in a fully enclosed cab. Vehicles manufactured prior to 1991 allowed the



firefighters to ride in a jump seat outside of the main cab in a seating area that had a roof and sides but no rear enclosure or door. If the truck is involved in a rollover accident, the firefighters in the jump seat area can be thrown from the truck and seriously injured or killed. One of our current pumpers is a 1989 Mack (1511) which has a jump seat area like this but it is being replaced later this year with a new Spartan chassis with bodywork by M & W Fire Apparatus of Vinton, VA. There are many other safety standards in NFPA 1901 that govern fire trucks such as mounting sirens in the front bumper instead of on the roof where they were normally mounted. When they were mounted on the roof, it can cause hearing loss for the firefighters riding in the cab. These safety standards have greatly changed the way fire trucks are designed and built, all for the safety of the general public and the firefighters riding in them.

The decision to follow these standards is totally voluntary by any Fire Department or Fire Company. However, the problem in not following it is the fact that when these standards are not followed and someone is injured or killed due to the fact that the fire truck does not meet the standard, a substantial lawsuit may result. In conjunction with the Board of Supervisors we have established a vehicle replacement schedule that meets the NFPA 1901 recommended schedule.



R E T I R E M E N T

KEVIN T. HEALY *by Jay Finnigan*

On May 6th Kevin will retire after 38 years and 9 months of dedicated service to the residents of Hanover Township. Having started in 1970 as a 19 year-old laborer Kevin advanced through the ranks and in 1994 became the Public Works Director. Hired by Al Crawford, Kevin joined a township crew that had two other full-timers Franklin C. W. Frey and N. James Sterner, who later became the Township's first manager.

Over the years Kevin has held such titles and responsibilities as Equipment Operator, Assistant Road Foreman, Road Foreman, Animal Control Officer and Code Enforcement. Today, Kevin supervises and directs a twelve-man crew whose responsibilities include all road maintenance, pool and park maintenance, fleet maintenance, snow removal and facility maintenance. He has also been the Township's technical expert. He has also been responsible for dealing with the public, preparing bids and their specifications and communications equipment.

When interviewed in 2000 as he celebrated his 30th anniversary with the Township Kevin cited the 1995 and 1996 snow storms as the worst crises he had to deal with during his tenure. "There was so much snow and nowhere to go with it. Endless hours in the trucks for every man including the Township Manager and still we couldn't keep

all roads open. Without our dedicated crew things would have only been worse", Kevin recalled.

Kevin identified one of his most rewarding experiences as getting the Trash and Recycling Program up and running. "Helping Jim Sterner get the Trash and Recycling Program up and running was one of my most rewarding experiences; from researching and developing the contract to obtaining the grants. It was a long process, but thanks to our residents we have a very successful Recycling Program", Kevin reflected. Today because of the efforts of Kevin and other members of the staff, Hanover's Recycling Program is a model for other communities in the Lehigh

Valley and Commonwealth.

Kevin and his wife Sharen have been married 38 years and are the proud parents of Thomas and Christy. They are also the boasting grandparents of Matthew, Ashley & Alexis. Kevin and Sherry grew up in Bethlehem and routinely take time off during Musikfest to enjoy the sights and sounds of Bethlehem. Kevin is a big NASCAR and other racing fan, enjoys hiking, canoeing, traveling and time at his cabin in the Poconos.

Kevin plans to continue his travels during retirement and based on his strong work ethic I'm sure he'll pick up a job to continue doing what he does best – helping others!

KEVIN – THANKS FOR ALL YOU'VE DONE OVER THE YEARS IN MAKING HANOVER SUCH A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK & PLAY!!!

Helping Jim Sterner get the Trash and Recycling Program up and running was one of my most rewarding experiences.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP LIONS CLUB



Are you looking to be part of a Service Club that helps the Community and People in need. Would you like to: make new friends, have fun and raise funds to support charitable programs,

all at the same time. Consider joining the Hanover Township Lions Club.

We are looking forward to celebrating 20 years as a service club on May 13, 2009. Our biggest service project to date was building the pavilion on the Municipal Tract. Thank you to everyone who has sup-

ported us over the years, by contributing to our eye glass collection, to our White Cane drive at the Wawa and coming to our spaghetti dinners.

For information call Lions Willard or Bernice Kulp, 610-865-5440. When reaching the answering machine, please leave your name and phone number. We have not been able to return several calls for lack of a phone number.

Looking for students or scouts in need of service time. Consider helping the Lions.

NOTE: Next spaghetti dinner, April 18, 2009, Christ UCC, Airport Rd. serving 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Mark your calendar and join us for good food and fun.

*Serving Hanover
for 20 Years*

Preschool Reading Program
Great Fun for Children ages 2-6
"Ready to Read"
Friday, May 1st 12-2 pm

Children who learn to appreciate reading at a young age tend to maintain a love for reading throughout their lives. Give your little one a gift they will always appreciate! Hanover Township guests gather around the community center gym to read to preschoolers in small groups. Children receive small gifts as they rotate from reader to reader.

Children will also have the opportunity to do a craft, visit the Bethlehem Area Public Library Bookmobile, participate in raffles (and have the opportunity to win one of two bicycles and a Leap Pad). The children can also enjoy pizza and entertainment.

This program is free and open to all but please call to reserve your spot as it fills quickly. Call the Hanover Township Community Center and reference the Ready to Read Program, 610-317-8701.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Don't pile snow or ice against the trunk of your tree when shoveling or snow blowing. It can cause damage to the trunk (skin) of the tree.

Use plant safe de-icing material when treating your walks or driveway. Read the label before you buy.

SPRING IS COMING!!

MULCH: Less is better. Put down mulch only 2 – 3 inches deep, in as large a circle as possible around your tree. DO NOT let the mulch touch the trunk-- it can cause severe problems with rot, insects, fungus, and extraneous roots.

TOPPING: DO NOT top your tree (severe cutting back of branches to alter the crown and leave large stubs). This exposes the cut stubs to insect and fungus problems, as well as putting out structurally weak branches.

PERMIT: If your street tree dies it must be replaced with a tree from the Township's Approved list, after getting a permit (on-line or from the Township Office). No live street tree can be removed without a permit.

PLANT: Arbor Day is April 24th. Plant a tree on your property to enhance the property value and improve the environment.

**Community
Sponsors**



**Tanczos
Beverages**
 Jacksonville Road
 610-866-8039

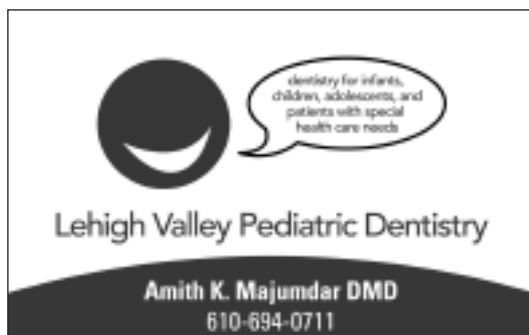
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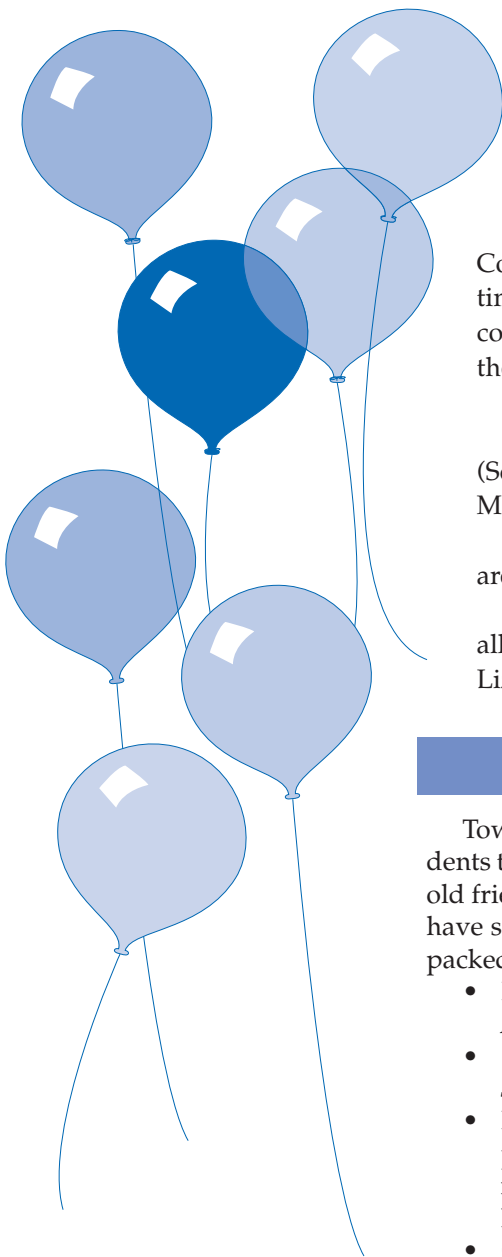
Bethlehem Square
 3926 Linden Street
 610-886-1000

Hanover
 Engineering Associates Inc



**Pizza Village IV
Pointe North**
 Pointe North - 610-954-7675





SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE NEWS

Special Thank You

Hanover Township would like to thank the members of the Special Events Committee for their dedication to the township and the generous donation of their time to plan, organize and develop Township Special Events. It is through their contributions that residents are able to come together as a community get to know their neighbors.

The Members of the 2008 Special Events Committee were:

Barbara Baldo Esq., Jacquie Cercone (Sovereign Bank), Erin Dishong (Sovereign Bank), Emily Kocis, Jared McLaughlin (Susquehanna Bank) & Michelle Michael-Mill, Chair (Thomas Michael Agency).

And many thanks also to the "Friends of the Special Events Committee" who are always ready to lend a hand. They are:

Cindy Doll, Danielle Romano, Cheryl Orth, Amanda Weller, and Hiedi Szekula—all of Suquehanna Bank, Patricia Weber and Dennis Matthews. Also, Vince Milite, Liz Gehman, Francine Spevack and Stacy Milo — all Township employees.

SPECIAL EVENTS CALENDAR 2009

Township Special Events offer all residents the opportunity to get together with old friends, meet some new ones, and just have some fun. 2009 promises to be a fun packed year!!

- **Ready to Read Program – Friday, May 1st, 12-2 pm**
- **Sousa Concert – Sunday, May 3rd, 2 pm**
- **Hanover Fair** – to be announced, please log onto www.hanovertwp-nc.org and click on the Special Events tab for date and details
- **Crime Watch's National Night Out Community Celebration, Tuesday, August 4th**

- **Patriot's Day Flay Retirement Ceremony, Friday, September 11th**
- **Halloween Festival** – to be announced, please log onto www.hanovertwp-nc.org and click on the Special Events tab for date and details
- **Holiday Tree Lighting, Marshmallow/Weenie Roast and Sleigh Rides – Friday, December 4th at 6 pm**

If you are interested in volunteer/participating or becoming a member of the Special Events Committee or if you have any questions, please call 610-866-1140.

Community Service Opportunities

Students interested in completing community service hours in Hanover Township should call 610-866-1140 ext 230 for more information.

Special Events Committee Volunteers

The Hanover Township Special Events Committee is looking for individuals willing to share their time and assist in the planning of township events such as the Ready to Read program, Sousa Concert, Tree Lighting and Fair. Please call 610-866-1140 ext 230 for more information.

SPRING CONCERT

John Phillip Sousa Concert Sunday, May 3rd • 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 Owen Bougher, and the Liberty Alumni Band under the direction of Ronald Sherry. The Sousa Concert is now celebrating its twelfth year and continues to be a hit – be sure to arrive early, 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 610-866-1140.

Attention Businesses and Organizations

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- ❖ Display of personalized banner
- ❖ Your Business name and logo in printed Township Event Programs

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