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# Hanoverview

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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.

## Manager Named to National Sports Governing Body

Township Manager, John J. Finnigan, Jr., was elected in April to the USA Hockey Board of Directors. Jay will serve for three years representing the Atlantic Affiliate of USA Hockey. USA Hockey, Inc., located in Colorado Springs, CO is recognized by the International Olympic Committee and the United States Olympic Committee as the National Governing Body (NGB) for ice hockey in the United States and is a member of the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Jay was previously affiliated with the Allentown Thunder and Bethlehem Blast Youth Hockey organizations where he was both an administrator and coach. He was with the Bethlehem Blast until 2007, lastly serving as a Midget coach and President of the organization.



Since 2007, Jay has served on the Executive Board of the Delaware Valley Hockey League (DVHL), first as a Vice President and since March of 2013 as the League Commissioner. He is also the President of Lehigh Valley Ice Hockey Officials' Association, Director of Officiating for the Lehigh Valley Scholastic Hockey League, a USA Hockey Official, Seminar Instructor and Evaluator.

Jay joins Tom Koester, President of the Atlantic Affiliate; Frank McGady, President of the New Jersey Youth Hockey League and Gene Palecco, Commissioner of the Atlantic Youth Hockey League representing the Atlantic Affiliate on the USA Hockey Board of Directors.



## TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In November of 2014 Township staff will present the Board of Supervisors with the 2015 Township Budget. Again this year we've seen a significant number of commercial properties and residential properties file for tax abatements and some are still going through the hearing process. These have and will continue to have a negative effect on the Township revenue stream which in the long-term will affect the mill rate.

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

## CRPD Drug Take Back Program



Ever wonder what to do with expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medications?

Throwing them out in the trash or flushing them down the toilet is not the correct solution.

Located in the lobby of the Colonial Regional Police Station is a locked drug recycling box that is emptied daily where you can discard your unwanted medications. The lobby is open Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO HANOVER TOWNSHIP

**Mark Your Calendars**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH**



Santa begins his annual ride on the fire truck through the township at 9 am. Please be patient as Santa has a lot of children to see.

*Donations are always welcome.*



## Basic Fire Escape Planning

*by Fire Chief Craig Wasem*

Your ability to get out of your home quickly and safely depends on early warning from smoke alarms and planning.

Pull together everyone in your household and make a plan. Walk through your home and inspect all possible exits and escape routes. Households with children should consider drawing a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out of each room, including windows and doors. Also, mark the location of each smoke alarm. This is a great way to get children involved in fire safety in a non-threatening way.

Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each sleeping area, and at least one on every level of the home. Everyone in the household must understand the escape plan. When you walk through your plan, check to make sure the escape routes are clear and doors and windows can be opened easily.

Choose an outside meeting place (i.e. neighbor's house, a light post, mailbox, or stop sign) a safe distance in front of your home where everyone can meet after they've escaped. Make sure to mark the location of the meeting place on your escape plan.

Go outside to see if your street number is clearly visible from the road. If not, install house numbers to ensure that responding emergency personnel can find your home.

If there are infants, older adults, or family members with mobility limitations, make sure that someone is assigned to assist them in the fire drill and in the event of an emergency. Assign a backup person too, in case the designee is not home during the emergency.

Once you're out, stay out! Under no circumstances should you ever go back into a burning building. If someone is missing, inform the 911 dispatcher and or first arriving emergency worker. Firefighters have the skills and equipment to perform rescues. In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home or apartment building. To prepare for an emergency like this, practice "sealing yourself in for safety" as part of your home fire escape plan. Close all doors between you and the fire.

Use duct tape or towels to seal the door cracks and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can get in. Call 911 to report your exact location. Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the firefighters know where you are located.

Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible. Make arrangements in your plan for anyone in your home who has a disability. Allow children to master fire escape planning and practice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill. It's important to determine during the drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that someone is assigned to wake them up as part of the drill and in a real emergency situation.

If you have any additional questions or would like assistance with setting up a home escape plan, contact the fire company at (610) 867-2103 and we can assist you.



## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

Saturday October 11, 2014 8:30 am to 2:00 pm

Northampton Community College Main Campus, Bethlehem Township, PA

Entrance from Green Pond Road, **ONLY** Please

Follow Signs to parking area across from Kopecek Hall & Lipkin Theatre

New This Year!  
Tire Collection  
Fee:  
\$1 per tire  
\$2 per tire with rim  
\$5 tractor/trailer tire

- **Northampton County residents ONLY**
- **No appointment necessary**
- **No need to leave your car**
- **No charge**

\* Please bring Photo ID or recent utility bill to verify residency.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ACCEPTED

|                              |                             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Adhesives                    | Fire Extinguishers          |
| Aerosol Cans                 | Herbicides/Pesticides       |
| Antifreeze                   | Household Cleaners          |
| Automotive Fluids & Cleaners | Mercury-containing Products |
| Batteries (all types)        | Motor Oil/Filters           |
| Compressed Gas               | Oil-based Paint & Stain *   |
| Fluorescent Lights           | Pool Chemicals              |
| Flammable/Combustible Fluids | Thermostats                 |

\* Items **NOT** considered hazardous can not be accepted. This includes

**\*\* Latex Paint Not Accepted \*\***

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### Questions?

Contact Tom Dittmar,  
Environmental Conservation Coordinator at:  
tdittmar@northamptoncounty.org  
or 610-559-3200, ext. 4

## 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



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 pick-up.



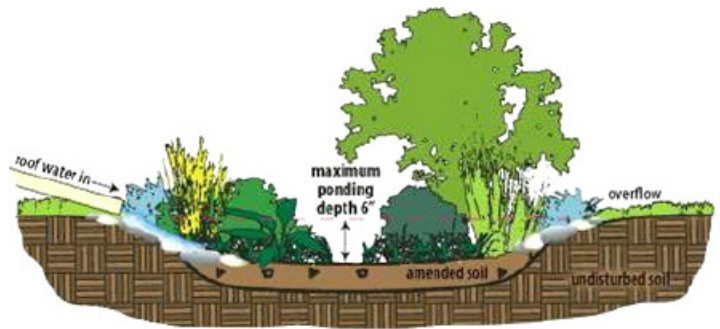
## Stormwater Management for the Homeowner

Residential Rain Gardens are an easy and effective tool that we can use to help reduce stormwater runoff from residential properties in Bushkill Township. These gardens are strategically placed to intercept stormwater runoff until it can be fully absorbed into the ground. Their design allows the rain garden to serve almost as a bowl that collects water from downspouts or overland flow across a property. The water is then able to slowly infiltrate into the underlying soil. Rain Gardens can come in all different shapes and sizes but work best when planted with native species indigenous to the area.

### How Rain Gardens Work

The existing soil within the rain garden is removed (or amended) and replaced with a more permeable soil typically consisting of a mix of sand, topsoil and compost. These soils will allow for easier water percolation. Sizing of the rain garden is dependent upon the amount of water

that is expected to enter into the garden during a rain event. The garden is planted with trees, shrubs and perennials before being covered in a layer of mulch. The completed rain garden will have a slight depression that is used to temporarily collect runoff so it can infiltrate slowly. Rain gardens have the same look and feel as any other landscaped beds but with the added benefit of increased stormwater infiltration.



### Plants

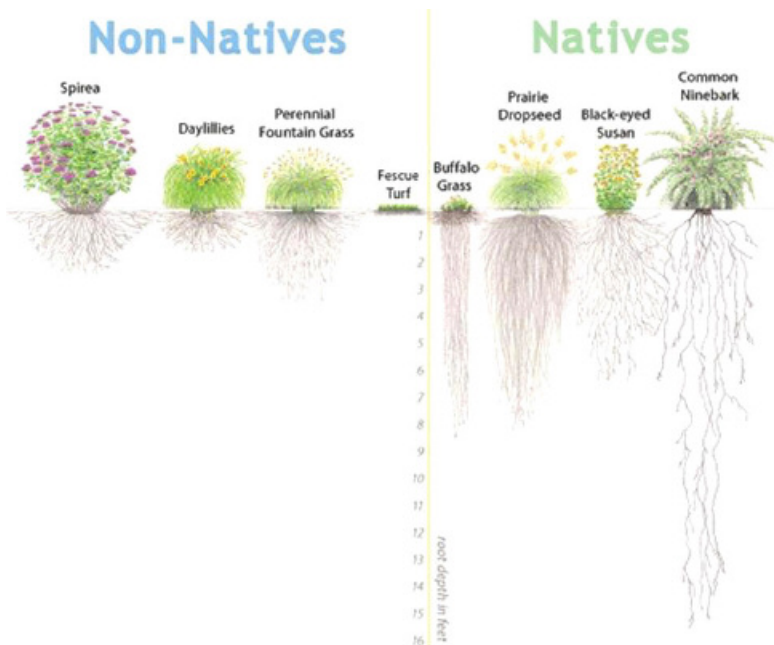
- Native species
- Consider sun, partial sun or shade
- Aesthetically pleasing

### Soils

- Loose soil for infiltration, root growth
- 50% Sand-25% Topsoil-25% Compost

### Ground Cover

- Gravel or mulch
- Traps moisture and moderates soil temperature
- Large stones can be added to improve aesthetics



When choosing plants for your rain garden consider the direction the rain garden will be facing. Consider how the plants will handle water as the middle of the garden will be wetter than the outer edges. Native plants such as Buffalo Grass, Prairie Dropseed, Black Eyed Susan and Common Ninebark are native species that have hardy root systems. Native species will be your best planting option because

**Rain Barrels** — Rain barrels are simple structures designed to collect and hold water runoff from roof tops. By collecting rain runoff, the water can be stored easily for later use. Watering lawns and gardens with the stored water is an excellent way to reuse the stored water.

**Backyard Streams** — For homeowners with backyard streams, a vegetative buffer zone should be allowed to form. The broader the vegetative zone, the more filtration can occur before entering the stream system.

**Wildflower Meadows** — Wildflower meadows are a beautiful addition to any homeowner's property and require almost no maintenance beyond choosing the appropriate site location.

they need little maintenance once established, will love the growing conditions, offer benefits to native wildlife and improve your landscaping. Rain Gardens require about the same amount of maintenance as a standard landscaped bed. The first year is the most important as weeding and watering is critical to your plants taking hold.



## Hanover Township Community Center

# Recreation News

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com



## HTCC 2014 Car Show

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HTCC

### Children Services

- ✓ Hanover School offers classes for the young 3, 4, Pre-K as well as Kinder-club!
- ✓ Extended day programs available for all ages. Flexible payment options.
- ✓ Enrichment is open to children ages 3 and up, potty-trained; School aged children are welcome for after school enrichment activities.



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 Twp. public works proudly presented 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.

The Best of Show winner was decided by our emergency personnel who often times put their lives on the line for the safety of our community; this is one way we show our appreciation.

### 2014 Show Winners:

#### Best of Show:

**Andrew Graffis**

**Cadillac Eldorado**

#### Stock Pre- 1950:

1. **Dave Reinbold 38 Chevy**
2. **Mike Packard 40 Dodge**
3. **Jeff Stouffer 35 Chevy**

#### Stock 50-59:

1. **Cat Mandoo 56 Ford**
2. **Brenda Rice 56 Chevy**

#### Stock 60-69:

1. **Don Silfies 60 Impala**
2. **Steve Sydork 67 Pontiac**
3. **Betsy Lohse 60 Fiat**

#### Stock 70-79:

1. **Ellen Cepin 70 Cuda**
2. **Tom Kennedy 72 Chevelle**
3. **Ron Pivrotta 74 RoadRunner**

#### Stock 80-Present:

1. **Mike Cutro 2014 Corvette**
2. **Gary Micro 86 Olds 442**
3. **Chuck Heffelttringer 87 Jag**

#### Custom Pre-1950:

1. **Rick & Rita Dorwood 31 Ford**
2. **Bob Drago 23 Ford C-Cab**

#### Custom 50-59:

1. **Ron Lokay 55 Ford**
2. **Dennis Koch 56 Chevy**
3. **Stew Snyder 56 Chevy**

#### Custom 60-69:

1. **Rick Wasko 69 Ply. GTX**
2. **Rick & Viv Levan 68 Camaro**
3. **Curtis Schaffer 69 Camaro**

#### Custom 70-79:

1. **Scott Pulley 70 Challenger**
2. **Robert Schmedinger 76 Gremlin**
3. **Dale Snyder 74 Duster**

#### Custom 80-Present:

1. **Donnie Huth 97 Mustang**
2. **Damien Walters 2012 Challenger**
3. **Floyd Berger 83 Mustang**

#### Motorcycles:

1. **Keith Turner 78 Moto**

## Member Highlight: Mike Torba

If you don't know Mike, I would describe Mike as one in a million! He may be one of the nicest, kindest, and down to earth people I have met! Did I mention he makes an excellent member to work with and gather feedback on our center from? He also goes above and beyond his membership, by providing us and

other members with a good laugh and even donates items we may need to the center. Once, Mike was made aware of another member who was in need of a pair of crutches. Within a few hours, Mike was back at HTCC to donate 2 pair! He is a great man and here's what you should know about him if you run into him around the township riding his bike or in the workout room.

Mike is the first 1,000 point scorer for Whitehall High School Men's Basketball, is a member of their Hall of Fame and even went on a full-ride to Stetson University! The best part about Mike: he has OGD, after his workout he must go in the locker room and make sure all the lockers are shut!

## 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 each year, one in April and one in October reminding everyone to be aware of their 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.

### Vera Bradley Bingo

**Sunday, October 19, 2014**

**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! Held @HTCC

**When: Saturday, October 11**

**Time: 9 am to 12 pm**

### Community Bingo

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

Please join us for a fun evening at HTCC. Cash Prizes. Now booking charitable causes for 2015! Call 610.317.8701

**November Beneficiary:** "Cuties for a Cure" Cystic Fibrosis

**December Beneficiary:** "Monocacy Farm Project"



## Holiday Shopping Showcase

Once again, the Hanover Township Community Center will be hosting its annual Holiday Shopping Night in November. This year, it will be held on the evening of Thursday, November 13th from 5:30-8:00 pm. This is a great opportunity to get out early and kick off your holiday shopping for the season. The shopping night is also a nice way to check out the community center, and to support us in our fundraising efforts.

We are pleased be featuring some great vendors this year, including many repeats from years past. Some of the wonderful crafts you might see featured are knitted and crocheted items, sports memorabilia, water colors, handmade jewelry, text mittens, and even mosaics. We also have a variety of representatives from Tatefully Simple, to Pampered Chef, as well as Origami Owl and Thirty-One.

See you in November, and don't forget to wear your comfy shoes and get ready to spend, spend, spend!



During the shopping showcase, we also offer a tricky tray raffle with products worth over \$25 from each vendor in attendance. Raffle tickets will only be sold during the event and winners will be chosen at the end of the night. So if you don't get to purchase something from all the vendors you have the chance to win something you desire!

### Theatre Tots

Drama classes for ages 0-7. Classes are six-week, themed sessions with a "performance day" on the last week. Students receive a certificate upon completion.

Classes are Saturdays @ HTCC

6 week \$65 — 12 weeks- \$130

More Info: [www.theatretots.com](http://www.theatretots.com)

### 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.



## Program Highlights: *something for everyone*

**2 options for your children to stay in shape on days off of school!!**

### Winter Baseball Clinic

Clinic is for boys of all skills levels, they will have chance to learn baseball fundamentals and meet a future star of the **Philadelphia Phillies— Russ Canzler, LV Ironpigs Infielder/DH**



### Basketball Clinics

All clinics are held from 9am-12pm and focus on fundamental skills & drills, play and mini tournaments. Ages 7-14 are welcome (Co-ed) Cost: \$15

**Monday, October 13** **Monday, December 1**  
**Monday, February 16**

**Date: TBA (please call for date, as it was not available at time of printing)**

### NEW COOKING CLASS

### Basics of Buying & Selling on Ebay

### FRESH & EASY HOLIDAY

**Monday, November 20, 2014**

### ENTERTAINING

**6:30-8 pm**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014**

**6:00-7:30 pm**

Want to enjoy entertaining friends and family without getting stuck in the kitchen all night? This class will cover 4 simple recipes that will impress your guests with fresh, fun & flavorful dishes! Finished dishes will be available to sample after the demonstration. Class is taught by an instructor who has developed recipes and classes for a local gourmet shop.

Class is for the beginner who wants to buy or sell items (whatever it may be) on Ebay, the world's largest online marketplace. Just over one hour of instruction is related to opening an account, doing your homework and researching what you may wish to buy or sell, creating listings, pricing strategies, and monitoring and shipping items. The last part of class is creating a live listing!

This is the class you want to get you started in a pinch!

**\$10 member/\$12 non-member**

**Fee: \$20**

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

## Special Events

**Tree Lighting- Friday, December 5, 2014, 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 [rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org](mailto:rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org) for more information.

## 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.

### NEW AEROBICS!!

Stop in a try out the new "Yogalate" Class or "21 Day Fix" class! Don't have a membership? \$6 for a day for Students & Seniors, \$8 for an adult per day!

### Gift Certificates & Coupon Books are here!!

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!
- Give the gift of summer- designate your GC for the pool!
- Kidsstuff Books
- Around Town- Lehigh Valley edition; orders for other editions available!

## Fitness Fair



Saturday, January 10, 2015

- ◆ Membership Discounts!! Free use of facility for day
- ◆ Valuable Information on health 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!

## 1 Mile Walk

Please bring your sneakers and help us to raise awareness about the importance of play, physical activity and education for our youngest learners! They are #1 in our hearts. **Our 1 Mile takes places in conjunction with the annual Hanover Township Fall Festival.** Our goal is to promote a stronger community through health and fitness. Our 1 Mile is a perfect introduction to the life long sport of racing.

Event Date: Saturday, October 4, 2014

Registration starts at 10:30am

Pre-registration- \$15 Day of event- \$20

\*Each cost represents a family and includes 1 shirt

Additional Shirts will be available for \$10/Adult., \$8/Youth

Prizes will include: 1st to register, largest number of family participants, youngest participant, oldest participant and most loyal group.

**Can't join us? Please consider a monetary donation and become a sponsor!**

### Hanover Township Community Center Programming Weather Policy

#### PLEASE NOTE

**Fitness Classes:** Morning Classes will follow the Bethlehem Area School District (BASD) schedule. When BASD is cancelled classes are cancelled - no exceptions; when there is a two (2) hour delay classes are cancelled; when there is a one (1) hour delay- classes will run as scheduled.

The status of Evening classes will be decided by 4:00 p.m. depending upon weather conditions. Cancellations or status will be posted on the HTCC website and/or the HTCC Facebook page.

**Preschool Age Programming:** Preschool programs follow the Bethlehem Area School District policy. When school is cancelled all Preschool Age Programming is cancelled. When there is either a one (1) or two (2) hour delay all programs will start at 10 a.m. and follow normal schedule subsequently.

**After School Programming:** If the HTCC is open, classes will go on as scheduled unless an instructor cannot attend at which point we will call and cancel. All decisions will be made by 4 p.m. If the building closes early, information concerning programming will be posted on the HTCC website and/or the HTCC Facebook page. HTCC staff will do its best to notify class registrants whenever possible.



## FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

### PET OWNERS:

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

### ALARM SYSTEM OWNERS:

Please remember if you have a **Monitored Alarm System** or **Automatic Protection Device** it must be registered with the Township. (Ordinance 96-1)

### STORM DRAINS:

Please remember it is illegal to dump ANYTHING in a storm drain, i.e., drain oil, Anti-Freeze, paints or thinners, dog or cat feces, grass clippings, etc..

### PROPERTY OWNERS

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

**Property owners who live 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 pedestrians walking on sidewalks has become a problem in some areas. Please remember this can be a liability to you.** We recommend a 7' clearance.

Remember to remove the weeds from the curb line along your property (front and rear).

Properties with sidewalks should maintain them clear of all debris, grass and weeds from edge to edge.

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

## Water & Sewer

The City of Bethlehem provides public water and sewer service for the majority of the Township. If you have an issue with either of these utilities, such as discolored water, contact them directly @ (610) 865-7074.

If you live south of Route 22, your water provider is Utilities, Inc and their contact number is (800) 525-7990.

## STREET LIGHTS

The street lights in the Township are owned and operated by PPL. If a street light is out you can call PPL directly. The PPL street light outage number is 1.800.342.5775, option 1, option 4. To report the outage you will need the pole or light number.

PPL owned street lights (utility poles or individual lights) should all have a yellow or silver sticker at eye level with two sets of numbers on them. Should, because they do fall off and are rarely replaced. If the stickers are missing you can report an outage by the closest address.



## Leaf Collection



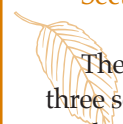
Township Leaf Collection will begin October 13 and run through the first week in December (weather permitting). Place your leaves at the curb in a windrow and make sure the leaves are free of all debris. Also, make sure you don't park vehicles on these windrows as the vehicle may catch fire. While there 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 you will be picked up. Volume and weather conditions dictate the speed at which crews pick up leaves. All trucks work north to south in their section of the Township. The location of the trucks will be updated on the home page of the website ([www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org)).

**Section I** – East Allen Border to Crawford Drive

**Section II** – Crawford Drive to Stoke Park Road

**Section III** – Stoke Park Road to City of Bethlehem Border

The 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 finished.



## Asa Packer Elementary School News

By Jonathan Horvath, Principal

On August 25, 2014, 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.

Our initiatives that were new to the building last year will once again be our focus. We will continue to implement the Common Core Standards as we prepare for a redesigned PSSA assessment. The implementation of Response to Intervention (RTII) will expand to the rest of the building, and we will begin our second year of Read 180 for selected students. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area School District's Roadmap 2.0 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 what it means to have P. R. I. D. E. in our school and self.

Last year, we were once again recognized with the designation of a "No Place for Hate" school. During this year, we will continue to strive for a fourth 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 in honor of World Peace Day. Students and staff will be creating pinwheels and displaying them on our school property.

Our Back to School Open House was held on August 27, 2014. Donuts with Dad was on September 19th. Picture Day is scheduled for October 3rd. School will be closed on October 13th for Teacher In-service Day. Parent and VIP visitations will occur during American Education Week that is scheduled from October 14th through October 17th. 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.

## EMS Corner

By EMS Captain Karen Van Why

### EMS Call statistics

#### January thru August of 2014:

#### January - August

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Ambulance Emergencies | 972 |
| Auto Accidents        | 74  |
| Fire Support          | 116 |
| Miscellaneous         | 1   |
| Mutual Aid            | 1   |

**Total calls through August 1,164**



### FALL PREVENTION IN OLDER ADULTS

Follow these simple tips to help prevent falls which puts you at risk of serious injury.

As you get older, physical changes and health conditions and sometimes the medications used to treat those conditions make falls more likely. In fact, falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults.

- Exercise regularly. It is important that the exercises focus on increasing leg strength and improving balance, and that they get more challenging over time. Tai Chi programs are especially good.
- Ask your doctor or pharmacist to review your medications, both prescription and over-the counter, to identify medicines that may cause side effects or interactions such as dizziness or drowsiness.
- Have your eyes checked by an eye doctor at least once a year and update your eyeglasses to maximize your vision. Consider getting a pair with single vision distance lenses for some activities such as walking outside.
- Make your homes safer by reducing tripping hazards, adding grab bars inside and outside the tub or shower and next to the toilet, adding railings on both sides of stairways, and improving the lighting in your home.

### LOWER THE RISK OF A HIP FRACTURE BY:

- Making sure you get adequate calcium and vitamin D from food and/or from supplements.
- Do weight bearing exercise.
- Get screened and, if needed, treated for osteoporosis.

### JOIN OUR TEAM

We are always looking for new volunteers to help serve our Township. If you may be interested in joining our team or learning more about what is involved in volunteering stop by our station. We have training every Monday night at 7 p.m. stop in and see what we are all about. <http://www.htvfc.org>.

All required training and equipment is provided FREE of charge.





## 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: 11AM-8PM  
Wednesday & Saturday: noon-4PM

## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Phone the *Main Library* at 610-867-3761 x224

Youth Services at 610-867-3761 x499

South Side Branch at 610-867-7852

**OR visit [www.bapl.org](http://www.bapl.org) to register or for details**

*The Library is closed November 27  
and December 24 & 25*

## Free Adult Programs

- Technology workshops: individual instruction
- Conversational Spanish Classes
- Bilingual Computer Instruction
- *Illustrators & Authors Speak Up for Libraries*
- National Novel Writing Month
- Craft series (quilting, jewelry making, pretzel making)
- *Really Terrible Orchestra* concert
- Historical Geography: Discover the *Real* Lehigh Valley
- Yoga & Zumba classes

★ **NEW** ★ *Fax service* for a fee at both locations.

## BAPL Book Sales

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

610 867-3761 x235

**Main Library- 12,000 books, movies & music**

Wednesday, **December 3:** noon-8PM

Saturday, **December 6:** 10AM-4PM

**South Side Branch** has a book sale, too!

Thursday, November 13: 6-8PM

Saturday, November 15: 1-4PM

## Free Children's Programs

- STEM building programs
- Seasonal activities
- Preschool music jam sessions
- Storytime (infant, toddler & preschool)
- *Family Place* parent/child workshops
- After-school *Homework Help*
- Family Fun Nights
- Read to Dogs
- Author events



## Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning October 13)

|             |                                                            |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 11:30-12:30 | Princeton Dr. ( <i>Saturdays</i> )                         |
| 12:15-1:15  | Cheryl Dr. at <i>Southland Condos</i> ( <i>Thursdays</i> ) |
| 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 October 6)

|            |                                                     |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 12:15-1:15 | Toni Ln. at Crawford Dr. ( <i>Thursdays</i> )       |
| 3:00-4:00  | Hanover Township Community Center                   |
| 4:05-4:50  | Bridle Path Rd. at <i>Traditions</i> <b>**NEW**</b> |
| 5:00-5:45  | Monocacy Dr.                                        |
| 6:45-8:15  | Chesterfield near Lord Byron                        |

## Hanover School News

*By Tim Lynch, Principal-Hanover Elementary School*

August 25, 2014, 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 39 new families and 2 new faculty members. We congratulated Mrs. Kondikoff (Art Teacher) on her retirement and wished her the best of luck as she began a new chapter in her life.

The PSSA (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment) results 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 state is expected to release the School Performance Profile (SPP) later in September. 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 Pennsylvania Core Standards in the area of mathematics. Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTII) and READ 180 will also be continued during the school year.

The calendar of events and happenings is full of opportunities for the students and families to 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 program is designed to teach tolerance, learn about diversity and acceptance for all. On September 19, 2014, our property was filled with Pinwheels for Peace as we take part in World Peace Day. The pinwheels will be decorated on one side and contain the students' wish for world peace on the other side.

The first annual Hanover Elementary Golf Classic was held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Bethlehem Golf Club.

The annual Hawk Walk will be held on the school grounds October 3, 2014. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk through a monetary donation or corporate sponsorship please contact the school at (610) 691-3210.

October 14-17th 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 17, 2014 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.

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.

## FALL/WINTER TREE MAINTENANCE: PRUNING

*By the Shade Tree Advisory Board*

**PRUNING IS BEST DONE IN THE DORMANT SEASON**, especially oaks, after the trees have lost their leaves and the branch structure is easy to see. Check out the Township website on Tree Care for proper pruning methods.

**NEVER TIP OR TOP.** Don't let anyone cut off the ends of branches (tipping or topping). Always remove a branch to a larger branch or to the trunk (see website on why topping is so bad).

Never leave a stub and never make a cut flush with the trunk, destroying the branch collar (see website on How to Prune). The tree can only heal itself if the pruning cut is made properly.

**HIRE ONLY AN ISA MEMBER ARBORIST** to do your pruning. "Licensed" or "certified" tree people are not necessarily members of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA). Ask to see their credentials. There have been instances of harmful tree pruning in the Township by unqualified tree people.

## REPLACE YOUR STREET TREE TO PRESERVE OUR URBAN FOREST

**REPLACE YOUR MISSING STREET TREE** if it has died or been removed. There are many areas in the Township with missing street trees. If they are not replaced, in 20 years our Township will not look the same. Get a permit (free) from the Township office or website and select a tree from the Approved Tree List. Remember, it has been proven that street trees increase the value of your property.

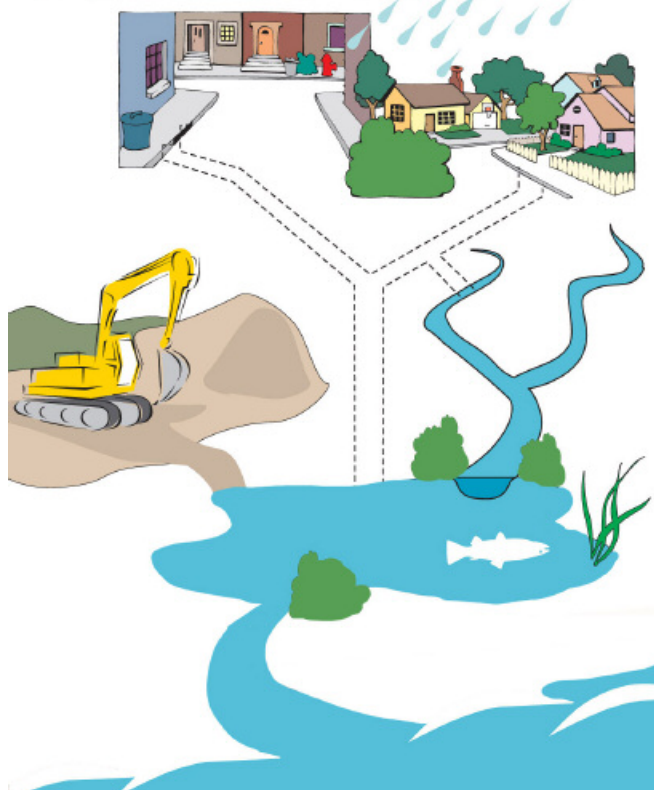
**THE BEST TIME TO PLANT A TREE WAS 20 YEARS AGO.**

**THE SECOND BEST TIME IS TODAY.**



# When It Rains, It Drains

Understanding Storm Water  
and How It Can Affect  
Your Money, Safety, Health,  
and the Environment



## What Happens When It Rains?



Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more damage than good. Problems related to storm water runoff can include:



Flooding caused by too much storm water flowing over hardened surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.

Increases in spending on maintaining storm drains and the storm sewer system that become clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris.



Decreases in sportfish populations because storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade important fish habitat.

More expensive treatment technologies to remove harmful pollutants carried by storm water into our drinking water supplies.



Closed beaches due to high levels of bacteria carried by storm water that make swimming unsafe.

We can help rain restore its good reputation while protecting our health and environment while saving money for ourselves and our community. Keep reading to find out how. . .

*information continued on next page*

## Answers to TEST YOUR STORM SEWER SYSTEM SAVVY on page 14:

- 1. Ditch** - Part of the storm sewer system. Most people think that the system is just a series of underground pipes. It can also include ditches used to convey storm water from the land to a receiving lake, river, or stream.
- 2. Fire Hydrant** - Not part of the storm sewer system. Water sprayed from fire hydrants is not storm water, but is allowed by law to enter the storm sewer system.
- 3. Curb with Storm Drain Inlet** - Part of the storm sewer system. Many people do not realize that this is an opening leading to the storm sewer system. Anything going into this inlet (e.g., trash, leaves, improperly disposed of hazardous materials) travel directly to a receiving lake, river, or stream without being treated first. Many communities stencil storm drains with "Do Not Dump" messages to let people know.
- 4. Storm Sewer Outfall** - Part of the storm sewer system. An outfall is where storm water drains from the storm sewer system into a receiving lake, stream, or river. If there is a flow from an outfall when it isn't raining, there could be a problem with the system or someone has used a storm drain for illegally disposing of materials.

- 5. Toilet** - Not part of the storm sewer system. Wastewater from sinks and toilets in houses and businesses travel through a sewer system constructed to carry sanitary wastes. In some instances, older communities may have a combined sewer system designed to carry both storm water and sanitary waste.
- 6. Septic System** - Not part of the storm sewer system. Homeowners use septic tanks to manage sanitary wastes on-site. Improperly maintained septic systems can leak and contribute pollutants to the storm sewer system, as well as directly to lakes, rivers, and streams.
- 7. Roads and Other Paved Areas** - Not part of the storm sewer system. Roads and other hardened surfaces such as parking lots and sidewalks can accumulate pollutants (e.g., oil, grease, dirt, leaves, trash, pet wastes) that storm water eventually washes into the storm sewer system.
- 8. Storm Drain Inlet** - Part of the storm sewer system. This is another example of what a storm drain may look like. Like the storm drain inlet shown in picture #3, anything that enters this drain will go directly to streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated first. It is important to recognize this as a storm drain to prevent it from being used as a trash can.

## Test Your Storm Sewer System Savvy!

What does the storm sewer system look like in your community? See if you can identify which pictures are part of the storm sewer system.

Answers on page 13



## Restoring Rain's Reputation:

### What Everyone Can Do To Help

Rain by nature is important for replenishing drinking water supplies, recreation, and healthy wildlife habitats. It only becomes a problem when pollutants from our activities like car maintenance, lawn care, and dog walking are left on the ground for rain to wash away. Here are some of the most important ways to prevent storm water pollution:

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint-never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system and report anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in storm water runoff or tracked into roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact storm water runoff to your community.
- Install innovative storm water practices on residential property, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that

capture storm water and keep it on site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.

- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls during times of dry weather-a sign that there could be a problem with the storm sewer system.

- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess-in a backyard or at the park-storm water runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream. Store materials that could pollute storm water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to storm water.

### What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground and pavement when it rains or when snow and ice melt. The water seeps into the ground or drains into what we call storm sewers. These are the drains you see at street corners or at low points on the sides of streets. Collectively, the draining water is called storm water runoff.

### Why is Storm Water "Good Rain Gone Bad"

Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants as it flows or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland, or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way empty into our waters, too, because storm water does not get treated!



Pet wastes left on the ground get carried away by storm water, contributing harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to our water.



Vehicles drip fluids (oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze, brake fluids, etc.) onto paved areas where storm water runoff carries them through our storm drains and into our water.



Chemicals used to grow and maintain beautiful lawns and gardens, if not used properly, can run off into the storm drains when it rains or when we water our lawns and gardens.

Waste from chemicals and materials used in construction can wash into the storm sewer system when it rains. Soil that erodes from construction sites causes environmental degradation, including harming fish and shellfish populations that are important for recreation and our economy.



See page 16 for more contact information



## UNDERSTANDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA

**Local government in Pennsylvania** is more complex than in most states in the United States. This often leads to misunderstandings about how localities are referred to throughout the Commonwealth. There are five types of local governments listed in the Pennsylvania Constitution; county, township, borough, city, and school district. All of Pennsylvania is included in one of the state's 67 counties and each county is then divided into one of the state's 2,562 municipalities. There are no independent cities or unincorporated territory within Pennsylvania. Local municipalities are either governed by statutes enacted by the Pennsylvania Legislature and administered through the Pennsylvania Code, by a home rule charter, forming a home rule municipality, or by an optional form of government adopted by the municipality with consent of the Legislature.

Each municipality, except boroughs, are then classified according to their population. The General Assembly sets the population threshold for each local government unit. There are currently nine classifications for counties, four classes of cities, and two classes of townships.

Finally, villages and census-designated places are a part of the local community. Although they are not recognized local governments, they often refer to specific areas of township or other municipality and are often, more familiar to people than the incorporated municipality. This can cause confusion to people who live outside the area and are not familiar with the local municipal structure. Hanover includes the villages of Hanoverville, Schoenersville, Stoke Park and Westgate Hills.



### MUNICIPALITIES

Everyone in Pennsylvania lives under the jurisdiction of at least two types of municipal governments. The first type of municipal government will provide police and fire protection, maintenance of local roads and streets, water supply, sewage collection and treatment, parking and traffic control, local planning and zoning, parks and recreation, garbage collection, health services, libraries, licensing of businesses, and code enforcement. The second type will administer the local schools and are called school districts.

The Constitution of Pennsylvania mentions only three types of non-school related municipal divisions; city, borough, and township. Bloomsburg however, is the only incorporated town in Pennsylvania but is administered by the borough code and is classified (for legal purposes) as such by the state.

### Township

Townships in Pennsylvania were the first form of land grants established by William Penn. They have existed in one form or another since the Province of Pennsylvania was established. They were usually large tracts of land given to a person, a family, or a group of people by Penn or his heirs.

Townships can be of the first or second class. A township may become a first-class township by a referendum of the township's voters. Representation in a first-class township is by a board of commissioners. That board can consist of anywhere from five commissioners elected at large or 7-15 commissioners elected by wards to four-year terms.

A second-class township usually has three supervisors, elected at large for six-year terms. A referendum may allow a second-class township's board of supervisors to expand to five members. Some townships have home-rule charters, which allow for a mayor/council form of government.

### MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

#### What is MS4?

MS4 is the acronym for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), which are stormwater (only) conveyance systems on municipal property that discharge as concentrated flow directly or indirectly into "waters of the United States."

Federal regulations enacted in December 1999 and administered through the State required municipalities with Urbanized Areas, based on 2000 Census data for higher populations densities, to implement a stormwater management program under a 5-year State Permit which began on March 2003 and was extended several times through 2014. A new 5-year State Permit was issued during 2014 and will expire in 2018, or as extended. The Federal regulations apply to Urbanized Areas and mandate that local government units (municipalities) adopt certain legal requirements through an ordinance, or other regulatory mechanism, to effectuate the local stormwater management program.

The Federal regulations require municipalities with MS4 Urbanized Areas to have the following legal provisions enacted:

- Prohibition of non-stormwater discharges (with certain exceptions) into MS4s
- Requirement for erosion and sediment pollution controls on construction sites
- Requirement to address post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment, including operations and maintenance of stormwater BMPs
- Sanctions to ensure compliance with the above provisions

Now you know why so much attention and detail is provided in this issue of Hanoverview. Recently, the Township staff attend an education session on MS4 to insure their activities were compliant with the State Permit.

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.

## When It Rains, It Drains *continued*

### Where to go to continue the information flow:

Your community is preventing storm water pollution through a storm water management program. This program addresses storm water pollution from construction, new development, illegal dumping to the storm sewer system, and pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices in municipal operations. It will also continue to educate the community and get everyone involved in making sure the only thing that storm water contributes to our water is...water! Contact your community's storm water management program coordinator or the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for more information about storm water management.



Pennsylvania Department of  
Environmental Protection  
[www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us)