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## STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

**"Oh s\*\*\*! ..... Pharo's gone!"**

*by John N. Diacogiannis, Chairman – Board of Supervisors*

"Oh s\*\*\*! ..... Pharo's gone!" That's what I heard on the other end of the cell phone line. The voice was that of Vince Milite, our Public Works Director. Let's back up 30 minutes before this shocking declaration. It was June 30, 2015 and I was standing in the middle of a car dealer's showroom on Hecktown Road. The weather report had been calling for storms, however the sky appeared clear and calm. Suddenly, my cell phone sounded a previously unheard alarm and presented an ominous message demanding me to "seek shelter immediately"! I quickly realized that nearly everyone's cell phone in the room was sounding the same alarm and admonition. The sun was shining – I thought that surely I could make it home before the storm hits. So I started my 15



*Pine trees torn from the ground at Pharo Park toppling into tennis courts.*

minute trip home. The first several miles where uneventful, when suddenly a deluge of water created zero visibility. An unknown number of vehicles stopped in their tracks along the road. I could barely

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## GLENN WALBERT RETIRES FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

*by Bernie O'Hare*

If you want to know what got Glenn Walbert interested in local government, all you need do is look out his back window. There you will see a wooded mound running along his and other Kenwood Ave properties, separating his quiet residential neighborhood from an industrial park. It's there because of him. A little over 30 years ago, the quiet and pensive Walbert led the battle to force a corporate developer to be a better neighbor to nearby residential communities. In 1986, before voting machines made it easy, Walbert waged a successful write-in campaign for a seat on Hanover Township's Board of Supervisors. For the



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## MICHAEL J. PRENDEVILLE *New Member - Board of Supervisors*



I am delighted to have been elected to the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors this past November. Following Glenn Walbert's departure, my objective is to emulate Glenn's legacy of leadership through community service and ambassadorship of Hanover Township. Filling Glenn's shoes will be no easy task however I am immensely

proud to have this opportunity to serve the residents of Hanover Township.

Originally from Brick NJ, I moved to Hanover Township in 1992. I have been married to Dawn (Currier) Prendeville since 1992. Dawn is an RN with Good Shepard Rehabilitation Hospital (Raker Center – Allentown). We have 2 children, Emily who is a junior at Bethlehem Catholic High School and Michael who is in

the 7th grade at St. Anne's School. I also have a step-son, Alexander Aronis who graduated from Temple University with an accounting degree and is currently employed at Sacred Heart Hospital in the accounting department. I am currently employed with Dun & Bradstreet as a Senior Information Consultant, supporting the data insight needs of large enterprise customers in the technology vertical.

For the last several years, I have been involved with Hanover Township in one capacity or another. I served as the original Hanover Township webmaster from 1993-97 and also served on the Board of Auditors from 1995-2015.

While serving on the board, my priorities will be focused on sustained fiscal responsibility, continued support of the excellent police and fire services, and a strong advocate for responsible regional development.

I hold a bachelorette degree in Business Management from Washington College, Chestertown, MD and an MBA from DeSales University, Center Valley, PA.

## Glenn Walbert Honored for 30 years of Service to Hanover



*Sen. Mario Scavello with Glenn Walbert.*

On Tuesday, December 15, 2015, Glenn R. Walbert, participated in his last Hanover Township Board of Supervisors meeting. First elected in 1986, Glenn served the last 10 years as the Board's Vice Chairman.

In attendance was representatives from Senator Toomey, Congressman Dent and PA Representative Marcia Hahn all who recognized Glenn and presented him with proclamations and citations. PA Senator Mario Scavello attended and presented Glenn with a Citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania. Offering public input was former Township Engineer Jim Birdsall, Police Chief Roy Seiple and Supervisor-elect Michael Prendeville. Warm applause followed each one of the presentations and comments from those in attendance.

Chairman John N. Diacogiannis then asked those on the dais for their input. Warm thoughts were offered by Supervisors Jack Nagle, Mark Tanczos, Steve Salvesen and Diacogiannis. Salvesen and Diacogiannis were both members of the Board when Glenn was elected in 1986.

Solicitor James Broughal, Engineer Brien Kocher, Director of Administration Ryan Kish and Manager Jay Finnigan also offered comments. All spoke of Glenn's commitment to the residents and business community in Hanover. Common adjectives used throughout the evening were ethics, honesty, tireless and professionalism. Solicitor Broughal summed up everyone's thoughts when he commented, "Over the years you may have had many equals, but there was no one that could beat you."

After Glenn was showered with acolytes, proclamations and citations Chairman Diacogiannis passed the gavel to Glenn and allowed him to preside as Chairman for his last meeting. Also in attendance for his last meeting was Glenn's wife Karen. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.



*Malta Gabriel presents Sen. Toomey's certificate.*



*Jay Finnigan presents Rep. Hahn's certificate.*



## STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP *continued*

see the car in front of me and only the headlights of the truck behind me. In addition to the heavy rain, my car was being bombarded by large hailstones and was rocking in the wind. I quickly regretted my decision to second guess the warnings. After about 15 minutes of this pounding, I carefully proceeded toward home and was faced with darkened traffic signals at the intersection with Route 512. Dodging incautious drivers, I carefully made it through the intersection, whereupon I speed-dialed Vince and reported the signal outage. Unlike my naive and careless attempt to reach home, the township staff and crew heeded the advice and took appropriate shelter. About the same time that I made the call to Vince, he and Township Manager Jay Finnigan were beginning to survey damages and were approaching Pharo Park. I don't recall specifically what we were talking about, however Vince stopped mid-sentence and proclaimed "Oh s\*\*\*! ..... Pharo's gone!" I lamely inquired, "what do you mean it's gone?" "I've never seen anything like it", he replied. All I could tell him was that I was on my way.

So what does this have to do with the state of the township? Well, I can tell you right now that things are going fairly well around here. A few weeks ago, as I contemplated my thoughts on issues that faced us last year, several of us realized that 2015 was a rather uneventful year. The straight-line wind, rain and hail storm of June 30th was perhaps the most significant event last year, at least for the impact it created. Damage to homes, churches, cars, businesses and infrastructure was extensive. The heaviest damage appeared to center around Pharo Park and along Airport Road. After I met them at the park, I accompanied Jay for the remainder of that day and saw firsthand the damage and losses suffered by so

many of our residents. We were so truly blessed that none sustained personal injuries. Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated public works crew, volunteer fire company and the Colonial Regional Police Department; emergency response and recovery was immediate and effective. We are also very appreciative of the assistance and support given by the Hanover Township Lehigh County fire department and the East Allen Township public works department. Damages sustained at township parks was



*More damage caused by straight line wind storm.*

extensive. Trees and storm debris clogged many of our roads. A section of Airport Road needed to be closed for a few days, due to downed poles and wires. Power outages in several areas lasted for a week. Cleanup and repairs to township property amounted to \$37,000 in overtime payroll, equipment charges, and material costs. In addition, a large number of trees were lost or sustained significant damage particularly at Pharo Park. Hence Vince's observation when he first laid eyes on the devastation.

On a much more pleasant note, we are very pleased that Guardian Life Insurance Company decided to remain in Hanover Township and locate its new office building in the northern end of the township between Jaiendl Boulevard and Sterner's Way. We look forward to the completion of this beautiful facility and Guardian's continued presence in Hanover Township.

Freshpet® continues its growth and expansion in LVIP IV. As a testament to their outstanding corporate citizenship, they have generously supported the creation of our new dog park in the municipal complex. In conjunction with the new dog park, our park system has become more dog friendly.

Phase I of Village View Park sports complex is expected to be available for use later this year.



*Airport Road looking north on June 23, 2015.*

## WALBERT RETIRES *continued from page 1*

past ten years, he's been Vice Chair. Now, three decades after he first ran for public office, Walbert has decided it's time to end a public career that has also included appointments to the Lehigh Northampton Airport Authority and the Colonial Regional Police Commission.

Walbert and his wife Karen just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a tour of the Baltic States, and he was much more at ease discussing the countries they visited than in talking about himself. "I can't say I had a personal accomplishment," was his answer when pressed on his biggest achievement in Hanover Township. "We worked together."

Hanover Township is a refreshing oasis in a desert of pay-to-play and government behind closed doors. Describing his relationship with fellow board members, Walbert explains that "[w]e always respect each other. We move on. We don't hold grudges. I couldn't survive if it was a hostile environment like I read about in other communities."

In a political world in which government shutdowns and budget impasses are the norm, this collegiality is a rare accomplishment. Working together, Walbert managed to convert Hanover, once known as Chickentown, into a diverse community with a healthy mix of commercial, industrial and residential communities that have kept taxes low. He is especially proud of the community center and regional police department.

A registered Democrat, Walbert believes partisan politics has no place in local or county government.

Asked about the biggest challenge he faced, Walbert said it was the Allentown NIZ, a special tax zone. As originally drafted, it captured the EIT of Hanover Township residents who worked inside the NIZ. Hanover Township unanimously voted to sue, and was quickly joined by about a dozen other municipalities. This challenge forced a legislative fix.

"We were never against the NIZ," explained Walbert. "Our sole goal was to preserve our EIT." He added that there was concern that the EIT tax grab would open townships up to "further exploitation."

Walbert spent 40 years in the private sector as an operations manager at Agere. He and his wife Karen are the parents of two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. His son Todd works in Chicago in a pharmaceutical benefits firm. His son Bryan is employed locally by Dun and Bradstreet. His daughter Lori is a school counselor and busy mother in San Marcus, CA.

He will be replaced on Hanover Township's Board by Michael Prendeville, who is employed at Dun and Bradstreet.

Though no longer on the Board, Walbert will still be involved in Hanover Township. He was elected auditor the same way he was first elected as Supervisor - by write-in vote.

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



*Sitting: Mark J. Tanczos, John N. Diacogiannis, Stephen R. Salveson.*

*Standing: Michael J. Prendeville, John D. Nagle.*

At their Annual Reorganization meeting, the Supervisors elected and made the following appointments:

- Re-elected John Diacogiannis as Chairman
- Elected Mark Tanczos Vice Chairman
- Re-appointed James Broughal Township Solicitor
- Re-appointed Brien Kocher Birdsall as Township Engineer
- Re-appointed Scott Milham as Township Fire Marshal
- Re-appointed Michael Podhayny, Jr. as Assistant Township Fire Marshal
- Re-appointed Kenneth T. Vail, and Vivian I. Zumas, Esq. to the Planning Commission
- Re-appointed Barbara L. Baldo, Esq. to the Zoning Hearing Board
- Re-appointed Evan J. Diacogiannis to the Recreation Advisory Board



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER

Director:  
Robert Cepin

### RECREATION NEWS

Assistant Director :  
Nichole Hamburg

#### Mark Your Calendar!

First Strides	<b>Thursdays March 24</b>
Easter Egg Hunt	<b>Saturday March 5</b>
<b>GLVA/HTCC Flag Football Clinic</b>	<b>Sunday, March 6</b>
Vera Bradley Bingo	<b>Sunday April 17</b>
Easter Sunday	<b>Closed</b>
Sousa Concert	<b>Sunday May 1</b>
Carnival Community Days	<b>Wed.-Sat. May 11-14</b>



#### Special points of interest:

#### ♦ NEW: Preschool Aged Triathlon

**Friday, May 20 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

Triathlon is open to ages 3-5 and will include a running, biking and swimming event. All events will be age oriented/ appropriate.. Prizes/medals will be given to all participants and the cost is **\$4 per child**. Register online or at the Community Center.

### Hanover Helps THON & Pink Ribbon Fund

The mission of the Hanover Township Community Center has always been to help out the members of our community. Following in suit with this mission, the Center has helped provide Penn State Lehigh Valley's THON organization and the Lehigh Valley Health Network's Pink Ribbon Fund with substantial fundraising proceeds.

Both organizations have partnered with the Community Center for past couple of years now and have helped educate the community in their respective organizational mission statements.

Penn State Lehigh THON enhances the lives of children and families impacted by childhood cancer. Their mission is to provide emotional and financial support, spread awareness and ensure funding for critical research — all in pursuit of a cure.

The Lehigh Valley Hospital's Pink Ribbon Fund helps patients in financial need pay for non-medical expenses such as food, rent,

utilities, wigs, prosthesis and other non-reimbursable items.

This year the Hanover Township Community Center donated back, \$547.74 to the Pink Ribbon Fund through raffles, the Field of Pink, and other donations.

Penn State Lehigh Valley's THON Chapter received \$626.00 from the proceeds of the November 1st 5K Fun.



### Red Cross Babysitting Training Class

To provide youth who are planning to babysit with the knowledge and skills necessary to safely and responsibly give care for children and infants. This training will help participants to develop leadership skills; learn how to develop a babysitting business, keep themselves and others safe and help children behave; and learn about basic child care and basic first aid. The recommended age for this course is 11-15 years old. Please send a packed lunch with your child.

**Saturday, April 23rd • 9 am-3:30 pm • Cost: \$70**

High School Community Service hours needed? Contact 610.317.8701



**VERA BRADLEY BINGO**  
SUNDAY 4/17 @ 1 PM

Tickets: \$15 prior to 4/1;  
\$20 after 4/1  
and at the door.  
Refreshments will be  
available.  
Doors open at 12 Noon.

## Community Bingo - Thursdays

**Community Bingo** continues on a monthly basis meeting once a month with the exception of January. In August we run a special Pampered Chef Bingo.

The first Thursday of the month is reserved for this event. Bingo is held in the meeting room and refreshments are 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 HTCC. 610.317.8701.

## Clothing Pick-up

**Saturday, April 23rd**

**7am-2pm**

**Drop off used clothes, bedding, blankets, etc. at HTCC Parking Lot.**

## First Strides Program and Goal Run 2015

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 Thursdays; starting on March 24th 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 7th**

**\$50 March 7th and after**

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

- Saturday, June 4th @ 9 am  
\$18 First Stride participant/early bird registration through 5/27-  
\$20 5/28 and beyond. Gift to the first 200 women who register.

## St. Luke's Visiting Nurse Association



### Blood Pressure Check

The center will now be offering this check on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8:45 am until 9:45 am. This program was originally scheduled the 1st Wednesday of each month. Please make note of this change immediately.

## P.J. Whelihan's Dine & Donate



### Supporting HTCC

Each year, our local Pj Whelihan's on Stoke Park Road is kind enough to allow us to hold a community night. 15% of all food sold during that day going back to benefit us. Please dine and mention "HTCC" at lunch, dinner or both!

**2016 Date: Wednesday, March 23rd**

## Disc Golf Class

**Thursday 4:45 - 5:30 pm 10-16 yrs. old**

**Fees: \$36/\$54 Week of April 10th - May 21st**

Learn the rules and basic skills of disc golf on Hanover Township's own disc golf course. Class will be held outside when possible.

**Week of April 10th through May 21st**



## Traditions of America "Village Voices" Choir

A group of senior men and women from Tradition of America, a 55+ community located in Hanover Township have formed a choir called the "Village Voices". It is directed by Jim Devine. It consists of approximately 30 members. The group has one thing in common - their love for music and singing. In addition to singing as a group, they have solo performers, a violinist, a guitarist, and also a bell ringing group, called Belles of Hanover. They have taken their choir group "on the road" to various adult nursing homes or retirement facilities. The performances are all done for free. If you are interested, or have any questions, contact Fran Kurtz, 610-691-3456.

## 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\*
- ◆ Pool Parties also available - limited availability so book early! \$35 extra fee

### \*Fees:

- 1-10 children  
\$100 Members/ \$125 Non-members
- 11-20 Children  
\$115 Members/ \$145 Non-members
- 21-30 Children  
\$130 Members/ \$165 Non-members

\*Pizza: \$13 a pie/ \$1 topping

\$50 deposit needed at the time of booking.



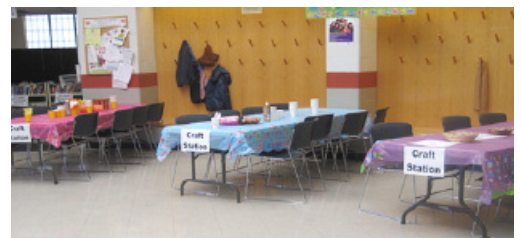
Have your next party at HTCC and let our game room host the kids instead of your family room! Less mess and more fun for everyone!

## Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny returns to HTCC to enjoy an afternoon with the children. The bunny will bring **2000 filled** eggs to be hidden between the three different age groups. Please note that registration will be limited in each age group in order to ensure all participants are able to collect enough eggs. We encourage you to register early in order to ensure a spot for your child/children. In case of inclement weather, the egg hunt will be held inside the Community Center.



Register early to ensure a spot in the egg hunt!



**Date:** Saturday - March 5, 2016

**Price:** \$5 per child

### 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!

**Egg Hunt Includes:** Filled Easter eggs, a chance to meet the Easter Bunny, and coloring activities!

## Oldies Dance (must preregister by 4/16)

Sponsored by Home Sweet Home LLC.

**Saturday, April 23, 2016**

**Dance Lesson 7-7:30pm, Dance 7:30-9pm**

**Appetizers & Soda Provided**

**Members: \$8 per person or \$15 per couple**

**Non-members: \$10 per person or \$18 per couple**





### Teen Workz

**Ages 13-16**

**Community Service, Counselor  
Training & Life skills**

**Held: M, W, F 9am-12pm**

**Fee: \$40**

The numbers and information above represent a program going into it's 3rd year! Each year the program teaches local teens multiple concepts and ideas, while gaining community service hours through work with summer camps and park recreational programs. **Program starts Monday, June 20, 2016.**

### Preschool Age Class Registration for Fall 2016/17 Now Open

Hanover Preschool age programs are better then ever! We offer a variety of programs for ages 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!

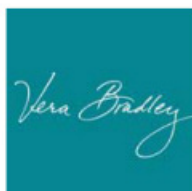
Call 610.317.8701ext. 104 to schedule a tour today!

## Special Events for 2016



**Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>: HTCC Winter Fitness Fair**

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>: Easter Egg Hunt**



**Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>: HTCC Vera Bradley Bingo**

**Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: J.P. Sousa Concert**



**Wed. May 11<sup>th</sup> - Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup>: Hanover Days Carnival**

We would like to thank our special event sponsors for helping to make our events better each year!



HanoverView  
Animal Hospital  
7122 Beth Bath Pike  
484-281-8080  
[www.HanoverViewAnimalHospital.com](http://www.HanoverViewAnimalHospital.com)



**Register for HTCC programs and activities at  
[www.hanovercommunitycenter.com](http://www.hanovercommunitycenter.com)**



## 2016 Township Budget *by John J. Finnigan, Jr., Township Manager*



The 2016 Budget adopted by the Board of Supervisors maintains the Township Tax Rate at 3.9 mills, including the Fire Tax of .5 mills, for the *ninth* consecutive year. Hanover Township remains on sound financial footing as a result of the dedication and commitment of the Township Board of Supervisors and Township

staff the Township has become and continue as one of the premier locations to live and work in the Lehigh Valley.

During 2016, Hanover Township projects receiving \$8,578,833 in General Fund Revenue, which equates to a 5.5% *increase* or \$449,094 and a similar *increase* in General Fund Expenses for the year. This compares to a budgeted amount of \$7,988,134 in 2015.

Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to real estate taxes, fire tax, waste and recycling fees, earned income tax, local services taxes, mercantile taxes, real estate transfer taxes, grants, and building and inspection fees. The General Fund expenditures include costs associated with Public Works, Administration, Planning and Zoning and Inspections, Colonial Regional Police, Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, Refuse and Recycling and the Bethlehem Area Public Library.

The majority of expenditures in the General Fund are recurring costs with the most significant costs being for public safety (police, fire and EMS) waste and recycling collection costs-offset by fees, wages and benefits.

Contained within the General Fund expenditures are the following park improvements projects and major purchases:

Phase 2 of Village View Park construction consisting of field improvements, roadway construction, storm drainage, etc.

A new ariel truck, to be owned by the Township and used by Hanover Township Volunteer Fire Company will be delivered in early 2016 at a cost of \$1,055,900. The purchase is funded through the Fire Tax and will not result in any debt assumed by the Township.

Additionally, the Township will be replacing two (2) multi-purpose pickup trucks equipped with plows.

During 2016, Hanover Township estimates receiving \$803,547 in Recreation revenues, which is a *0.0071 increase*.

Sources of revenue include, but are not limited to memberships, season pool passes, rental of facilities, daily pool receipts, swim lessons, fundraising, program fees, catering, advertising – newsletter, preschool tuition, programs and fundraisers. The 2016 Recreation expenditures include costs associated with salaries, operating expenses including utilities, supplies, equipment, pool and park maintenance and training, fundraising costs and services

Capital Reserve Expenditures in 2016 will include monies appropriated for municipal facilities, a fire apparatus, two pickup trucks, traffic signal (Brodhead & North/South Commerce) and the continued development of Village View Park.

During 2016 road resurfacing will be completed on the following Township roads: Birchwood Drive, Greenwood Drive, Rosewood Drive, Illick's Mill Road and Bridle Path Road.

As of December of 2015 the Township was not encumbered by any debt.

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Work on Phase II of the complex has begun and should be completed this year.

I take this opportunity to recognize one of Hanover Township's outstanding citizens. Mike Caffrey, Boy Scout Troop 352 Scoutmaster, has given back to his community many times over. Under his many years of leadership, this troop has had an unprecedented number of scouts earn and achieve the high rank of Eagle Scout. Considering that nationwide only 4% of scouts reach that exalted rank, this troop is doing something right. Most recently I attended a most amazing Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Ten scouts from Troop 352 were presented with this high honor. Three of these young men reside in

our township. Mike truly exemplifies everything good about the Boy Scouts of America. He is to be commended. Thank you Mike for helping to make Hanover Township a wonderful place to live.

Finally, many of you know that Glenn Walbert "retired" after 30 years of dedicated service to the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors. Glenn was our guide and compass during the growth and development years of our community. I am particularly appreciative to Glenn for assisting me as Vice Chairman of the Board and as Chairman of the Colonial Regional Police Commission. Thanks Glenn!

## 2016

Hanover Township  
Residential Waste & Recycling Schedule

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Waste & Recycling Holidays	
<b>January</b>	
1: New Year's Day	
<b>May</b>	
30: Memorial Day	
<b>September</b>	
5: Labor Day	
<b>November</b>	
24: Thanksgiving Day	

Holiday Schedule: During weeks with a holiday all collections are moved one day later during that week subsequent to the holiday. Holidays are identified by a "H".

Residential Waste & Recycling days are shaded in **GREEN**.

Residential Waste only days are shaded in **YELLOW** (lighter).

**No change in Days or Zones.**



## Don't Top Trees

Late winter is the perfect time of year to prune trees. The fresh wounds are not exposed to harmful insects and fungi, and the wound healing process will begin with new growth. Also, the structure of the tree is easier to see with no leaves.

**Rule Number 1: NEVER TOP OR TIP A TREE.** If a tree is topped, in a few years it will be the same size it was before, with numerous weak shoots instead of sturdy branches. This could make your tree "hazardous" during storms. Also, the tree is shocked and uses all of its energy producing the numerous shoots, which starts a decline. See the pictures below of a topped (butchered) tree, and what a topped tree looks like in several years, with the tall, weak shoots.



**Rule Number 2:** If you have to work above the ground or use power tools, it is safer to hire an arborist. We recommend using a certified arborist who is a member of ISA (International Society of Arboriculture). These arborists are trained in expert tree care and can determine the type of pruning necessary to improve the health, appearance and safety of your trees. Be sure to ask for their credentials.

If you decide to prune small branches yourself, review Tree Care on the Township website or go to the ISA website, [www.treesaregood.org](http://www.treesaregood.org). Proper pruning techniques will ensure healing of the pruning wounds. Never leave a stub which provides an open pathway for decay. Never make a cut flush with the trunk. The tree can only heal itself if the cut is made properly.

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

— The National Arbor Day Foundation

## Smoke Detectors Save Lives

by Fire Chief Craig Wasem

As of November 2015 it is estimated that smoke detectors are installed in 93 percent of US homes. NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) estimates that nearly two-thirds of deaths from home fires occur in properties without working smoke detectors. Roughly 30 percent of all detectors are estimated not to work, due to excessive age or lack of working battery.



NFPA recommends that home-owners replace smoke detector batteries with a new battery at least once per year, when it starts chirping (a signal that its charge is low), or when it fails a test, which they recommend to be carried out at least once per month by pressing the "test" button on the alarm. The life expectancy of smoke alarms is generally 10 years, after which point their sensors can begin to lose sensitivity. The test button only confirms that the battery, electronics, and alert system are working; it doesn't mean that the smoke sensor is working. To test the sensor, use an aerosol can of smoke alarm test spray that simulates smoke. But even if the 17-year-old smoke alarms in your homes can still detect smoke, we recommend replacing them with new models.

NFPA requires smoke detectors on every habitable level and within the vicinity of all bedrooms. Habitable levels include attics and basements that are tall enough to allow access.

Children and family members who have difficulty hearing have trouble waking to the sound of a smoke alarm. I encourage you to perform a test with your family, while they are sleeping, to ensure that the alarm is heard and acknowledged. Other options for smoke detection alarms include spoken voice alerts, visual strobes, or vibrating pillow pads.

Do not hesitate to contact the fire company (610.867.2103) with any further questions you may have. If you or someone you know does not have working smoke alarms and cannot afford to purchase or replace them, contact the fire company.

## Lyme Disease Task Force Releases Report and Recommendations

BY STATE SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO (PA-40)

Throughout my tenure holding elected office, I have become increasingly concerned by the growing epidemic of Lyme Disease and tick-borne illness in Pennsylvania. In comparison to other states, this epidemic is reaching crisis proportions in the Commonwealth, with increasing reports of confirmed cases of tick-borne illness.

Absent a comprehensive strategy for prevention and both rapid and effective treatment once the disease is detected, the epidemic will only continue to grow. Fortunately, a state-wide Task Force on Lyme Disease was created last year and they recently released a series of recommendations for improving the prevention, education, and surveillance of Lyme Disease in Pennsylvania.

Act 83 of 2014 established the Task Force and directed the group to study ways Pennsylvania could “provide the public with better information and education, to create greater public awareness of the dangers of and measures available to prevent, and to diagnose and treat Lyme disease and related maladies.”

The task force provided several prevention recommendations. First, Pennsylvania should develop and implement a plan and funding strategy for schools located in high-risk areas to educate students on how to protect from Lyme Disease. Similarly, a policy is needed for federal, state and local park staff and properties to communicate risk aware-



Rep. Mario M. Scavello

ness to the public. Finally, the state should coordinate the distribution of publications for physicians to provide to patients when they are evaluated for potential Lyme and related tick-borne infections.

Several education recommendations were also provided as part of the report. As part of a broader education effort, Pennsylvania needs a comprehensive, state-wide public awareness campaign. As part of this education effort, an initial and ongoing program is needed for healthcare providers to educate them as to the prevention of tick bites, and prevention of disease progression from acute

to later stages of infection.

The report also detailed a number of surveillance and containment strategies to prevent the spread of tick-borne illness and identified the need for state monies to conduct research and ensure early detection of disease.

Together, these recommendations provide a framework for Pennsylvania to address the growing public concern and the increasing prevalence of tick-borne illness. The Task Force report is a critical step forward in addressing this growing epidemic in our region. To view the full report, please visit my website at [www.marioscavello.com](http://www.marioscavello.com).

State Sen. Mario Scavello represents the 40th Senate District, serving residents of Northampton and Monroe Counties.

## Local Tax Return is Due April 18

It's that time of year again. The 2015 local earned income tax return filing deadline is approaching. The due date is extended to Monday April 18 this year because Washington DC is commemorating Emancipation Day on Friday April 15.

Did you know the quickest way to get your refund is to file online? If you live and work in Pennsylvania, you can **e-file** on our tax administrator's secure website, which is available 24/7 at [www.KeystoneCollects.com](http://www.KeystoneCollects.com).

Keystone Collections Group's **e-file** is the easy, fast and secure way to file your 2015 tax return. It lets you file your tax return when it is most convenient for you. You will need your W-2, your Social Security Number and any other income documents that may apply (such as a PA-UE or a Schedule C).

Keystone redesigned **e-file** to make it even faster and more user-friendly.

If you have questions regarding local tax filing, visit Keystone's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or call Keystone's **Taxpayer Helpline** at 1-888-328-0565 to speak with a local, knowledgeable Taxpayer Service Agent. You can also email your questions 24/7 to [Taxpayer Support](#). Taxpayer Service Agents try to respond to all online inquiries within three business days.

Taxpayers with earned income in 2015 are required to file a Final Tax Return by Monday, April 18th.



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP EAGLES

### Evan Zachary Burlew

Evan was awarded his Eagle Scout award on September 11, 2014 and officially received it during an Eagle Court of Honor on June 6, 2015. For his Eagle Project Evan planned, designed and installed a Nine Hole Disc Golf Course on the Hanover Township Municipal Tract. Evan has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. He was a member of Troop 302, First Presbyterian Church in the City of Bethlehem. Evan is the son of Brian and Cynthia Burlew.

### Alex Christopher Burlew

Alex was awarded his Eagle Scout award on September 11, 2014 and officially received it during an Eagle Court of Honor on June 6, 2015. For his Eagle Project Alex planned, designed and constructed an observation beehive for the farm project initiative at the School Sisters of Saint Francis's Monocacy Manor in Hanover Township. The Scholl Sisters of Saint Francis now have a valuable educational beehive to add to their growing farm project. Alex has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop serving as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. He was a member of Troop 302, First Presbyterian Church in the City of Bethlehem. Alex is the son of Brian and Cynthia Burlew.

### Jason Phillip Ahing

Jason was awarded his Eagle Scout award on October 8, 2015 and officially received it during an Eagle Court of Honor on January 17, 2016. For his Eagle Project Jason planned and conducted a drive that collected and refurbished youth reading books that were sent to an impoverished elementary school in the Philippines. Jason has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was a member of Troop 352 chartered by Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish. He is the son of Ms. Alma Andres.



### Adam Dabrowski

Adam was awarded his Eagle Scout award on November 12, 2015 and officially received it during an Eagle Court of Honor on January 17, 2016. For his Eagle Project Adam planned and painted a large scale United States map on the playground of Asa Packer Elementary School in Hanover Township. Adam has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was a member of Troop 352 chartered by Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish. He is the son of Jerry and Alina Dabrowski.



### John T. Burke, Jr

Jake was awarded his Eagle Scout award on October 8, 2015 and officially received it during an Eagle Court of Honor on January 17, 2016. For his Eagle Project planned and painted a large scale world map on the playground of Asa Packer Elementary School in Hanover Township. Jake has exemplified the virtues of scouting and has exhibited leadership skills in his troop Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He was a member of Troop 352 chartered by Notre Dame of Bethlehem Parish. He is the son of John Sr. and Kim Burke.



## EMS CORNER

by EMS Captain Karen Van Why

### YTD EMS Call Statistics for 2015:

Medical Emergencies .....	1,652
Motor Vehicle Accidents .....	152
Fire Support .....	189
Total calls for the year .....	1,993



### THANK YOU

Thank you to all our residents for your generous donations on SANTA day. It was a beautiful day and it was great to see how many residents old and young came out to see Santa.

Thank you to Home Helpers at Sterling Heights for the appreciation luncheon they held for Emergency Responders. It was very nice to meet everyone and enjoy there amazing food and dessert spread.

### WHEN EMERGENCIES HAPPEN SECONDS COUNT

Below are some tips to help Emergency responders provide quicker service to our patients.

#### CLEAR THE WAY

Snow and untrimmed bushes and trees can impede our access to get to the patient.

Shovel your driveway and sidewalk as soon as snow stops. If you are unable to do this yourself have a plan in place to have someone do it for you.

Keep bushes and trees trimmed back away from the sidewalk, porch or any access way into your home.

Stairways should be clear of clutter.

#### MAKE YOUR HOUSE STAND OUT

Emergency responders have GPS units and mapping programs to help us get to you quickly however if we cannot see the address it delays our response.

Turn on outside lights, open front door and have someone if available to watch for emergency responders to flag them down.

If you have pets in the house secure them in another room away from the patient.

#### EMERGENCY RESPONDERS LOCKED OUT

We do have ways to break into your homes to help but it delays care and causes damage and security of home.

If an emergency occurs and you need help make sure emergency responders can into your home. You can hide a key outside, give a key to a neighbor or install an outside lock box to hide your key in. Our 911 center has a database that will keep that information with your address. If an emergency occurs they will advise the responding personnel the code to use to get into the locked box.

#### DECLUTTER YOUR HOME

Keep your hallways, stairs and living spaces free from clutter and belongings. Emergency responders need to bring in their equipment and a stretcher for the patient. If they do not have room it delays care for the patient.

### GRANT WRITERS

Don't have the time or desire to volunteer as a firefighter or EMT? We would love to have your help if you are able to write grants to help us obtain additional monies for equipment for our Company. If you would be interested please contact us at 610-867-2103 or stop by our station.

### 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.

#### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

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

## Board of Supervisors Notes

### HELP WANTED

#### POOL, PARKS & CAMPS

The Township is currently accepting application for life-guards, gate guards and pool staff for the 2016 summer. Camp and park counselor openings are also being filled. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Nichole Hamburg at the Community Center, 610.317.8701

### RECYCLING NEWS

The Hanover Township Public Works Department collected approximately 1,000 tons of Leaves and 575 tons of Yard Waste in 2015! In 2014 the department collected 1,175 tons of Leaves and 520 tons of Yard Waste.

### ARMED FORCES DAY

Hanover Township will celebrate Armed Forces Day on Saturday, May 21, 2016. An event is in the planning stages for the ceremony to be held at Armed Services Park at the corner of S.R. 0512 and Hanoverville Road starting at 10:00 a.m.



## REACHING OUT TO LOCAL VETERANS

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT

If you are a veteran, or know someone who is, I have a great opportunity to learn about services that may be available to you.

A representative from the Pennsylvania American Legion visits my district office, 196 West Moorestown Road, Bushkill Township, the second Wednesday of every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to the Northampton County Department of Veterans Affairs, there are approximately 20,000 veterans living in the county. The service my staff and I are provid-



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ing offers the men and women who serve or have served our country a chance to check out individual programs for which they may be eligible.

This is also a chance for veterans to have specific questions answered on an individual basis. We simply ask anyone who is interested in taking advantage of this service to please call ahead and schedule a meeting time.

Appointments may be set up through my office by calling (610) 746-2100.

## HANOVER LIONS CLUB

A Certificate of Appreciation was awarded to the Turkey Hill Store, Sterner's Way at S.R. 0512 by the Hanover Township Lions Club. The award was presented in appreciation for the outstanding support of the store, and it's very generous customers towards the success of the Lions Club's White Cane Fundraiser. All White Cane donations are used to help needy people with impaired sight.

Shown in the picture is White Cane Chairperson Paul Scheltzer, Turkey Hill Store Manager Jackie Kavanagh and Club President Larry Williams.



## 2016 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 Monday through Friday

## YARD WASTE

Hanover Township delivered the 2016 Yard Waste Calendar to the Post Office for Bulk Processing and Delivery in early December 2015 for distribution to the residents of the Township. The calendar is also available on-line at:

<http://hanovertwp-nc.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/2016-Yard-Waste-Schedule.pdf>

## 2016 Residential Waste & Recycling Bills

Your Residential Waste & Recycling bills for services for the 2016 calendar year will be mailed to each residential property owner. If you do not receive your bill by the middle of 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.

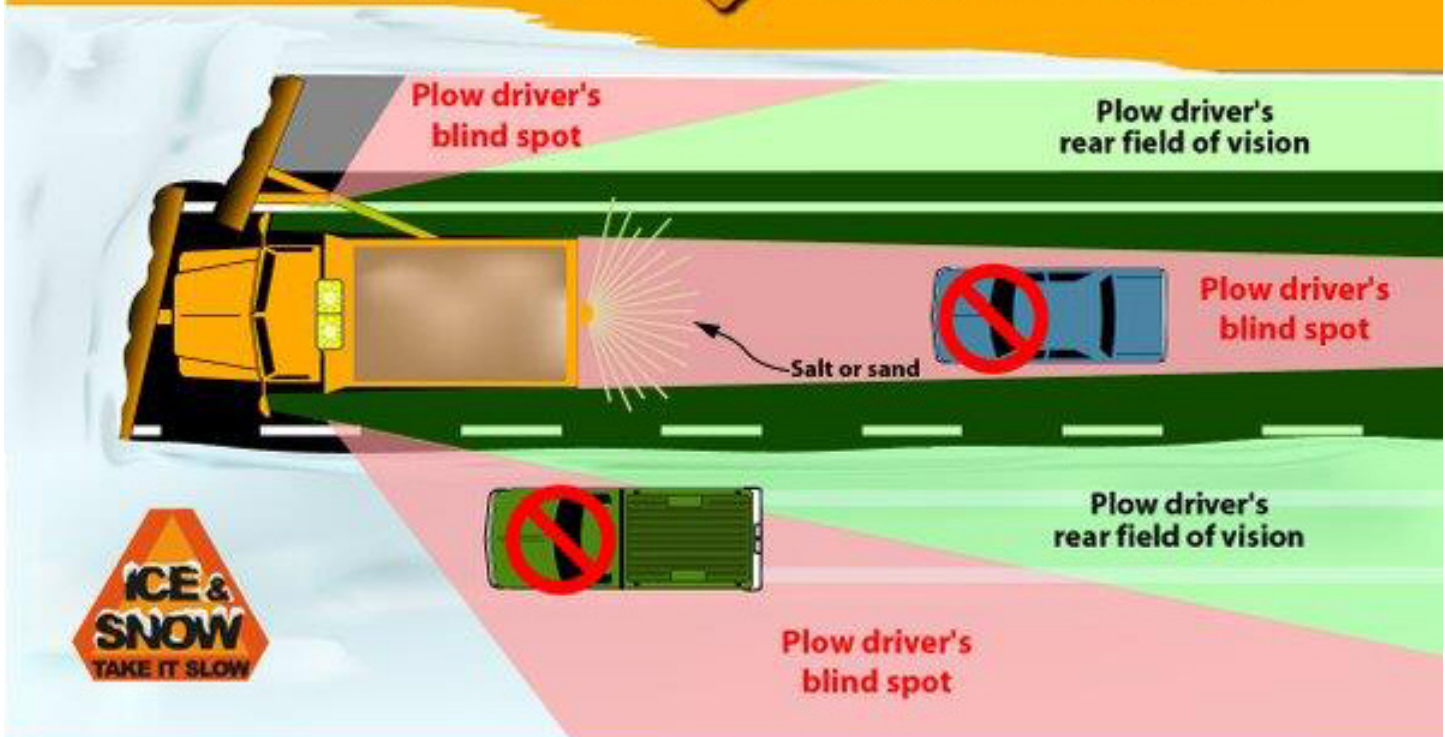
A new calendar can be found online at:

[http://hanovertwp-nc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-Residential-Waste-Recycling-Calendar\\_Revised-AGAIN.pdf](http://hanovertwp-nc.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/2016-Residential-Waste-Recycling-Calendar_Revised-AGAIN.pdf)

*Please also review the Residential Waste and Recycling calendar below.*

**Use caution when approaching a snowplow.  
Snowplows typically operate at 25-35 mph.**

**Never pass on the shoulder side of a plow.  
Plows will move snow to the shoulders.**



**Don't assume plow drivers see you.  
Their fields of vision are limited.**

**HANOVER TOWNSHIP PUBLIC WORKS**



## 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 System and other media outlets. If the Township declares a "Snow Emergency" parking on all Town-

ship streets is prohibited and vehicles may be tagged (\$50 fine). (§172-29 of the Codified Ordinance reads: Whenever a snow emergency has been declared it shall be unlawful for any vehicle to be abandoned or parked, on any public highway.)

To register for an Email Alert from Hanover Township, visit [www.hanovertwp-nc.org](http://www.hanovertwp-nc.org).



## HANOVER TOWNSHIP DOG PARK

Completed December 31, 2015 and opened January 4, 2016 Hanover Township now has a Dog Park located on the Township Municipal Tract. In partnership with Freshpet® which is located on North Commerce Way in the Township the park was constructed with a section for both small and large dogs.

In 2013 Freshpet® celebrated its grand opening of their Freshpet® Kitchens in Hanover. With the latest production technology and stringent quality assurance procedures their kitchens are the cleanest and most advanced in pet food today. At their North Commerce Way facility their team members and partner vet nutritionists work tirelessly to create innovative recipes for dogs and cats.

We appreciate their commitment to the Township!



## PENNSYLVANIA YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

Hanover Township has a limited supply of Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program brochures that can be picked up at the Municipal Building.

Pennsylvania's Yellow Dot Program was created to assist citizens in the "golden hour" of emergency care following a traffic accident when they may not be able to communicate their needs themselves.

Placing a yellow dot in your vehicle's rear window alerts first responders to check your glove compartment for vital information to ensure you receive the medical attention you need.

The program is a cooperative effort among the Pennsylvania Departments of Transportation, Health and Aging, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission & First Responders and local law enforcement.



### How does it work?

Participants complete a personal information form, which includes the participant's name, emergency contact information, medical history and medication, allergies and the participant's doctors' names. A photo showing only the participant's head and shoulder's is then taped to the completed information sheet.

The yellow dot decal provided in the program kit is placed in the lower left corner of the participant's vehicles' rear windshield. The decal should be no higher than 3.5 inches from the bottom of the windshield. This decal alerts first responders that vital information can be found in the vehicle.

Place the completed information sheet, with the attached picture, in the Yellow Dot folder, and then place the folder into the vehicle's glove compartment (box).



## BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 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

*The Library is closed February 15, March 25, May 28 & 30*

### Free Adult Programs

**The Whole World Is Watching-** In partnership with the Allentown Art Museum's exhibit *This Light of Ours: Activist Photographers of the Civil Rights Movement*, Aram G. Goudsouzian, author of *Down to the Crossroads: Civil Rights, Black Power and the Meredith March against Fear*, will speak about how traditional media, and, especially today, social media informs society about social justice issues.



### Additional Programs

- Healthy Food Choices workshops
- Nonfiction book discussions
- Bilingual computer instruction
- Women's History Month
- Gardening
- Celtic concert
- Yoga classes
- Chess Club

### BAPL Book Sales • [www.bestbooksale.org](http://www.bestbooksale.org)

**15,000 books, DVDs & CDs in good to excellent condition!**

Wednesday, **February 3** • noon-8PM

Saturday, **February 6** • 10AM-4PM

*Also March 16 & 19 / May 18 & 21*

### 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) for details

### Free Children & Teen Programs

- Teen *Chocolate Olympics*
- *Create with Me* art workshops (PBS 39 partnership)
- Dr. Seuss celebration
- School age STEM programming
- After-school *Homework Help*
- *StoryTimes* (infant, toddler & family)
- *Learn & Grow* for toddlers
- Family Fun Nights
- *We've Got the Beat* for preschoolers



## Bookmobile Schedule for Hanover Township

Mondays, except where noted

### A WEEK (alternate weeks beginning February 2)

11:30-12:30	Hanover Elementary School ( <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 February 9)

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 of America</i>
5:00-5:45	Monocacy Dr.
6:45-8:15	Chesterfield near Lord Byron



## THE BIG ONE

**"The storm that made history!!"**

*by Jay Finnigan*

All week leading up to January 22, 2016 the various weather services were providing different accumulation amounts for the potential snow storm. Late Friday, the NMA (North American Mesoscale Model (NAM), a numerical weather prediction model run by National Centers for Environmental Prediction for short-term weather forecasting) raised their projection to 38.5". I immediately texted Vince Milite, Public Works Director, who immediately responded, "thanks for the update."

At 4:00 a.m. on Saturday the 23rd the call went out to the public works crew to report immediately for snow removal duties. As previously planned, Vince picked up Supervisor Chairman John Diacogiannis to ride shotgun with him. At about 8:00 a.m. "weatherman" Diacogiannis informed Vince that the storm had pushed north and all weather services were now predicting 30" of snow. Conditions quickly began to deteriorate. Meanwhile at 7:30 a.m. Supervisor Mike Prendeville began to ride shotgun with me. Comments like "this is bad" and "I don't know how these guys do it" were being mumbled from my passenger seat. One hour led to 5 hours, 5 hours led to 10 hours and quickly 24 hours of plowing.

On Sunday, Supervisor Prendeville posted the following on Facebook, "The dedication this team (Public Works) demonstrated during this record storm was inspiring. Maintaining order in times of chaos is not an easy thing to do, yet the crew pulled it off. This storm was a monster and at times impossible to keep pace. Man and machine stressed to unimaginable levels yet objectives were met and exceeded. Everyone was in this together throughout the ordeal. I did not hear one whisper of complaint or contempt from anyone on the team after 24 hours of doing relentless battle. I am proud to be associated with this group. Thank you for doing what you do!!!!"

Supervisor Diacogiannis quickly followed with, "I've ridden with this crew during nearly every major storm, but as we all know this one was of historic proportions. The challenges were extreme. The work was difficult and exhausting. As Mike Prendeville attested to their dedication, I would like to especially recognize our Public Works

Director Vincent Milite for his outstanding dedication to Hanover Township, Northampton County. He's the first one out on the roads, works as hard as his crew and somehow manages to run a command center from the cab of his truck. I was proud to have shared that cab with him for nearly 12 hours. I had enough and went home, but Vince and the crew continued to do battle with the storm for many more hours. Not to be outdone, our Township Manager Jay Finnigan is one of the very few managers to

ALWAYS join the crew and operates one of the big plow trucks. He is not required to be on the road (nor is Vince) but he works side-by-side with the crew on every storm. Finally, I'd like to give huge thanks to the great residents of Hanover Township. You heeded the call to remove all vehicles from the streets, which makes plowing operations much less difficult, more efficient and far safer for everyone. Your patience and understanding of the extreme difficulties this storm presented is very much appreciated. This storm will go down in the record books, but our crew operated as expected. Please join me in giving them all a big thank you!

As we start the post mortem on the storm that we'll talk about for years it is a good time to remind residents and businesses to uncover the fire hydrants on your property.

Over the years we have developed a snow plan which coordinates as many as fifteen (15) drivers in specific areas of the Township. The Board of Supervisors also provides for the hiring of additional plows and/or plow operators in the event of a "major" snow and/or ice event. It worked seamlessly in this storm.

Our priority for addressing road clearing was and always is:

1. Main and collector roads
2. Emergency facilities; CRPD headquarters & HTVFC
3. Developments
4. Cul-de-sac bulb clearing & intersection cleaning
5. Township owned property and sidewalks

In our twenty-four hours of plowing operations our staff and equipment was taxed. At 7:00 a.m. on Monday the staff began to repair five (5) vehicles that became inoperable during the storm, clear intersections, revisit developments, clear the cul-de-sacs and Township owner property and sidewalks. As Supervisor Diacogiannis mentioned we received outstanding cooperation from residents.



*Vince Milite and Dave Savage repair a broken plow during the storm.*



*Properly cleared hydrant.*

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 7:00 p.m.