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State of the Township

by John N. Diacogiannis
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

My last few State of the Township messages have concentrated on major issues impacting our township and its citizens. I also tried to highlight the services provided by our civil servants. As we were approaching year-end, I began to realize that the year was turning out to be one of the quietest in a while. There didn't seem to be a major issue worthy of mentioning in my message.

However, having just completed the Citizens' Police Academy, I had plans to use my experience to highlight the ever vigilant Colonial Regional Police Department (CRPD). Coincidentally, the final months of the year brought forth a significant situation that has major implications for the township and its citizens in regards to the CRPD. Lower Nazareth Township did not approve the 2014 budget presented and approved by the Colonial Regional Police Commission's two other members, the Borough of Bath and Hanover Township. Under the Articles of Agreement between the municipalities, this in effect has triggered a process for Lower Nazareth to withdraw from the Colonial Regional Police Commission by the end of the year. Lower Nazareth has informed us that they are in the process of conducting a review of their options. While we await their final decision, we will make every effort to preserve the level of police service that we are accustomed to and that our citizens have come to expect.

As has been the case in the previous few years, 2013 seems to have been relatively uneventful in terms of major new development activity in the township. While there appears to have been renewed interest in some of the undeveloped areas of the township, no definitive plans have been brought forward as of now. We did see a modicum of interest and activity mostly in long planned



developments. This was most evident with the long awaited progress at the Traditions of America age restricted development on Bridle Path Road. We are eager to welcome our new neighbors. In support of this project, the developer has initiated road and intersection improvements at Bridle Path and Jacksonville Roads. Unfortunately, what was supposed to be completed before

winter has become an annoyance for some and a major inconvenience for many of us. The road project hit a major snag with unexpected water main and isolation valve issues. Waiting for parts caused work stoppage that extended past the originally anticipated completion date. Asphalt plant operations are now shut down for the winter, complicating the completion of the road work. Hopefully, by the time of this publication, temporary base road materials will allow the roads to open. Final completion of the roadway improvement will be underway once the asphalt plants reopen in the Spring. I'm sure that these improvements will be worth the wait.

The corner of Jacksonville and Schoenersville Roads has undergone a very striking transformation. The Patient First health care facility is well approaching completion. This long-awaited development has improved visibility and hopefully traffic flow at this major intersection and entryway into the township. It should open for business in February.

This past fall, I participated in CRPD's Citizens Police Academy. This is an 11 week program conducted by the CRPD providing an excellent opportunity for citizens to learn more about the duties, responsibilities, activities and functions of law enforcement and related service personnel. The program includes an overview of the criminal justice

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2014 HANOVER TOWNSHIP BUDGET SUMMARY

by Ryan P. Kish, Township Treasurer

The 2014 Hanover Township Budget was adopted by the Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on December 17th, 2013. The budget maintains the current millage rate of 3.90 which has not changed since 2008. Included in the 3.90 is a fire tax of 0.05 mills, which is used to support Fire Company vehicle purchases. Hanover Township is able to maintain its low municipal tax rate thanks, in part, to the hard work of the Township staff, leadership from the Board of Supervisors, and from support of the Hanover Township community.

During 2014, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$7,481,926.57 in General Fund revenue, which equates to a 3.4% increase or \$246,799.79, along with a similar increase in General Fund expenditures. In comparison, the Township budgeted \$7,235,127 in 2013, and \$7,440,525 in 2012. Sources of Revenue for the Township include: Real Estate Taxes, Local Service Taxes, Fire Taxes, Mercantile Taxes, Earned Income Taxes, Vehicle and Non-Vehicle Code Violations, County and State Grants, and Building and Inspection Fees. Sources of expenditures in the Township include: costs associated with Public Works, Administrative, Planning & Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Refuse and Recycling, and the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

The Public Works Department has ten roads scheduled to be resurfaced in 2014. These roads are Claire Street, Brentwood Avenue, Hemlock Place, Kevin Drive, Yorkshire Drive, Kenwick Circle, Greenleaf Drive, Greenfield Road, Timothy Drive, and Summer Lane. Public Works has also begun to use a brine spray to pre-treat the roads in anticipation of icy conditions in an effort to reduce salt expenses.

Hanover Township residents will see a slight reduction in their 2014 Trash and Recycling Bills from 2013. Single Family Residential rates are \$235 per household, with a discount rate of \$211.50. Southland Condominium rates are \$110 per unit, with a discount rate of \$99. Park Place rates are \$180 per unit, with a discount rate of \$162. To be eligible for the discount rate, bills must be paid on or before 3/17/2014.

The Hanover Township Community Center is expecting to receive \$868,908.87 in revenue in 2014, which is a 4.5% decrease from 2013. The 2014 Township subsidy to the Community Center is expected to be \$307,553.85, which is a 38% increase from 2013. In comparison, the Community Center's budget in 2013 was \$909,611.69 with a \$222,738.69 subsidy. Sources of revenue for the Community Center include: Fundraisers,

Pool Passes, Swim Lessons, Community Center Membership, Programming Fees, Gym and Field Rentals, and Preschool Aged Programs. Sources of Community Center expenditures include: Administrative, Fundraising Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance, and Training.

In the beginning of 2014, the Community Center began to phase out its traditional preschool program. This is in response to declining numbers in enrollment and increased competition. The Community Center has implemented age specific "Mommy/Parent and Me" programs for preschool aged children. The Community Center will also upgrade its dated computer software system, which will provide smoother transactions and a more user friendly interface for employees. The new software will also provide the Community Center with the opportunity to open up online registration for programs.

In 2014, The Community Center's debt servicing payment will be \$326,454.40. The Center will be completely paid off at the end of 2015 with its final \$324,000 debt payment. The 248 Brodhead Road Building will have a debt servicing payment of \$120,955.84 in 2014 and will be paid off in 2022.

The complete 2014 Hanover Township Budget is available in the Township Office during business hours and always available online. Just go to <http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org> and click on the 'Administrative' tab on the top of the page and then click 'Finance and Budget Information'. You are not only able to view the budget online but access the Township's audited statements.

General Fund and Recreation Budget Summary

GENERAL FUND

Restricted Beginning Balance for 2014	2,257,371.65
Unrestricted Beginning Balance for 2014	4,872,167.67
Revenues for 2014	7,481,926.57
Expenditures for 2014	7,481,926.57
Unappropriated Balance	7,129,539.32

RECREATION

Beginning Balance 2014	27,504.48
Revenues for 2014	868,908.87
Expenditures for 2014	868,908.87
Unappropriated Balance	27,504.48

STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP *continued*

system, DUI and other traffic violations, crash investigation, a tour of the 911 dispatch center, narcotics investigation, a presentation by the Coroner, crime scene investigation, a presentation by District Judge Narleski including a mock trial, gangs and their impact on Lehigh Valley, police techniques and defensive tactics, a tour of the Northampton County Prison and a presentation by CRPD's K9 unit. In addition, this year's class participated in range time with CRPD's firearms training officers. After extensive safe handling instructions and under the careful supervision of the officers, we had the opportunity to operate some of the firearms issued to CRPD officers. The highlight of the Academy was a ride-along with one of the officers. I had the pleasure to spend about 6 hours (which is one half of a shift) with Sergeant Michael Enstrom. As much as I thought that I understood the daily activity of our police department, my ride along was a true eye opener. The first call came as soon as we entered the vehicle. No sooner than completing one call, we received another. This continued nonstop for the next 6 hours. The calls came from all over the territory. Situations also presented themselves before our very eyes. Perhaps because we were in an unmarked police car, some of these peoples actions were just plain stupid. The Sergeant nipped a road rage case before it got out of hand and a traffic violation stop turned into a drug bust. Every officer under the Sergeant's shift command was constantly busy, as was the Chief and Deputy Chief. The point to note is that this was midday on a Monday. Answers to two questions friends have asked me: Yes – I got out of the car most of the time; No – they didn't set up the activity just for me, you just cannot script what I experienced. I am immensely proud of our CRPD officers and administrative staff.

The class participants ranged from high school and college students to several seniors. We all left with a better appreciation and awareness of the important work our Police Department does for all of us. I highly recommend anyone interested in participating in this year's Academy call the police station for more information. I anticipate that the next class will be in the fall pending the outcome of Lower Nazareth's decision.

Armed Forces Day

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 17, 2014. The event is in the planning stages for the ceremony to be held at Armed Services Park at the corner of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road starting at 10:00 a.m.



Winter Road Treatment Update

by Vince Milite, Public Works Director

While driving around the Township this winter you might have noticed white lines in the travel lanes. The Public Works department has been pre-treating roads prior to winter storms.

The Public Works Department enlisted a local company "Ungerer", located on North Commerce Way and asked them if they would supply us with a couple of 250 gallon plastic totes. They were happy to oblige. We fitted our truck with a stainless steel switch, tubing and some PVC piping. We mix one ton of salt with water in a tote, filling from the bottom up through PVC piping the salt water flows out and into another tote, creating the salt brine that is used on the roads. The cost to make a setup for a vehicle is approximately three hundred dollars. If we were to buy a setup commercially it would cost thousands of dollars.

Prior to a winter storm we review the weather forecast. If the storm is going to start as rain before it turns to snow **we will not pre-treat the roads.** The rain would just wash the salt brine away, wasting our efforts. If the storm appears that it will start off as snow we will pre-treat the roads. This is not meant to replace going out to spread salt with spreader trucks. This is only for the initial start of the storm. In the past years we would start spreading salt as soon as the snow started, using 40 tons of salt. With the salt brine pre-treatment we can accomplish the same result using 2000 gallons of salt brine. The cost of 40 tons of salt is \$2,400.00; while the cost of the salt brine is \$120.00.

Due to the positive results, we added a second truck. Having the roads treated before a storm makes the roads safer quicker. We ask the public to stay back and be patient when we are out pre-treating the roads, as we are striving to make Hanover Township a safer place.



Two salt brine trucks ready to go.

2014

Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2014 calendar year will be mailed in late January or early February to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by mid-February please call the Municipal office at 610.866.1140 extension 231 for Jodi. Our office will accept payments during our normal business hours of 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Friday, by mail, or deposited into our mail slot during non-business hours.

A new calendar was mailed to each home in December for 2014 and it can also be found online.

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 p.m. Monday through Friday only.

Snow Removal in Hanover Township

A First Person Perspective

By Mike Prendeville - Chairman, Board of Auditors

During the December 14th-15th snow event, I had the opportunity to ride along in a Hanover Township plow truck with Township Manager, Jay Finnigan. As Chairman of the Board of Auditors, I wanted to experience first-hand what it took to clear our roads, and equally important, to learn about the efficiency of the operation.

Shortly after 9 p.m. we proceed to clear the community center and township property. In an effort to understand why we were clearing an empty lot first, Jay explained that the township crew needed access to the equipment in order to start operations promptly at 10 p.m. From there, we proceeded over to the CRPD headquarters to clear the lots for the police vehicles. I immediately knew that this process has been well rehearsed and thought out.

Meeting up at township municipal garages at 10 p.m. prompt, the entire road crew funneled into the meeting room where Vince Milite, Public Works Director, took immediate control of the meeting and plan of attack to safely clear the township roads. Reminding me of a head football coach, Milite provided instructions to the crew and soon we were all dispatched with our assignments. As we funneled into our assigned trucks, I was awestruck on the logistics and choreograph needed for this type of operation. The equipment staged and the crew was well prepared. The only thing missing was the song "Ride of the Valkyries" blasting out. To me, it felt like we were heading into battle and indeed we were.

Leaving the municipal complex, teams of trucks paired up to begin the operation. There was constant chatter on the radio around the plan, who was doing what, and what needed to be done. As plowing continued, we were instructed to break formation and head to problem areas. Jay and Vince continuously monitored the 911 emergency channels to ensure that Hanover Township locations where emergency vehicles were dispatched to were cleared. It became apparent to me that the road crew was readily able to adapt to changing priorities.

During the evening, we encountered several vehicles parked on the side of road. This made plowing operations difficult and dangerous at best. My observation is that it nearly doubles the time a plow needs to finish a street. Instead of straight lining a run, the trucks need to maneuver around these obstacles with care. Furthermore, the homes before and after the parked car get cheated as snow cannot be removed at the curb level – leaving more snow for these homeowners to deal with. I was thankful as the vast majority of residents did comply with the snow emergency procedures by removing their vehicles from the road.

As night turned into day, the endless hours of plowing was taking a toll. I was simply a passenger but was exhausted. The relentless bumping and shaking of the truck became taxing. I could not imagine the toll it was taking on the individuals actually driving, constantly shifting from drive to reverse to drive and operating the direction of the plow at the same time. At 6:30 a.m., I tagged out – I had enough even though the chatter of the radio was still constant as more work needed to be done. The road crew seemed obsessed with going back over areas not exactly perfect.

I am thankful for the experience as I have a new found appreciation for our public works crew. It's not just about driving a truck pushing some snow around. I was amazed at the logistics behind the scenes, coordinated effort, and stamina needed to complete the task. My takeaway was that our public works team is highly efficient, extremely dedicated, and tireless stewards of our community. They care about what they do and it shows.

Well done and thank you!

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Director:
Cathy Heimsoth

RECREATION NEWS

Assistant Director:
Rob Cepin

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

First Strides	Tuesdays March 18th
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday April 5th
Vera Bradley Bingo	Sunday April 13th
Ready to Ready	Friday May 2nd
Sousa Concert	Sunday May 4th
New Carnival Community Days	Wed.-Sat. 5/7-10

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

◆ONLINE REGISTRATION IS HERE!

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com to learn how to register from the comfort of your own home for programs, memberships and reservation request.

◆**BAPL KIOSK**—another way to borrow books and CD's for your use. This kiosk is free, you need to have a valid Library card in order to use the kiosk. Your card must be updated yearly and can be done through the bookmobile or the library itself.

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

◆ HTCC is open to residents and non-residents.

Recycling Day in Hanover Twp ~ March 29th

Spring Cleaning is going to be easier this year, as Hanover Township will be providing our residents with a one stop location to drop off those unwanted items. Working together as a community to recycle, reuse and appropriately dispose of unwanted items in hopes to alleviate the filling of landfills.

When: Saturday, 3/29/14

Time: 9 am to 12 pm

Where: Municipal Tract parking lots

What:

- Recycle Electronics will be hosted in the Pool Upper Parking lots Saturday only from 9 am to 12 pm!!

Fees apply for certain items.

- Clothing Drive Accepted in bags, cloth bedding, towels, shoes, and clothing can be dropped off Saturday 9-5 and Sunday 11-4
- Stuff a Truck - ReStore of Lehigh Valley will have a truck at HTCC on Saturday from 9 am to 12 pm. See right...

Recycle tip: Enter your zip code at earth911.org for recycling resources in your community and look for products made from recycled materials. Earth911.org will give you direct resources for those odd items you are not sure about for recycling. Definitely worth checking out!



Got Stuff? We want it! Remodeling, cleaning out, down-sizing or just getting organized? Habitat for Humanity ReStore can help you declutter your home, work space or business. We put the proceeds from selling your donations to good use by building homes and hope in your community and around the world. The local ReStore accepts donations of household goods, furniture, appliances and building materials. For your convenience they will be in Hanover Twp. to participate in their recycle event! Saturday, March 29th

Employee Highlights

Joey Rantuccio

Front desk-Life Guard

Joey is a perfect example of how community service experience can transition to a job. Joey started completing his high school community service hours as a freshman working with staff to assist in after school programs. Through his ability to relate well with the participants and be accountable to his commitment, Joey was hired as a life guard at the Hanover Pool. Joey's commitment to the recreation department was strong as he continued to work as

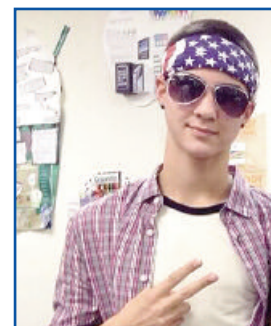
a volunteer at HTCC. It was evident he would be an asset to the staff. Joey has taken on many rolls at the community center, from program assistant to program leader, bingo caller, and front desk help. Through his experiences at HTCC, we hope that Joey is honing his communication skills to take him further in life.

Joey is a pleasant and polite member of our staff. He gets along well with his peers as well as management, always willing to lend a helping hand and do what is asked of him. Recently

High School Community Service hours needed? contact 610.317.8701

Joey found himself part of our fashion show in November. Being a good sport Joey modeled some clothing from the Bon Ton and did an exceptional job!

We are happy to have Joey as a year round employee in the Hanover Twp. Recreation Department! Peace.





VERA BRADLEY BINGO
SUNDAY 4/13 @ 1 PM

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

Community Bingo - Thursday's

Vera Bradley Bingo

Twice a year HTCC hosts a Vera Bradley Bingo. This spring our VB Bingo will be on Sunday, April 13th @ 1 pm.

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

Refreshments will be available. Door opens at 12 pm.

Community Bingo continues on a monthly basis meeting once a month with the exception of January. In Au-

gust we run a special Pampered Chef Bingo.

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

included and prizes range from \$40 to \$125 per game!

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



Yoga for Kids

*We have that too.....classes forming now.
Call and get your name on the list.*

Laure Lovelace is owner and instructor of Blue Moon Yoga for Kids, a ChildLight Yoga for Kids trained instructor Laure will bring her personal passion for the mat to your child.

Each class is fun and made suitable for the specific age group; yoga for kids can enhance a child's flexibility, strength, coordination and body awareness. In addition their concentration and sense of calmness and relaxation improves. Doing yoga, children exercise, play, connect more deeply with the inner self, and develop an intimate relationship with the natural world that surrounds them. Yoga makes life better for kids!

4:30 - 5:15 pm Yoga for Kids 7-10 years old
5:30 - 6:15 pm Yoga for Kids 10 - 13 years old

Fees: member \$40
non-member \$60

NEW DRAMA PROGRAM

Classing forming now with local Actor and Teacher Cheryl Spadt

In February a new program was launched at HTCC exposing local youth to the benefits of drama class. Learn how to speak confidently and carry yourself with poise and confidence. Creative movement and imagination.

First Strides Program and Goal Run 2014

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 meets 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 meeting on Tuesdays; starting on March 18th at 6 pm.

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

Fees: \$45 members & early registration thru March 4th

\$50 March 5th and after

Hanover Women's 5K Walk/Run

- Saturday, June 7th @ 9 am

\$18 First Stride participant/early bird registration through 5/30- \$20 5/31 and beyond. Gift to the first 250 women who register.

Additional Exercise Classes

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

Yoga - Pilates - Step - Aerobic Dance - Sculpt - ZUMBA - Family Punk Rope - Spinning - and Stretch

Two times a week you can meet with our Fitness Instructors in the fitness room and ask questions or follow a predetermined workout.

Want more personal attention? Personal Training is available by appointment. Leave your name and number with the front desk and a personal trainer will contact you to set up an appointment that works for you. Small group training is also available.

YOGA AT HTCC

Yoga is as ancient as medicine, in fact if you talk to many people they will tell you their yoga practice is their personal medicine for what ails them in the stressful pace of life today. As YOGA continues to become more main stream in the USA, it is important to find a comfortable style and qualified teachers in order to practice safely. HTCC offers the opportunity to participate in many different-style yoga from a gentle chair class, a basic hatha program, an athletic style practice as well as the popular HOT yoga practice. No need to feel intimidated at the Community Center yogis come to share their practice in all sizes, ages and abilities. You do not need to be a member to participate in classes; daily passes are available and group punch cards can be purchased. *Weekly Yoga Classes:* Monday -7 pm Hatha Yoga, Tues & Thurs - 8:30 am Hatha Yoga, Tuesday -7 pm HOT Yoga RP, Thursday - 12:30 pm Power Yoga, and Sundays -12 pm HOT Yoga RP



In the "HOT" room Yogis' practice Air Plane or Dekasana.

Benefits: improves balance, develops concentration, strengthens legs, chest, and arms

Tuesday 7 pm & Sunday 12 pm

Birthday Parties

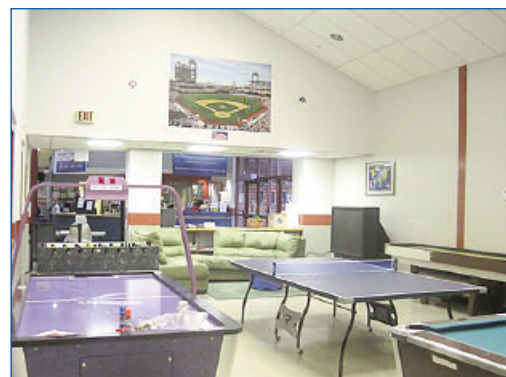


Basic Package Includes:

- ◆ 60 minutes of supervised activity
- ◆ 120 minutes in our private party room
- ◆ Party invitations— by request
- ◆ 2 trained party coordinators
- ◆ Affordable Pizza Packages*
- ◆ Certificate for each child attending
- ◆ Pool Parties also available - limited availability so book early! \$25 extra fee

*Fees:

- 1-10 children
\$90 Members/ \$115 Non-members
- 11-20 Children
\$105 Members/ \$135 Non-members
- 21-30 Children
\$120 Members/ \$155 Non-members
- *Pizza: \$12 a pie/ \$1 topping
- \$50 deposit needed at the time of booking.



Have your next party at HTCC and let our game room host the kids instead of your family room! Less mess and more fun for everyone!

Easter Egg Hunt



The Easter Bunny returns to HTCC to enjoy an afternoon with the children. **2000 filled** eggs will be disbursed between three different age groups. Limits on registration to ensure control of participation!

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

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

Saturday— April 5, 2014

\$5 for the Hunt!

3 Age Divisions:

0-2yrs— Hunt starts @ 12pm

3-5yrs— Hunt starts @ 12:30pm

6-8yrs— Hunt starts @ 1pm

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



Organized craft, egg hunt and treats!

Limited to 40 spots per age group

REGISTER EARLY FOR
YOUR CHILD'S SPOT IN



Free Photo Opportunity for the Bunny— bring your camera! Event is outside weather permitting.



"THE HEART OF THE COMMUNITY"

NEW PRESCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

"mommy & me" style! 18 months +

- ♦ Busy Butterflies - literature based program
- ♦ Twisted Trees - movement and music
- ♦ Color Caterpillars-creative art with self expression


NEW

All three of these new programs are designed for a parent/guardian to participate with the child. These classes take place in a comfortable preschool environment preparing the youngest learner for independent learning.

Preschool Age Programs for Fall 2104/15 Now Open

Hanover Preschool age programs are better then ever! Offering a variety of programs for 18 months to 5 years. With expanded programs for the preschool age child, our instructors have years of experience in leading our youngest learners in a positive and nurturing environment. The recreation department offers a variety of programming to meet your needs and we invite you to come for a tour and explore the classes being offered throughout the school year calendar. Register early so you have a secure spot for your early learner!

Call 610.317.8701ext. 104 to schedule a tour today!

Special Events for 2014

By Rob Cegin

This year's Special Events have been changed to maximize the amount of fun experienced! Hanover Township is pleased to welcome Author, Daryl Cobb, to Ready to Read on Friday, May 2nd at 12 pm. Ready to Read will feature the talented author in an interactive educational assembly. Daryl is a sought after presenter in the elementary school circuit. His Ready to Read program will include 45 minutes to 1 hour of singing, performing, a puppet show and sing along. Free lunch will also be provided.

The John Phillip Sousa Concert is a selection of wonderful compositions by JP Sousa performed by both the Liberty Alumni Band and the Easton Municipal Band and will be held on Sunday, May 4th at 4 pm. This is a crowd favorite, so come early and enjoy the lite refreshments! Special guest appearance is planned.

A new addition to this year's lineup is also a change in dates for Hanover Days, our annual Spring Carnival. This year, the carnival will be the largest it has ever been, expanding rides to include 16-20 different choices and lasting 4 days instead of 3! This year's dates are May 7th (6-9:30 pm), May 8th (6-9:30 pm), May 9th (6-10 pm), and May 10th (4-10 pm). Ride specials will take place on May 7th and May 8th for \$20.00.

For more information on any of these events, or to volunteer, contact Rob Cegin at 610.317.8701



MORE MUSIC!



LARGER TRICK TRAY RAFFLE!



MORE RIDES! BIGGER RIDES!



**We now have online registration! Check out
www.hanovercommunitycenter.com**

Snow and Ice Not To Be Placed on Road

Section 172-128 Codified Ordinance

It shall be unlawful for the owner, occupant or tenant of any property to place, throw, dump, or pile any snow or ice removed from such property upon or into any sidewalk, curb, gutter, alley, highway, or to permit or cause the same to be done by any other person or persons, partnership, firm or corporation. It is hereby declared that removal and disposal of snow and ice from such property is neither directly nor indirectly a function or responsibility of the municipality, and that, if the owner, occupant or tenant of any property shall desire or require that such snow and or ice be removed from such property, it shall be the sole responsibility of such owner, occupant or tenant, as the case may be, to remove the same and to transport it to a place of disposal other than a sidewalk, curb, gutter, alley or highway.



SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

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

To register for an Email Alert from Hanover Township, visit www.hanovertwp-nc.org and use the Email Sign Up click through on the main page.



Hanover Township Spring Concert

John Phillip Sousa Concert
Sunday, May 4th - 2:00 pm

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

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

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

From the Public Works Director

Parking during Snow Storms

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

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

Be aware that we usually have to plow streets at least 2 times and sometimes even more depending on the severity of the storm. Please do not shovel snow into the street!

Mailboxes

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

Trees

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

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

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

TWO ISSUES IN ONE

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

Pension and property tax relief top the list of critical issues I am hopeful the General Assembly will take on in 2014. Fortunately or unfortunately, the two are intertwined and have a tremendous impact on wallets of Pennsylvania taxpayers.

When the budget for 2014-15 is prepared, negotiators will have to factor in the \$41 billion unfunded liability currently

held by the State Employee Retirement System (SERS) and the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). Employer contributions are set to increase from 16.9 percent to more than 21 percent and hit a potentially crippling 32 percent three years from now. Statewide, the PSERS pension obligation for the coming fiscal year will be approximately \$1.4 billion, split nearly evenly between the school districts and the state.

The options for making up that shortfall are an unappealing combination of program and staff cuts in our public schools and/or hikes in school property taxes. With school districts having been made aware their pension costs will climb to 21.4 percent of payroll in the 2014-15 school year, the word is out. Fortunately, there are also legislative options that can and must be acted on as soon as possible.

Pension reform legislation currently exists in both the House and Senate. House Bill 1350 sits with the House State Government Committee, which passed House bills 1352 and 1353 six months ago. Senate Bill 922 was passed in June by the Senate Finance Committee and its fiscal impact is being evaluated by that chamber's appropriations committee. This legislation would place new hires into a defined contribution plan and protect retirement benefits already accrued by current employees while making needed changes to future benefits for employment not yet served for all employees.

We are still waiting for Rep. Glen Grell (R-Cumberland) to have his "Three Buckets" pension reform plan drafted into bill form. In short, his concept involves borrowing \$9 billion to save \$15 billion over 30 years in taking advantage of low interest rates. For more details, please visit www.RepGrell.com.

House Bill 1189 sits with the Senate Finance Committee following House passage last October. The local option

property tax bill received overwhelming support from both sides of the aisle. While property taxes are not a statewide problem, they are also not an issue exclusive to either party.

During the process of voting House Bill 1189, an attempt was made to amend in the much talked-about House Bill 76. This attempt failed due to a number of shortcomings, the majority of which were errors in language that needed to be cleaned up. For the record, I voted in favor of the amendment. Its counterpart, Senate Bill 76, supposedly has addressed many of those problems. The bill, however, has yet to be voted by the Senate Finance Committee.

The pension crisis is a threat to our constitutional obligation to educate our students. Failure to address the problem means more of what is allocated for basic education funding will be consumed by pension costs. The result is either less money for actual education or less disposable income for the Pennsylvania property owner. In the meantime, addressing the pension crisis will take some of the stress off the issue and allow us to effectively invest in our students.

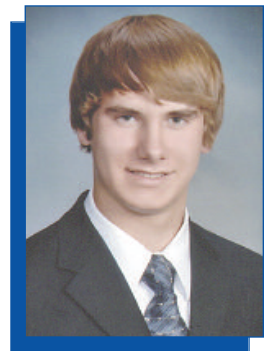
EAGLE SCOUT SEFCIK

Jonathan Michael Sefcik, a member of Boy Scout Troop 335, St. Simon & Jude Roman Catholic Church, Bethlehem, PA was honored at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor. The Eagle ranking is the highest in Boy Scouting.

Through the years, Jon held various leadership positions including Quartermaster and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster and earned sixty three merit badges. Since earning the Eagle rank he has earned six Palms, two gold, two silver and two bronze for continued leadership.

For his Eagle Project, Jon completed over one hundred twenty hours of landscaping and a memorial area at Notre Dame High School.

A 2013 graduate of Notre Dame High School and a member of the National Honor Society, Jon currently attends Drexel University majoring in engineering. He is the son of Dr. Susan Sefcik.



CHILD PROTECTION LEGISLATION SIGNED INTO LAW

A COLUMN BY SENATOR PAT BROWNE, 16TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

One of the most fundamental responsibilities of legislators is to protect Pennsylvania's children and provide a safe environment in which they can live, learn and play. It is vital that we pass laws aimed at safeguarding children from abuse and prosecuting predators. It is also important that we encourage and protect those who speak up on behalf of victims and shield them from harassment and intimidation.

I am pleased that the state legislature and the Governor placed a high priority on strengthening Pennsylvania's child protection laws. As part of that effort, through the passage of Senate Resolution 250 in December of 2011, the Pennsylvania Task Force on Child Protection was created. Following a series of public meetings, the task force released a report in November of 2012 that detailed its finding and recommendations for ways the state could improve the protection of children in Pennsylvania. The task force focused on both broad and specific recommendations.

The state Senate and House of Representatives picked up the mantle from there and proposed, in a bi-partisan, bi-cameral effort, a package of legislation to take the necessary steps to ensure children's safety. Governor Tom Corbett recently signed into law 10 bills from the package of legislation.

One of the bills signed into law last year, Senate Bill 28, was legislation I introduced. This measure lowers the age of a perpetrator for simple assault from age 21 to 18; amends aggravated assault to include (1) causing bodily injury to a child under the age of 6 as a felony of the second degree and (2) causing serious bodily injury to a child under the age of 13 as a felony of the first degree; creates new offenses of "false reports of child abuse" and "intimidation or retaliation in child abuse cases" to protect any reporter, victim or witness who reports child abuse.

This new law holds perpetrators accountable for their actions by increasing the criminal penalties for any person who injures a child. In addition, it creates the new offense of 'intimidation or retaliation in child abuse cases' which not only protects the victim, but also the reporter or witness who acts on behalf of the abused child. These changes are important steps to increase the safety of Pennsylvania's young people, fully prosecute those who prey on children and to protect those who have a responsibility to report cases of child abuse.

Some of the other bills that were part of the package include laws that increase penalties for luring a young child into a motor vehicle or structure (House Bill 1594), while another (Senate Bill 30) holds accountable individuals who make false abuse reports by establishing accountability and due process protections for individuals.

Senate Bill 23 and House Bill 726 update definitions of "perpetrator," "child abuse," "person responsible for a child's



Senator Pat Browne

welfare" and other related terms in the Child Protective Services Law.

Senate Bill 1116 provides for a multidisciplinary investigative team to be used to coordinate child-abuse investigations between county agencies and law enforcement, while Senate Bill 34 establishes a comprehensive system for professional educators who are investigated and disciplined for misconduct in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 321 directs the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing to provide a sentencing enhancement for child pornography, based upon the age of the child victimized, the number of images possessed, and the nature and character

of the abuse. House Bill 414 requires the court, in a custody proceeding, to consider factors related to child abuse and involvement with child protective services, while House Bill 1201 amends the Judicial Code concerning child victims and witnesses, and reporting by district attorneys.

Whether in school, on a playground or in a home, children and their parents should feel safe and should not have to worry about individuals looking to prey on children. We must continue to seek ways to prevent child abuse from happening in the first place and, if it does, we must have laws in place that adequately punish those who target children.

These legislative measures are important steps to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our most vulnerable citizens. As we head into the new session, I am hopeful that more bills that were part of the child protection package will receive final passage.

HANOVER LIONS CLUB

The Pennsylvania Lions Eye Research Foundation whose mission it is to raise funds for eye & diabetic research projects and for equipment to be used in clinical procedures is one of the many sight related organizations supported by local Lions clubs.

In the world 80% of blindness is preventable or reversible and it is only through research that someday a cure for blindness maybe found. Support is also given to local blind organizations that provide daily functions and activities for the blind as well as a summer camp for the blind run by the PA Lions. Over the years (we will be celebrating 25 years of existence in 2014) the Hanover Lions have contributed thousands of dollars to these types of activities in addition to our other local community projects, For those who are interested in joining 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.



FYI

At their Annual Re-organization meeting, the Supervisors elected and made the following appointments:

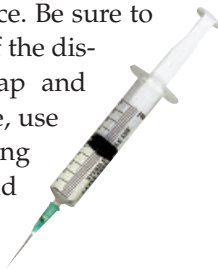
- Re-elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman.
- Re-elected Glenn Walbert as Vice Chairman.
- Re-appointed James Broughal as the Township Solicitor.
- Re-appointed James Birdsall as the Township Engineer.
- Re-appointed Robert VanWhy, Jr. as the Township Fire Marshal.
- Re-appointed Michael Podhayny, Jr. as the Assistant Township Fire Marshal.
- Appointed Craig M. Wasem as Township Fire Inspector.
- Re-Appointed the following as member(s) of the Recreation Advisory Board: Michael W. Stasak, Jr., David C. Messics and Robert E. Roll.
- Re-appointed the following member(s) of the Zoning Hearing Board: Joan L. Rosenthal.
- Re-appointed the following member(s) to the Shade Tree Commission: Daniel J. Roman & Joan F. Witiak.
- Appointed John D. Nagle as Township Representative to the Bethlehem Area Public Library.
- Re-appointed the Supervisors Chairman of Committees: John Nagle – Administration; Glenn Walbert – Planning & Zoning; Mark Tanczos – Development and Steve Salvesen – Public Works

Influenza - It's not too late to vaccinate!

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

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

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



HELP WANTED – POOL, PARKS & CAMPS

The Township is currently accepting application for life-guards, gate guards and pool staff for the 2014 summer. Camp and park counselor openings are also being filled. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Robert Cepin at the Community Center, 610.317.8701

RECYCLING NEWS

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected approximately 1,035 tons of Leaves and 470 tons of Yard Waste in 2013! In 2012 the department collected 1,055 tons of Leaves and 550 tons of Yard Waste. It was down slightly due to the fact that we didn't have a significant weather event in 2013.

ATTENTION TOWNSHIP BUSINESSES

Mandatory Annual Commercial & Institutional Recycling Reports for the Year 2013 were mailed to all Township Businesses. The form **MUST** be completed and returned to the Township Office **NO LATER THAN February 24, 2014**. All tenants, businesses, etc. must report what is being recycled in their own location, space, office, suite, etc.

YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2014 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery in early December 2013 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available on-line.

SPRING RECYCLING EVENT

Mark your Calendars! Saturday March 29, 2014 from 9 AM to Noon, the Community Center and Township Recycling Coordinator will work together to host a recycling event. Electronics Recycling, Clothing Drive and Stuff a Truck sponsored by ReStore a part of Habitat for Humanity for the collection of working appliances, furniture and building supplies. For more details, please contact the Community Center at 610-317-8701 or the Township Recycling Coordinator at 610-866-1140 ext. 223



TREES CAN BOOST A HOMES SALE PRICE

by Shade Tree Advisory Board

According to the Wall Street Journal in an article dated October 11, 2013, homes with “street trees” sold for an average of \$7,130 more than homes without street trees. This study of 2,608 single-family homes was done in Portland, Oregon, and shows the monetary value of street trees. This is in addition to the other benefits: aesthetic value, clean air, lower energy costs and lower crime.

MAYBE MONEY DOES GROW ON TREES!

This is another good reason to get that permit and replace your tree if it has died or is missing.

LATE WINTER PRUNING: Late winter is an optimal time to prune trees. If you hire a professional, be sure to hire an ISA-certified arborist (ask to see the ISA number). And remember, NEVER top or tip your tree. That harmful method of pruning has no value and can cause serious damage. Proper pruning methods can be found on the Township’s Shade Tree website or by visiting the ISA website: www.treesaregood.org and clicking “Tree Care Information”. The harmful effects of topping are explained here also.



Top of tree removed indiscriminately



Tree properly thinned in center

“The appearance of a properly pruned tree is like a good haircut: hardly noticeable at first glance.”

— The National Arbor Day Foundation



EMS CORNER

by EMS Captain Karen Van Why

Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company Officers and members want to thank the residents for their financial support in 2013.

Santa Claus had a great time riding through the Township on the Fire truck visiting the children. The snow was an extra from the North Pole.

Your smiles warmed us throughout the day, as did your generosity.

EMS Call Statistics for 2013:	
Medical Emergencies	1,301
Auto Accidents	102
Fire Support	202
Miscellaneous	2
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Total Calls for the Year	1,607



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 February 17 & April 18.

3 Reasons to Go Digital in the New Year!



FREE to you from YOUR Library!

1. Borrow free **eBooks** on your tablet.
2. Download current or back issues of your favorite **magazines** with **Zinio™**.
3. ***NEW***Download **songs** for free (and keep them!) through **Freegal™** Music Service. You now have access to over 7 million songs including **Sony Music's** expansive and popular catalog of legendary artists. Freegal™ also has popular music videos to download.

*More info at www.bapl.org
or phone 610-867-3761 x224.*



**Bethlehem
Area Public Library**

www.bapl.org

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 to register or for details.

Free Adult Programs

- Technology workshops: individual instruction
- Zumba fitness
- Spanish 101
- *Game On* with board and video gaming
- Gentle yoga instruction
- Irish Music
- Alzheimer's/Dementia care program

Free Children's Programs

- *Teen Reading Lounge*: literary & artistic workshops
- Drumming circle
- Preschool music programs
- *Brain Awareness Month* program
- *Family Place* toddler play dates
- *Read Across America/Dr. Seuss celebration*
- Family Fun Nights & Saturday programs
- *Daytime Storytimes*
- After-school *Homework Help*

BAPL Book Sales

www.bestbooksale.org

610 867-3761 x235

10,000 books, movies & music

Wednesday, **March 5**: noon-8PM

Saturday, **March 8**: 10AM-4PM

Also May 14 & 17

NEW STOPS
Wednesdays & Saturdays

Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning January 6)

- 11:30-12:30 Princeton Dr. (Saturdays) ***NEW***
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 January 13)

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

Hanover Elementary School

By Karen Laudone, PTA President

Hanover students have enjoyed many activities and functions during the first part of the 2013/2014 school year. We had some very successful fundraisers thanks to all of our volunteers and supporters. The Hawk Walk, Election Day Bake Sale, Book Fair, Secret Shoppe, just to name a few, wouldn't have been a success without all those that were involved. We welcomed parents and "Greatperson's" into the school during Bethlehem Education Week, this is one of our students' favorites. The Harvest Day celebration and Halloween parade were a big hit. We have some very creative children! Tons of fun was had by everyone!



Giving back to the community is our goal. We kicked off our need for generosity with Pinwheels for Peace, hope everyone enjoyed seeing the handcrafted pinwheels in the front of the school. Hats on for Cancer, PJ and Book Donations, and the Holiday Giving Tree were other opportunities where our students jumped at the chance to give back. New this year, we will be helping three local BASD families by donating food items for the Backpack Buddy Program. Every week, three backpacks will be filled with meals and snacks, which will then be delivered to a local elementary school. This well needed charitable cause will continue through the remainder of the school year. Thanks to the Hanover families, our pantry is well stocked and ready to go. Hanover Elementary has historically contributed to the children and local community at large. We greatly appreciate any support our community is willing to offer.

Check out our marquee for more wonderful events and fundraisers planned for the remainder of the year.

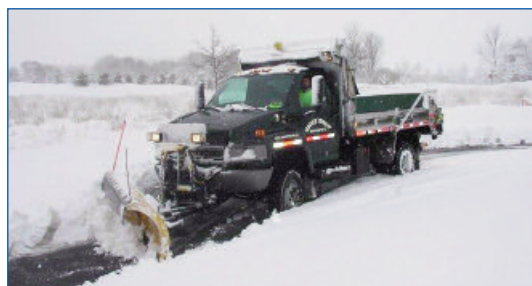
CARE FOR YOUR FIRE HYDRANT

By: Fire Chief Craig Wasem

Fire hydrants are an essential part of any fire-fighting operation. Without a constant supply of water, it makes firefighting operations even more difficult. During these colder months where winter weather is more likely to occur, I ask that if a fire hydrant is located on or near your property that you keep it clear of any snow and ice.



HELP THEM, HELP YOU!



Plowing Township streets is a very tiring and arduous task. Help the public works department by removing your vehicles from the roads when the forecast calls for snow. Even a couple inches of snow can be

dangerous for both the plow operator and parked vehicles. Thank you to those that cooperate and let's try for 100% cooperation.

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.