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## RETIRING MANAGER CAPS CAREER WITH INDUSTRY AWARD

*John N. Diacogiannis is leaving PPL on the highest of notes*



*On the left is NEIL Board Chairman, Gary Gates – President & CEO Omaha Public Power District. On the right is David Ripsom, President & CEO Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited.*

John N. Diacogiannis, who is retiring as Manager-Corporate Risk and Insurance, received an award in June of 2013 at the annual meeting of Nuclear Electric Insurance Limited, or NEIL. NEIL insures domestic and international nuclear utilities for costs associated with interruptions, damages, decontaminations and related nuclear property risks.

Mr. Diacogiannis was honored with the Quentin Jackson Mutuality Award, which recognizes a NEIL member who has shown significant leadership and looked beyond the interests of their own company to work on issues affecting the industry. The award is named for NEIL's former president and chief executive officer.

"I am very surprised and humbled to be this year's recipient," said Diacogiannis, who serves on several NEIL task forces and committees, including its Insurance Advisory Committee Executive Board.

"Very few risk managers, engineers and legal representatives have been awarded this honor. I'm truly thrilled to be included in the ranks of NEIL members who I've respected all these years."

Matt Simmons, Vice President-Risk Management and Chief Risk Officer at PPL, attended the meeting where Diacogiannis received his award.

"What struck me was the genuine respect John's peers have for the contributions he has made to NEIL and to the industry over the decades," Simmons said. "You could tell they appreciate all John has done over the years – just as we at PPL appreciate the work he has done for our company. I congratulate him on his award and wish him the happiest of retirements."

Diacogiannis had been a PPL employee since 1976. In his spare time, he also serves as an elected township supervisor in Hanover Township – Northampton County.

## STARS FOR OUR TROOPS

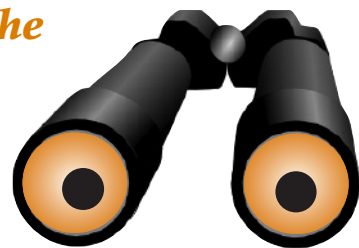
The Stars for Our Troops project accepts retired US Flags with embroidered (sewn) stars. Each star is cut out, placed in plastic and given or mailed to members of the Armed Forces or Veterans at home, on base, or overseas with a card that reads: *"I am part of the American Flag. I have flown over a home in the USA. I can no longer fly for the wind and the rain have caused me to become tattered and torn. Please carry me with you as a reminder – You are not forgotten!"*

If you wish to assist in the endeavor, please drop your retired flag off at the Municipal Building or Community Center. A representative from *Stars for Our Troops* will visit and remove the stars. *Stars for Our Troops* only accepts flags that are destined to be burned or buried. Those dropped off at the Municipal Building or Community Center will be burned annually during the Boy Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony on September 11th.



Stars are available at either the Municipal Building or Community Center should you want one for yourself or others. Please assist Hanover in supporting this worthwhile endeavor.

## "Township on the lookout for Crime Watch volunteers"



Police agree that viable crime watch programs help them keep communities safe. Civilian crime fighters need not get involved beyond being alert within their neighborhoods and calling the police when there are possible problems. Our Crime Watch program is only as strong as the core of volunteers. We would like to see each residential neighborhood covered by an active program.

**Captains are needed.** A captain helps to organize individual neighborhood watch groups by getting his or her neighbors to form an alliance. These "watchers" simply promise to spread information within their neighborhood by phone. That's it. Nothing more than being vigilant and helping the police from a respectful distance.

Most neighborhoods need captains.

Call Jay Finnigan at 610-866-1140 for more information or to sign up.

## LEHIGH LIGHTNING

The Lehigh Lightning 16U Tournament Team managed by the Liberty HS Varsity Softball Head Coach Rich Giering won the USSSA PA State 16U Tournament held in Forks Township, PA in July. They won the tournament by playing 5 games in one day and winning a total of 7 games during the weekend.

The girls won the gold in their last 3 championships in tournament play, with a 20-game winning streak. It doesn't hurt that 4 of the girls on this team were part of the Lehigh Little League team that won the PA State Championship in 2009, when they were 9 years old. Even though the average age of the girls on this 16U team is 14, they're showing they can compete.



Lehigh Lightning 16U - First Place Champions  
2013 USSSA Summer Slide Tournament - Lansdale - 07/07/13

The players are - Pitchers: Michaela Brunnabend, Maegen Kavanagh & Victoria Schmidt; Catchers: Ally Clause & Emily Kessler; Infielders: Kelby Giering, Kristin Kaleycik, Tori Kaleycik & Maddie McConnel; Outfielders: Megan Brown, Dallas Horning, Allison Milite, Dana Pollock & Maya Thom.

Manager: Rich Giering

Coaches: Tom Kaleycik, Mike Brunnabend, George Schmidt & Julio Martinez



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STAFF RECEIVE ADVANCED, PROFESSIONAL PEMA CERTIFICATION



**N**orthampton County Emergency Management Services Director Robert F. Mateff announced on September 5, 2013 that all three emergency management coordinators from Hanover Township in Northampton County received Emergency Management Certification through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA).

Under Title 35 of the PA Emergency Services Code, all emergency management coordinators (EMC's) in the Commonwealth are required to complete PEMA's Emergency Management Professional Development Program which includes 3 levels of Certification: Basic, Advanced, and Professional. Hanover Township Emergency Management staff will be recognized for having attained both Advanced and Professional levels of certification.

"Congratulations to Hanover Township's Emergency Management Staff on achieving this significant level of

professional development in the Emergency Management field," said NCEMS Director Mateff. "Their accomplishments reflect the highest level of preparedness and response capability in the county."

On Wednesday, September 4, 2013, Angel Gillette, hazard mitigation/disaster recovery manager for Northampton County Emergency Management Services, presented Kristopher S. Mattson, EMC and Vincent G. Milite, Deputy EMC with Advanced Certification. Professional Emergency Management Certification was also awarded to Township Manager John J. Finnigan, Jr., who serves as a Deputy EMC for the township. PEMA Professional Certification is the highest level of Certification you can receive under Pennsylvania's Emergency Management Certification Program. Hanover Township is one of only a few municipalities within the county to have multiple emergency management staff members certified by PEMA.

## HIGH SCHOOL



Students looking for a great place to earn your community service hours? Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company is always in need of volunteers to serve our community. We have several students who have joined our organization to serve their community as Firefighters, Fire Police Officers, and or Emergency Medical Technicians. All required training and equipment is provided at no cost to you. If you are interested in exploring how you can help serve your community, contact us at 610-867-2103, visit our website at [http://www.htvfc.org/home/about\\_htvfc](http://www.htvfc.org/home/about_htvfc), or stop by our station on any Monday night at 7 pm to watch us as we take part in our weekly training.

## EMS Corner by EMS Captain Karen Van Why



### CONGRATULATIONS!!

Volunteer EMT Kristi Rogers was recently recognized as one of the top Wells Fargo Volunteer Service Award recipients for her work with the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. Kristi had to work very hard to meet the requirements making her eligible for this award. Wells Fargo started their volunteer service award program in 1978 to recognize team members for their commitment to making our communities a better place to live and work.

Kristi was awarded a \$1,000 check which she presented to the Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company. The money will be used toward the purchase of new EMS safety equipment.

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Co. was also selected to apply for an additional \$1,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Community Partners Program.

### EMS CALLS - January - August 2013

Ambulance Emergencies .....	858
Auto Accidents .....	63
Fire Support .....	134
Miscellaneous .....	1
Total calls thru August .....	1,056

## Our First Annual Open House

Thank you to all who attended our 1st Annual Open House on Saturday, August 17th. The event was a huge success! Our committee worked very hard to make this event a success. Residents and visitors were able to tour the station, see all the equipment, and watch live demonstrations of rescue tools used in motor vehicle accidents. The children were able to squirt a real fire hose to put out a "house fire," and visit the Burn trailer to learn what to do if your house was on fire and much more.



Sparky with friends

## ASA PACKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Jonathan Horvath, Principal

On August 26, 2013, another school year began for students in the Bethlehem Area School District. Children enthusiastically departed from their buses with smiles on their faces. It was the first day for students at Asa Packer Elementary School. Hallways and classrooms once again came alive and resounded with excitement and enthusiasm. Teachers greeted their new classes and were assisted by our active and supportive parent group. Weeks of preparation by all were evident and were greatly appreciated.

The announcement of the recent Pennsylvania System of Schools Assessment (PSSA) indicated that our building once again performed well in both the areas of reading and math. Annual Yearly Progress will no longer be calculated by the state. A new accounting system called School Performance Profile (SPP) will now rank school performance.

New initiatives to the building this year will focus on the Common Core Standards and the implementation of Response to Intervention (RTII) and Read 180. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

Pride in our school, self and community carried over into our grade level assemblies that initiated the school year. Our school mascot, Pawla the Puma, presented on what it means to have P. R. I. D. E in our school and self.

Last year, we were recognized with the designation of a "No Place for Hate" school. During this year, we will continue and strive for a third straight year of designation. Throughout the school year, we will be completing various projects based on diversity, tolerance and acceptance. This program is intended to promote academic achievement through character development. The students' first project will take place on World Peace Day that occurs on September 20th. Students will be creating pinwheels and displaying them on our school property.

Our successful partnership with members from the Traditions of Hanover will begin the end of September and continue throughout the school year. Residents have become our in-school tutors and mentors and visit us on a weekly basis. The impact of these collaborations cannot be overlooked; they serve to benefit our entire school family.

Our Back to School Open House was held on August 29, 2013. The N. E. D. Show visited our school on September 26th and Picture Day was scheduled for October 4. School will be closed on October 14th for Teacher In-Service Day. Parent and VIP visitations will occur during American Education Week that is scheduled from October 15 through October 18. The Scholastic Book Fair will also take place during this week.

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



Hanover Township Community Center

## Recreation News

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### Children Services

- ✓ Hanover Preschool offers classes for the young 3, 3, 4, Pre-K as well as Kinder-club!
- ✓ Extended day programs available for all ages. Flexible payment options.
- ✓ Enrichment is open to children not registered in the Hanover Preschool; School aged children are welcome for after school enrichment activities.
- ✓ Members including senior members may take advantage of our enrichment program when watching their grandchildren- ask us how!

Contact our Children's Services department:

Phone:  
610-317-8701



## HTCC 2013 Car Show & Truck Touch



Hanover Township Car Show and Truck Touch was held on Sunday, September 8th.

Thank you to all the folks who brought out their cars or their families to help us honor the emergency personnel in Hanover Township.

This annual event is a great community program bringing together multiple generations for the day. Hanover Township public works proudly present the trucks that help our roads and parks stay pristine, and of course the Hanover Twp. Fire Company, EMS, and Colonial Regional Police were all on hand.

This year the National Guard was also here with one of their large trucks, a favorite of the day!

The Best of Show winner was decided by the family of Officer Lasso of whom our trophy is in honor. The emergency personnel often times put their lives on the line for the safety of our community; this is one way we show our appreciation.

- 2013 Show Winners:**
- Best of Show:** Chad Kucsan:  
1969 Chevy Camaro
- Modified American/Import:**
1. Donnie Huth
  - 1997 Ford Mustang Cobra
  2. Richard LeVan
  - 1968 Chevy Camaro R.S. 3.
  - Glenn Silfies
  - 1957 Chevy Truck
- Antique '88 or older:**
1. Rich Halbfoerster
  - 1955 Chevy Bel-Air
  2. Jim & Janice Smith
  - 1956 Ford T-Bird
  3. Dan Mohry
  - 1968 Shelby GT500
- Classic:**
1. Bill & Anita Brosky
  - 1967 Chevy Camaro
  2. Rich Schaller
  - 1970 Mercury Cyclone Spoiler
  3. Don Silfies
  - 1956 Ford T-Bird
- Motorcycles:**
1. Frank Grochowski
  - 1989 HD Sportster
  2. Vince Milite 2013 HD Street Glide
  3. Peter Knepper 2003 HD Elektra Glide Classic



The Lasso Family pose with the Best of Show winner Chad Kucsan



Kids loved the trucks and had the opportunity to vote on their own winners with the Kids Choice Ballots.

### Employee Highlight: Q & A w/ Patty Williams

HTCC: How many years have you worked at HTCC & what is your position?

PW: 13 years, Preschool Director, & a teacher in the Pre-K class

HTCC: How many years have you been in the education field?

PW: 30 years but I took some time off to raise my own children.

HTCC: What is your favorite thing about your job?

PW: The kids; they are happy and eager to learn. They make me smile.

HTCC: What was the draw to working at HTCC & Hanover Preschool?

PW: I live in the community and starting early on in the development of the program was exciting. I love the variety of opportunity the community center offers the children and their families.

HTCC: Can you tell us something new about the program?

PW: We offer an extended day enrichment program for our preschool children and also open the opportunity to the community at large to participate in this program!

HTCC: What is your best advice to young parents?

PW: A quality early education is essential as a foundation for a successful future!

## Community Outreach

Throughout the year HTCC offers a platform for many different causes throughout the year.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and we host two Vera Bradley Bingos a year, one in April and one in October reminding everyone to be aware of your breast health! Proceeds benefit the outreach programs as well as the VB Breast Cancer Foundation.

The annual Field of Pink is another way we give back to our community raising dollars for the Pink Ribbon Fund of the LVHVN. HTCC will be collecting donations through the month of October.

[www.facebook.com/FieldOfPink](http://www.facebook.com/FieldOfPink)

### • Vera Bradley Bingo

Sunday, October 20, 2013  
1 pm @ HTCC

This annual event is a favorite; come play for fun, play for a cause, play to win! Raising awareness for Breast Cancer—portion of net proceeds are donated to the Vera Bradley Breast Cancer Foundation.

### • Stuff A Truck

Back by request, ReStore will be collecting furniture, appliances and construction materials!

**When: Saturday, October 26th**

**Time: 9 am to 12 pm**

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

### • Community Bingo

First Thursday of every month!  
6:30 Early Bird/ 7 Start

**November benefactor:  
Big Brother & Big Sister**

Please join us for a fun evening at HTCC. Cash Prizes. Now booking charitable causes for 2014! Call 610.317.8701

**Bingo 3rd Friday of the Month  
sponsored by Kids Co-Op!**

**NEW - Friday @ 6 pm**



Donate Shop Volunteer

## Lifestyle Programming Dynamic years 50+

Fall has brought back many of the favorite afternoon activities at HTCC. We invite you to come check out the many opportunities you have to meet new people and enjoy your community center amenities.

Some examples are:

- Monday's Afternoon Matinee 1-3 pm FREE for Members/\$2 for NM
- 3rd Monday- Book Discussion Group 3 pm FREE
- 1st Tuesday- Cooking for 2

class 1-3 pm \$2 Mem/\$5 for NM \*chance to take home a free meal!

- 1st Wednesday- Red Hat Luncheon at an area eatery 12:30 pm-cost of your meal
- Thursdays- cards & more 1-3 pm FREE to Mem/ \$2 NM
- Booking a variety of social and educational activities; mark your calendars!

**HTCC is an authorized Silver Sneaker location!**

My favorite quote of the year

is when a member recently told me, "I wasn't in class yesterday because I was bowling, and I bowled the best three games of my life- I was whipping that ball down the lane!" *Silver Sneaker*

*Participant shared by Cathy*

### • TOPS CLUB Inc.- Hanover Township

TOPS Club, Inc. is a nonprofit, noncommercial weight-loss support organization. This chapter will be hosted by HTCC to help our residents and members **"take off pounds sensibly"**. Chapter Leader: Margaret Matthews

**When: Thursdays**

**Time: Weigh in from 7-7:30 pm w/ meeting following**

**Fees: TOPS National Registration yearly fee \$24 + nominal per meeting charge.**

## Holiday Shopping Showcase! November 14th - 5:30 to 8:30 pm

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

Free Admission—Concession stand open!

Tricky Tray in Lobby!

Interested vendors contact Cathy at 610-317-8701

## Program Highlights: something for everyone

**Zumba Kids Jr. 4-6 yrs:** Let your kids discover the fun of exercise in a **Zumba** class designed just for them! New program at HTCC offered by a certified Zumba instructor.

Zumba Kids Jr. formerly known as Zumbatomic® classes are high-energy fitness-parties that offer real results. Packed with specially choreographed routines and the latest music - like hip-hop and reggaeton - Zumbatomic classes increase focus and self-confidence, boost metabolism and improve coordination. More than just a great way to stay active and healthy, Zumbatomic classes offer a welcoming and upbeat atmosphere for kids.



Fees per 6 week session: \$39 member/ \$59 non-member When: Mondays Time: 4:30-5:15 pm

Fall Session 1: Sept. 23-Oct. 28 (week of) Fall Session 2: Nov. 11-Dec. 16 (week of)

### TEENWORKZ 13-15 yrs

This successful program from summer 2013 is moving indoors for fall and winter!

Who: Students 13-15 who want to learn leadership skills, support community programming and gain valuable experience for future jobs!

Teenworkz will meet twice a month on a First and Third Thursday night starting November and ending in April!

Fees: \$40, Includes \$20 for background check and child abuse checks (necessary for all township volunteers) Additional volunteer projects will be optional for participants. Facilitated by Rob Cepen, Asst. Director ph: 610-317-8701

Call for a registration packet and more details!

### STRESS MANAGEMENT

Presenting two workshops for your stress management needs ~ Registration preferred November 5th 1 to 3 pm

Laughter, Play and Joy: Explore the benefits of Laughter and play with a video by Harvard Medical School Professor, take a laughter self assessment inventory and share in an interactive workshop!

November 12th 1 to 3 pm -

"The Power of Forgiveness" ~Award winning 2007 documentary explores the importance of receiving & giving forgiveness. Learn how forgiveness helps us reduce stress as we discuss this powerful skill.

Facilitator: Annie Marans

Mem- \$2.00 per day/ Non-Mem \$5 per day

[www.hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.com)

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Tree Lighting- Friday, December 6. 2013, Hanover Township Community Center Ring in the Holiday Season!

The Tree Lighting Celebration begins at **6:00 pm** at the Hanover Township Community Center with plenty of fun for kids of all ages.

#### ***Festivities include:***

- \* Marshmallow & Hot Dog Roasting on an open fire!
- \* Music Sung by a Choir
- \* Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
- \* Ice Sculpting Demonstrations



- \* And last but not least visit with our special guest for the evening .....**Santa!**

Santa will be available for the children all evening so start working on those Christmas lists. Parents feel free to bring your cameras and capture the smiles with our one of a kind backdrop!

Please call 610-317-8701 or [rcepen@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:rcepen@hanovertwp-cc.org) for more information.

Accepting letters to Santa starting December 1st - drop your letter off at HTCC!





## Hanover Township Community Center



### HTCC Birthday Parties

Give them the party they will always remember!

Let us do the work and you enjoy the day!

Hanover Township Community Center is the perfect place for your child's birthday party. All parties allow for one hour of activity in the gym or studio. A party coordinator will work with you to develop activities to make it a special day. The best part is that you won't have the mess in your home!

After the activity, each party has one hour in the meeting room for presents, cake and more fun.

Pick up your Party information at the front desk of HTCC or call 610-317-8701 for more details.

Featured Party: ZUMBA! Let the party begin with this fun Zumba Themed party at HTCC!

HTCC celebrates the anniversary of our opening on **Saturday, November 9th**. Join us for a day of activity and fun; stop by and pick up a one day free pass!

• Basketball Gym • Fitness Room • Game Room •

**You are Invited!**

### Gift Certificates & Coupon Books are available for your holiday needs!

**Gift ideas: Gift Cards can be purchased in denominations of \$10.00**

- Stocking stuffer for the college student home for one month! 1 mo. student fitness pass-\$25
- Great for the kid who plays at the center and is always looking for that slushie money!
- Great gift for that special coach- he could always use help with practice costs or a chance to play himself!
- Give the gift of summer- designate your GC for the pool!
- Kidsstuff Books
- Around Town- Lehigh Valley edition; orders for other editions available!



<https://www.facebook.com/HanoverTownshipCommunityCenter>

## Fitness Fair

**Saturday, January 11, 2013**



- ♦ Membership Discounts
- ♦ Valuable Information on healthy and wellness
- ♦ Meet the staff and tour the facility
- ♦ 9am-12pm
- ♦ Featuring our Discount Lottery - first 50 people to attend the *Fitness Fair* have an opportunity to win a free membership!

## Anniversary Weekend Happenings

**Saturday, 11/9**

- HTCC would like to focus our Anniversary weekend on beating Childhood Obesity, a national tragedy. Come out and join us in either the 5K, Pump & Run, or 1 Mile Family Walk.
- Third Annual 1Mile Walk: *Taking steps to a better future...a family walk to benefit our youngest learners - new time: 9:45 am (run for yourself & then walk with your kids!)*
- 10% discount on all Membership on 11/10 featuring 25% on STUDENT FITNESS MEMBERSHIPS (12 to 18 yrs)! Sat. only
- Annual 5K & Pump and Run Registration begins at 7:30 am ~ Race kicks off at 9:00 am
- Free Nutritional Seminar at 10:15 am ~ presented by Whitney Derrico of LivenUP Health & Fitness Club.
- Basketball Foul Shot competition! 9-11 am ~ who can make the most foul shots; \$2 to participate ~ winner takes home 50% of the registration!

## Lauri Moore

*Psychic Medium*

*Back by Popular Demand*

When: Sunday, January 18th

Time: 3-4:30 pm

Tickets: \$10.00

Gallery reading, purchase your tickets early there is limited seating. Available at HTCC starting November 1st. Tickets are a great stocking stuffer!



## HANOVER SCHOOL NEWS

by Tim Lynch, Principal

August 26, 2013, marked the start of another school year for the 231 students at Hanover Elementary School. The teachers and staff spent numerous hours over the summer preparing to greet the energetic and enthusiastic learners. We welcomed approximately 50 new families and 10 new faculty members. We congratulated Mrs. Kelleher (grade four teacher), Mrs. Russell (grade three teacher), Mrs. Gabriel (ESOL teacher), Mrs. Amano (day-care), and Mrs. Wallander (teacher assistant) on their retirement and wished them the best of luck as they began a new chapter in their life.

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) are in and the results revealed that the students of Hanover Elementary School met or exceeded the benchmarks set forth by the state. The students were assessed in the areas of reading, mathematics, science, and writing. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has moved away from reporting adequate yearly progress and will now report using a school performance profile. Every public school in the commonwealth will receive a score based on a number of reporting factors. The faculty and staff will continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence. The four components of the Roadmap include: Core Learning, Stretch Learning, Student Engagement, and Personal Skill Development. This year our students will be instructed using the Common Core State Standards in the area of mathematics. Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII) and READ 180 will also be implemented during the school year.

The calendar of events and happenings is full of opportunities for the students and families complete community outreach projects and numerous PTA and Student Council sponsored activities. We will strive to be a "No Place For Hate" school as we complete projects throughout the year to obtain the "No Place For Hate" designation. The pro-

gram is designed to teach tolerance, learn about diversity and acceptance for all. On September 20, 2013, our property was filled with Pinwheels for Peace as we took part in World Peace Day. The pinwheels were decorated on one side and contain the students' wish for world peace on the other side. The annual Hawk Walk will be held on the school grounds October 4, 2013. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk through a monetary donation or corporate sponsorship please contact the school at (610) 691-3210. The staff and students will be wearing pink tie-die t-shirts for the walk as we partner with the Hanover Township Community Center and the Field of Pink campaign. One dollar from the sale of each t-shirt will be used to buy a flag which will be placed near the Armed Services Park in hopes to raise awareness for breast cancer as we honor one of our own who is battling the disease. October 15-18th is Bethlehem Education Week and we invite parents and community members to visit our school and classrooms to observe the wonderful curricular offerings in the Bethlehem Area School District. October 18, 2013 students will welcome the special people in their lives as we celebrate "Great Persons Day". The Scholastic Book Fair will be open during Bethlehem Education Week and Great Persons' Day.

Our reading theme for the year will challenge the students to read books from numerous authors and across all genres. Author studies and profiles will be featured on our reading challenge bulletin board. I know the children are up for the challenge because the students from Hanover Elementary School read 27,463 books last year!

Thank you to the staff members, students, PTA, parents, and community partners. We look forward to another year filled with academic and personal growth as we continue to strive to be the High Flying, High Achieving, Hanover Hawks.

## Santa's Arrival - December 14th

Santa will be making his annual ride through our Township on a firetruck on Saturday, December 14th. Santa will visit every street in the Township with a little treat for each child. Santa as always welcomes any donations to your Fire Company. The donations help us to pay for training, supplies, equipment and a whole lot more to keep you, our residents, safe.



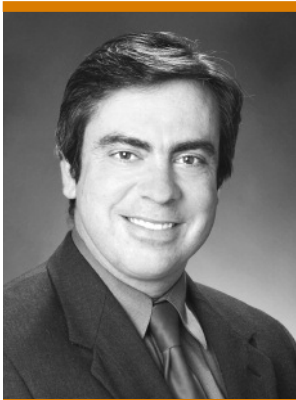
## LIONS CLUB NEWS

The Lions are planning a White Cane fundraiser at the Turkey Hill (S.R. 0512 & Sterner's Way) on October 11th. All monies raised will go to sight related projects the club supports. The club recently welcomed a new member, William Jacob into its ranks. For those who are interested in becoming a member of the world's largest community service organization, please call Lion President Paul Scheltzer at 610-691-6999 or Membership Director Lion Paul Tanzosh at 610-570-9040.



## GOVERNOR SIGNS SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM LEGISLATION

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE,  
16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT



Senator Pat Browne

Legislation crafted by Senate Majority Whip Pat Browne (R-Lehigh) and Representative Bernie O'Neill (R-Bucks) that will provide long overdue reform to Pennsylvania's special education funding formula was recently signed into law.

Act 3 of 2013 (House Bill 2) created a 15-member panel which will develop methodologies for a new formula to allocate any new state special education

funding in a manner that recognizes the actual number of physically- and mentally-challenged students in a school and the various levels of their need for services.

"I am pleased that the Governor signed this bill into law, which will make long overdue reforms and changes to how Pennsylvania funds special education," said Browne, who sponsored the companion bill (Senate Bill 470) to House Bill 2. "The current funding formula system is ineffective in ensuring that state money is adequately and equitably distributed. Act 3 creates a Commission, of which I am pleased to be co-chair, whose charge is to develop a special education funding formula and identify factors that may be used to determine the distribution of changes in funding among school districts."

In June, Senator Browne and Rep. O'Neill, also co-chair of the special education funding formula commission, joined by Governor Tom Corbett and Representatives Frank Farry (R-Bucks), Sam Saylor (R-York), Dan Truitt (R-Chester) and Mike Sturla (D-Lancaster) representatives of several special education organizations for a ceremonial bill signing at William Tennant High School.

Currently, state funding for special education is distributed based on an estimate that special education students make up 16 percent of the overall student population in each school district. The legislative commission will use the following parameters to develop a new formula for distributing any increases in special education funding over the levels allocated in the 2010-11 school year:

- The formula must include the establishment of three cost categories for students receiving special education services, ranging from least intensive to most intensive.
- The commission must obtain a student count for each school district, averaged for the three most recent school years, for each cost category established.

## Fire Company Frequently Asked Questions

By: Fire Chief Craig Wasem

**Q: Why do I see personal vehicles with flashing blue lights but no sirens?**

**A:** All firefighters and Emergency Medical Technicians are permitted to utilize blue warning lights on their personal vehicles. The flashing lights are simply a courtesy light and do not provide the driver to operate outside of the standard vehicle code guidelines. However, we encourage you pull to the side of the road and allow them to pass, because during an emergency, every second counts.

**Q: Firefighters wear a lot of gear; is it fireproof and how much does it weigh?**

**A:** The gear we wear weighs about 56 pounds. The clothes are called "turn-outs" or "bunker" gear as they generally are turned inside out and kept in lockers at the firehouse to facilitate a quick change. The turnouts are made of a material called Nomex or PBI which is fire retardant but not fireproof, so it will burn. We must be able to put our turnout gear on in less than a minute. And yes, it does get rather warm in the summer as we must wear these clothes when we respond to structure fires, hazardous materials incidents, and traffic accidents.

**Q: Why is it necessary for firefighter to break windows and cut holes in roofs?**

**A:** As a fire burns, it moves upward and outward. Breaking the windows and/or cutting holes in the roof (called ventilation) stops the damaging outward movement and enables firefighters to fight the fire more efficiently, actually resulting in less damage to the structure and its contents. These types of ventilation also remove the extremely hot air and smoke from the building, making the job of the firefighter a little easier.

**Q: How many calls for assistance does the Fire Company respond to each year?**

**A:** Each year our call volume steadily been increases. Total for the year 2012 was approximately 500 responses. A majority of the responses are false alarms and motor vehicle crashes.

**Q: How many fire trucks do you have at the fire station?**

**A:** 3 Engines; 1 Ladder Truck; 1 Heavy Rescue Truck and 4 Utility Vehicles. *The utility vehicles consist of two pick-up trucks, one command vehicle and one ATV.*

**Q: Can I take a guided tour of the firehouse?**

**A:** Yes. You can either come to the firehouse on any Monday evening at 7pm during our weekly training sessions, or contact the firehouse at (610) 867-2103.



## RESIDENTIAL WASTE AND RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

As winter approaches we again ask residents cooperation in the placement of their RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING and YARD WASTE containers. The above picture depicts where the Township and trash hauler would appreciate the placement of the barrels. It eliminates confusion on days when both are being collected. Containers **ARE NOT** to be placed in the street.

Additionally, the Township requests that containers not be put out until 6:00 p.m. the night proceeding your pick-up.



## NEW INFORMATION ON THE BETHLEHEM YARD WASTE FACILITY

As of October 1, 2013 the Yard Waste Facility will be open weekdays, Monday through Friday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The facility will be closed the months of February and March 2014

**The facility requests that all items should be covered with a tarp when picking up or dropping off material.**

## ELECTRONICS

As a reminder – NO ELECTRONICS can be placed in the trash or recycling at the curb - Please continue to use FreeCycle located at 795 Roble Road, Allentown, PA, 18108 to dispose of any electronic recycling. Items accepted along with their hours and any applicable fees may be found on the Township website or you may call FreeCycle at 610-217-3868.

## Shade Tree Advisory Board

### **PLEASE REPLACE YOUR TREE**

If you lost a tree in the Township right-of-way from a storm or other cause, get a permit (available on the Township website or from the office) and select a replacement tree from the proper category on the Township's Approved Tree List. The trunk must be 2 – 2 ½ inches in diameter. It is extremely important to plant the tree correctly (instructions on the Township's Shade Tree website) and to water the tree during dry spells.

### **EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)**

If you have an ash tree on your property, see the section on EAB on the Township's Shade Tree website for up-to-date information on protecting your tree from certain death in the next several years. Some streets in the Township have only ash trees: 4700+ Kathi, Toni, and a portion of Loraine. In addition, there are ash trees scattered in other neighborhoods throughout the Township.

*From the desk of the Public Works Director:*

## PROPERTY OWNERS

Please note that the Public Works Department Township when time permits, trim's trees overhanging the roadway, to provide proper clearance for vehicles. If you do not want your trees trimmed by the Township please have your trees trimmed regularly. The Township also trimmed trees overhanging sidewalks this summer to allow for safe clearance for pedestrians.

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

Shrubs and pine trees overhanging the road have also become a problem. Please keep all trees and shrubs behind the rear face of curb.

Proper clearance for pedestrian's walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you.

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



## Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ mobile App puts Residential Waste & Recycling collection information on your smartphone

Easy-to-find information when and where you want it

If you are one of the growing number of people who has a smartphone or tablet, you can download a Hanover Township App that puts residential waste & recycling, special waste collection details and more at your fingertips, anytime you want them.

Called 'my-waste'™, the app lets mobile device users download the full range of information that is normally on the website or in the collection schedule that Hanover Township distributes. But now residents don't have to go hunting for the printed schedule or be sitting in front of their computers. Instead, by downloading 'my-waste'™, Hanover Township residents can check details for regular and special collections and events for household hazardous waste or e-waste days, and more.

Special features of the Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ App include a search function that lets residents quickly find information about what to do with a regular or out-of-the-ordinary item, plus there are tips for reducing and recycling waste in apartment and condo buildings.

The Republic Services Hanover Township 'my-waste'™ download is free. Residents can get it by going to [www.my-waste.mobi/PA-Hanover](http://www.my-waste.mobi/PA-Hanover), then selecting the icon link either to the iPhone/iPad or Android App store.

Although Hanover Township added the 'my-waste'™ App to its communication outreach activities it will continue to distribute printed materials and have information on the website for residents who prefer traditional promotional and educational materials.

Hanover Township was the first of Republic Services customers to be able to participate in this program.

## See You At My Senior Expo

A COLUMN BY

REPRESENTATIVE MARCIA M. HAHN,  
138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

One of my favorite events each year is the annual Senior Expo my staff and I put together. This year's event will take place on Friday, Oct. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth.

We are lucky to live in the Lehigh Valley and be surrounded by so many great providers and businesses. Many of those that cater to senior citizens will be on display that day, as we have a large number of vendors



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

scheduled to take part. There will be musical entertainment again this year, and light refreshments will be available at no charge. A number of door prizes will also be awarded throughout the day, and there is no admission fee.

Thanks to the St. Luke's University Health Network, flu shots will again be available at no cost. Please remember to bring your Medicare card if you plan to be vaccinated. This is a great opportunity for seniors, their families and caregivers to get a firsthand look at services available to them. I hope to see many of you at my Senior Expo.

Questions about this or any legislative issue should be directed to my district office at (610) 746-2100.



## Main Library

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

## HOURS

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

## South Side Branch

400 Webster Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015  
610 867-7852

## HOURS

Tuesday & Thursday: noon-8PM  
Wednesday & Saturday: noon-5PM

*The Library is closed November 28  
and December 24 and 25.*



**Bethlehem**  
**Area Public Library**

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



**You now have access to nearly 1 million books, DVDs and Cds!** Beginning in July, Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton public libraries opened their collections to each other. The three libraries will continue to be independent, but will also be identified as the *Lehigh Valley Library System*. The Lehigh Valley Library System's inaugural service allows patrons to borrow materials directly from the two other public libraries and have materials delivered daily.

## BAPL Book Sales

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

610 867-3761 x235

Wednesday, December 4: noon-8PM

Saturday, December 7: 10AM-4PM

10,000+ books, DVDs & CDs

## SPOOKY GOLF

### Save the date

Sunday, October 13

Miniature golf with a Halloween theme inside the Library. Prizes, food & fun for the family.

*All proceeds benefit BAPL.*

## Program Information

Phone the Main Library at 610-867-3761 x224,  
Youth Services at 610-867-3761 x499  
the South Side Branch at 610-867-7852  
or visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) to register or for details.

## Free Adult Programs

- Technology workshops with individual instruction to answer all your computer/technology questions
- Author Katherine Ramsland investigates haunted crime scenes
- Culture of India
- Zumba fitness
- Spanish 101
- *Game On* with board and video gaming
- Gentle yoga instruction
- Holiday concert with the *Really Terrible Orchestra!*
- Holiday cookie exchange

## Free Children's Programs

- School-age *Super Saturday* events
- Family Fun Nights
- *International Games Day*
- Math skills event
- *Bricks 4 Kidz* Lego™ workshop
- Fiesta, Halloween & holiday celebrations
- Kids' fitness
- Daytime *Storytimes* for infants, toddlers & preschoolers
- *Family Place*: connecting parents & kids to community resources
- After school homework help: grades 1-12, all subjects

## Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

*Mondays, except where noted*

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning September 16)

12:15-1:15 Cheryl Dr. at Southland Condos (*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 September 23)

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

## Leaf Collection

Township Leaf Collection will begin October 14th and run through the first week in December (weather permitting). Place your leaves at the curb in a windrow and make sure the leaves are free of all debris. Also, make sure you don't park vehicles on these windrows as the vehicle may catch fire. While there is no set schedule for leaf pickup we will be updating the Township Website with the location of our three trucks so you'll be able to judge when your leaves will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews' progress. All trucks work north to south in their section of the Township. The location of the trucks will be updated on the home page of the website ([www.hanover-twp-nc.org](http://www.hanover-twp-nc.org)).

Section I – East Allen Border to Crawford Drive

Section II – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

Section III – Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

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



## SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING *cont'd from page 10*

- The commission will assign a weight to each category of disability.
- The commission must develop a fair system for distributing the increase among the school districts and calculate the amount of funding that each school will receive under the new formula.

The commission held hearings across the state to gather information and will issue a report of its findings this fall. The new special education funding formula will not go into effect, however, until approved by the General Assembly.

House Bill 2 passed both the House of Representatives (March 11, 2013) and the Senate (April 9, 2013) unanimously before being signed by the Governor on April 25, 2013.

## F Y I

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

It is almost October and not too distant in our memory lingers Super Storm Sandy in 2012 and the surprise Halloween Storm in 2011. While Hanover was not affected as severely as other parts of the Mid-Atlantic and Northeast we were presented with our own challenges. Please take the time to review the "Be Prepared at Home" information that appears on page 15 of this edition of the Hanoverview.

### TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In November of 2013 Township staff will present the Board of Supervisors with the 2014 Township Budget. Again this year we've seen a significant number of commercial properties file for tax abatements and some are still going through the hearing process which will have a negative effect on the Township revenue stream, which in turn could have long-term will affect on the mill rate.

Watch the Township website for additional information when it becomes available.

### 2013 RESIDENTIAL WASTE & RECYCLING BILLS

Residential customers who did not pay their 2013 bills as of August 23rd had their accounts turned over to Creditech for collection. Creditech will be contacting those residents to secure payment. If Creditech does not receive payment in full the Township will lien the property on or after December 15, 2013.

### EAGLE SCOUT SANTEE

Thomas Ellis Santee, a member of Boy Scout Troop 302, First Presbyterian Church, Bethlehem, PA, was honored at a August 25, 2013 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle Scout Ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.

Through the years, Thomas held the following leadership positions for his troop: Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Scribe and Patrol Leader. He completed Boy Scout National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) in 2012 and served as counselor in 2013.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Project Thomas restored and renovated the prayer labyrinth at Advent Moravian Church, Hanover Township. The renovation included the restoration of cracked and broken paving stones, reconstruction of the labyrinth are as well as the creation of flower beds to provide isolation and a more contemplative atmosphere.

Thomas is currently a senior at Liberty High School where he member of the varsity lacrosse team, varsity rifle team, National Honor Society (President), LHS Band (senior section leader, trombone section), LHS First Company, LHS School Play (actor and pit orchestra), Scholastic Scrimmage Team and LHS Science Olympiad Team.

Thomas is the son of Richard and Mollie Sante.



## BE PREPARED AT HOME

If an emergency happens, it's important to have a plan of action for you and your family. Creating an emergency contact list, making a plan for your family and having an emergency kit on hand are the most important things you can do to be prepared.

### HOW TO MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Your family may not be together when an emergency happens, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency.

Below are tips to help you make an emergency plan for your family. Remember, your emergency plan should be looked at and updated several times a year.

1. Meet with family members and talk about the dangers of different emergencies, including things like floods, severe weather, nuclear accidents and flu pandemics.
2. Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency.
3. If your family is not together when an emergency happens, discuss ahead of time who will pick up the children or others who depend on you as well as where you will meet if an evacuation is ordered. You should plan to meet as far away from the danger area as possible.
4. Discuss what to do in case the power is out or someone is hurt.
5. Draw a floor plan (map) of your home. List escape routes from each room.
6. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches in your home. If for any reason you turn off natural gas service to your home, call your gas company to have it turned back on when the emergency is over. Do not try to restore service yourself.
7. Put emergency contact numbers near all telephones. Pre-program emergency numbers into phones with auto-dial features.
8. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 to get help during an emergency.
9. Teach children how to make a telephone call to a trusted friend or relative if they are not with you during an emergency. Because it is often easier to call long-distance numbers during an emergency than local numbers, one of your emergency contacts should be from outside your area.
10. Tell family members to turn on the radio, the weather radio or television for emergency information.
11. Pick two meeting places — a place near your home and a place outside your neighborhood — in case you cannot return home after an emergency.
12. Take a basic first aid and CPR class. Contact the American Red Cross for more information at: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call: 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is also available through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) at 717-651-2141.
13. Keep important family documents and recent photos (including photos of pets) in a waterproof and fireproof safe. Inexpensive safes can be bought at most hardware stores. Every year, photocopy the front and back of the cards in your wallet and place a copy in your safe and in your emergency kit.

DELIVER AS ADDRESSED  
OR TO CURRENT RESIDENT

## Meetings of Boards and Commission

The following is a list of all meetings for the Hanover Township Boards, Committees and Commissions. All meetings are open to the public and are held at the Township Municipal Building, 3630 Jacksonville Road, with the exception of the Special Events and Recreation Advisory Board which are held at the Community Center, 3660 Jacksonville Road.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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