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A NEWSLETTER PUBLISHED BY HANOVER TOWNSHIP, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COLONIAL REGIONAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Change is in the wind for Colonial Regional Police Department (CRPD), however Hanover Township citizens will continue to enjoy outstanding professional police services for years to come. CRPD was established in 1995 by the Borough of Bath and the Townships of Lower Nazareth and Hanover. Under Articles of Agreement entered into by the three municipalities, the CRPD was formed and is managed by the Colonial Regional Police Commission (CRPC). Each municipality is represented by two Commission members. I am Hanover Township's voting member, while Jack Nagle is our non-voting alternate. The police station facility on Brodhead Road is co-owned by Hanover Township and Lower Nazareth Township.

On July 17, 2017 the Borough of Bath Council decided to serve notice to the CRPC, and the Townships of Lower Nazareth and Hanover, that the Borough was withdrawing from CRPC effective as of January 1, 2019. As stated in their letter of notice, "This action is necessary due to the fiscal constraints facing the Borough of Bath and the continued fiduciary responsibility of Borough Council to the community it serves."

Representatives of the three municipalities are in the process of evaluating possible terms of Bath's withdrawal. I anticipate that the withdrawal details may be finalized over the next few months. There is also a possibility that an early withdrawal may be negotiated to the mutual benefit of all three municipalities. There is most likely going to be a force adjustment due to the elimination of service to Bath. If done properly, there should be minimal impact on the services provided to Hanover and Lower Nazareth Townships.

We are very disappointed to lose one of the original members of CRPC, however we can appreciate their fiscal situation and understand their dilemma. Hanover Township Board of Supervisors are committed to do everything possible to continue our relationship with Lower Nazareth in preserving the CRPD. This relationship has served our communities well for the past 22 years. Hanover residents, businesses and visitors can be assured that your Board of Supervisors will do everything possible to continue the outstanding police services that we have been accustomed to. We are very proud of the men and women who provide progressive security, crime prevention and safety programs to all of us.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR GOVERNANCE - Hanover Township

Often the Township Staff receives a call from our State Representatives (Marcia Hahn) or Senators (Mario Scavello) office when a Township resident contacts them concerning a Township issue. Either the resident has not been happy with the answer they received from the Township or they just don't know who to call. Neither the Representative or Senator has jurisdiction over Township issues, nor should they exert influence to override the decisions made by local government.

The Representative or Senator usually calls Township Staff or one of the Supervisors, receives the same answer the resident would have received, or already has received and contacts the inquirer with the same response. In a lot of instances, the staff in the Representative or Senators office informs the caller that the "issue is of a local nature" and refers the caller back to the Township.

Residents should contact their Representative or Senator to discuss issues or legislation that they can impact. Those would include school property tax, income tax, the opioid epidemic, DMV issues, etc.





BOOKMOBILE UPDATED SCHEDULE

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

MONDAYS 3 - 5:30 PM AT

HANOVER TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY CENTER
6:30 - 8:15 PM WEIS MARKET (CRAWFORD DRIVE)

THURSDAYS 12:15 - 2:45 PM at Westgate Mall (Bon-Ton)

ALTERNATE SATURDAYS (October 14 & 28,
November 11 & 25, December 9 & 23, etc.)

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM at Hanover Elementary School

ALERT IMPORTANT ALERT

If you haven't registered your email address with the Township the time to do it is now. We have instituted a monthly newsletter to cover items in a timelier manner as well as continuing to broadcast important announcements as issues develop. Recently we've sent updates about residential break-ins, yard waste, etc. Shortly, depending on the weather we'll be sending out messages concerning snow emergencies. Stay informed and up-to-date, register today.

PENNSYLVANIANS TO VOTE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

BY STATE SENATOR MARIO M. SCAVELLO,
40TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT, NORTHAMPTON & MONROE COUNTIES

With the recent passage of House Bill 1285, Pennsylvanians will have the opportunity this fall to vote on a measure to eliminate residential school property taxes through the homestead exemption.

This November, voters will consider a constitutional amendment to expand the Commonwealth's existing homestead exemption program to cover 100% of the assessed value of an owner-occupied residence.

The exact language of the ballot question will read as follows:

Shall the Pennsylvania Constitution be amended to permit the General Assembly to enact legislation authorizing local taxing authorities to exclude from taxation up to 100 percent of the assessed value of each homestead property within a local taxing jurisdiction, rather than limit the exclusion to one-half of the median assessed value of all homestead property, which is the existing law?

Voting "yes" on this provision is the first step toward residential school property tax elimination on owner-occupied properties. While this does not remove school



Rep. Mario M. Scavello

property taxes from commercial properties or second homes, it is the first step to rescue seniors and families struggling to stay in their homes.

I encourage all of my constituents to support this change to our state constitution. Should the measure pass, we will be able to follow up with legislation to provide the revenue necessary to eliminate school property taxes on primary homes.

I remain a steadfast supporter of Senate Bill 76, the Property Tax Independence Act, and this is not a measure designed to stop full school property tax elimination. Expanding the existing homestead exemption program to provide residential school property tax elimination is the first "bite at the apple" in tackling the larger property tax beast.

Please vote "yes" this November to finally give homeowners freedom from the oppressive school property tax.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 610-863-1200 or mscavello@pasen.gov

Patriot Day Remarks

Thomas P. O'Donnell, Deputy Chief of Police (Ret.), West New, NJ PD

Ladies and Gentlemen – and young ladies and gentlemen. Good evening and thank you for attending this Patriot Day Remembrance Ceremony. I am honored to be here. I always face this day, September 11th, every year with mixed emotions. Sadness at what happened 16 years ago. The death, the destruction and the pain and at the same time I feel happiness and gratitude for our military personnel, law enforcement personnel, our firefighters and emergency medical personnel and I feel tremendous pride in our wonderful country.

I look back to September 11, 2001 as if it were yesterday. The events of that day have been seared into my mind and those events forever changed the world in which we live. Those of us who are old enough to remember that day will always recall where we were and what we were doing when this horrible tragedy occurred and we will never, ever forget it. Those who were not born or were too young to experience it must read about it, study it, be told about it by elders and they must never forget it as well. The next generation of Americans and generations to follow must know what happened so it never happens again. For as the philosopher George Santayana said many years ago. "Those who cannot remember the past are doomed to repeat it".

On September 11, 2001, four commercial airliners headed for California from the east coast were hijacked by an Islamic terrorist group headed by Osama Bin Laden. They selected those flights because they were fully fueled for a long flight and consequently would do more damage when they crashed. They smuggled knives and box cutters onto the planes and took control. The first was an American Airlines 767 leaving from Boston. This plane was flown into the North tower of the World Trade Center at 8:45 AM striking the building between the 93rd and 99th floors killing hundreds and trapping hundreds more in the floors above. As you know, many jumped to their deaths to avoid the flames.

At that time I was the Deputy Chief of Police and operational commander of the West New York Police Depart-



Deputy Chief O'Donnell.

ment located across the Hudson River and about 2 miles from the World Trade Centers. Many of you will remember the weather that day; it was a crystal clear, crisp early fall day when this happened. It was a beautiful day. The sky was a stunning color of blue. As a matter of fact, ever since then when I encounter a day similar to it I refer to the sky, in my mind, as World Trade Center Blue. I was in my office in police

headquarters and had the news on while completing some daily paperwork when reports came on about a plane crashing into the World Trade Center. It struck me as odd that a plane would crash on such a clear day. I thought of possible terrorism.

At 9:03 AM I watched the second plane hit the south tower. There was no questioning what was happening now. We immediately began to activate all personnel of our 115 member department. We activated our Incident Command System and opened our Emergency Operations Center. At 9:37 AM reports came in that another plane had struck the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. We activated our emergency response team. At that time, quite frankly no one knew what was going to happen next. The Port Authority Police Department, who are in charge of the whole World Trade Center as well as all the bridges and tunnels into New York City, notified all surrounding agencies that all access to New York was being shut down with the exception of emergency vehicles. They asked for assistance to man the Lincoln Tunnel access and we sent 6 officers to control the 3 tunnels for the remainder of the day and into the night.

At 9:54 AM the south tower collapsed. We called in additional ambulances and personnel for the expected injuries knowing that one of the two ferries crossing the river from New York City was in our area. At 10:07 AM United Airlines Flight 93 crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. Later we would be told that heroic individuals on that flight, knowing what had happened earlier in the morning, attacked the terrorists in the

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Boy Scouts listening to Deputy Chief O'Donnell.

cockpit who intentionally crashed the plane before they could reach their intended target believed to be the White House or the Capital Building in Washington, D.C. We will never know for sure because of the actions of a few brave souls. We do know that they saved many other lives at the sacrifice of their own.

At 10:28 AM the north tower collapsed. I didn't know until 2 days later, that when it collapsed it killed, along with many hundreds of others, a close friend and colleague of mine; Inspector Anthony Infante of the Port Authority Police Department. He had rushed to the World Trade Center from a meeting in Jersey City to assist with the evacuation. I am wearing his remembrance band today.

My Police Department spent the rest of the day and into the night assisting over 2,000 people escape from New York City via Ferry onto our side of the river. We set up decontamination stations on the piers to clean the debris off of victims, arranged transportation to hospitals and homes and supplied water and food as needed. At 8:00 PM I received a call from the City Administrator asking me to pick up one of the last victims who had come

over by ferry. I drove down in my patrol vehicle to pick him up. He was wearing a hospital gown and carrying a shopping bag containing what was left of his clothes. He had small blisters all over his face and arms. I told him I would take him to the hospital but he said he was already treated in the City. He just needed to contact his wife who he said, probably thought he was dead.

He went on to tell me that he had been late for work that morning due to partying with his friends the night before and watching

the Giants Monday Night Football Game. Because he was late he was in the elevator when the 1st plane struck the north tower. As fate would have it he somehow survived although suffering from second degree burns on his face and arms. His co-workers were all killed. We sent two motorcycle officers to escort his wife to our station to pick him up. Witnessing their tearful reunion was the silver lining in the darkest day of my life.

All in all, on September 11, 2001 almost 3,000 people from 93 different nations were killed. 343 firefighters and paramedics were killed, 23 New York City and 37 Port Authority Police Officers were killed. Only six people who were in the towers when they collapsed survived. Almost 10,000 were treated for injuries.

Ladies and Gentlemen – and young ladies and gentlemen. We must never forget this!

Thank you for coming this evening to remember those who died on September 11, 2001. May God Bless all who died on that fateful day. May God Bless all who have died protecting us since that day and may God Bless The United States of America.

YARD WASTE BARRELS

The Township still has Yard Waste Barrels available. Please come to the Township Building Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and we will provide you with one. These are 96-Gallon Yard Waste Barrels. The barrels are for homeowners only (one per residence) and will be distributed on a first-come first-serve basis free of charge. The barrel is to be used for



YARD WASTE ONLY which is picked up by Township employees by sector throughout the year. The barrel is not to be used for recycling materials or trash collected by Raritan Valley.

The barrel remains the property of Hanover Township-Northampton County and shall stay at the address should you move.

Hanover Township Community Center

Recreation News

www.hanovercommunitycenter.com



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New Fitness Program—Women Move for Health!



A new fitness-orientated program, “Women Move for Health”, has been launched at the Hanover Township Community Center. The 12-week program focuses on a multitude of women’s health topics, stretching and flexibility exercises and endurance and distance running and walking techniques. The program had over 50 participants this summer/fall and will be offered again in the Spring of 2018.

The program is also being run in conjunction with the Bethlehem Township Community Center. All of the speakers within the program are provided by an exclusive partnership with the St. Luke’s University Health Network. For more information, please contact Rob Cepin, 610-317-8701.

Upcoming Events:

✓ Vera Bradley
Bingo & Field of
Pink

October 15th, 2017

✓ HTCC/PSU
Lehigh Valley
THON 5K

November 5th,
2017

✓ Tree Lighting
December 1st,
2017

Special Events — Tree Lighting Ceremony

Friday, December 1, 2017

Hanover Township Community Center

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: *NEW— LIVE REINDEER*

- * Marshmallow & Hot Dog Roasting on an open fire!
- * Music Sung by a Choir
- * Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides on a lighted path!
- * Ice Sculpting Demonstrations
- * And a visit with our special guest for the evening...**Santa!**

Please call 610-317-8701 or rcepin@hanovertwp-cc.org for more information.

Thanks to our 2017 Special Event Sponsors:

Wegmans, TD Bank, Spark Orthodontics, GLVA, The Puppy Palace, ESSA Bank & Trust, Bright Dental, St. Luke’s University Health Network & Theatre Tots

Monthly Cash Bingo & Field of Pink/Vera Bradley Bingo

In 2016, HTCC decided to combine both Vera Bradley Bingo and the Field of Pink into one day. Since both provide awareness for the same cause, help us make the day special: **Sunday, October 15!**

HTCC offers a platform for many different causes throughout the year. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and our annual events show awareness towards these causes.

The annual **Field of Pink (planting Oct. 15)** is another way we give back to our community raising dollars for the Pink Ribbon Fund of the LVHHN. HTCC will be collecting donations through the month of October in many dif-

ferent ways. The center is holding various raffles in support of the cause, as well as, the annual planting of flags for those wishing to sponsor a loved one who has been affected by breast cancer. **Flags are \$2 each and currently for sale at the Community Center.**



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.



Vera Bradley Bingo

Sunday, October 15, 2017

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 for Women's Programming at HTCC.

**Tickets: \$15 through Sept 30
\$20 October 1 & at door**

Basics of Buying and Selling on ebay

Monday, October 23 6:30pm-7:45pm

Class for the beginner who wants to buy and sell on **ebay** - the online marketplace. Just over one hour of instruction on how to open an account, research items, create listings, pricing strategies, and monitoring and shipping items. This brief class will get you started in a pinch.

Bring an item you want to sell! Fee: \$20

Toddler Time

October through December:

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 am

January through March:

Fridays 10:45 am - 12:15 pm

Ages 5 and Under Fees: \$5 per visit

Children participate with a parent/caregiver. This is a drop-in program. You do not need to register in advance to participate. Come enjoy some play time in the HTCC gym with your child. Children and their parents will be able to explore, play, and make new friends.

January Fitness Fair

Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 • 9 am - 12 pm

First 50 people in line will be eligible to choose an envelope with membership discounts ranging from 10% to 100% off included memberships. Anyone after the first 50 people will receive a 10% discount until 12 pm.

See HTCC for full details and rules.



Adult/Teen Art Class

Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm

Class will run and be registered for on a monthly basis. Class will run monthly September through May. Cost: \$50/month

Program Highlights: *Lacrosse taking off in Hanover Township!*

1st year of Hanover Starz Youth Lacrosse a huge success!



HANOVER STARZ LACROSSE LEAGUE REGISTRATION INFO.

Sign up Dates:

Monday, Jan. 15 5-7pm

Saturday, Jan. 20 11am-1pm

(Teams forming for U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, Divisions-Boys)

(Teams forming by grade level—Girls)

Cost: \$95 (includes uniform)

***security deposit for Helmet/Shoulder Pads required (boys only)**

What's Involved:

1-2 Practices week (begin late Feb./early March)

1-2 games week (start in April)

Purchasing Equipment (varies for boys/girls):

(stick, gloves, elbow pads, mouthpiece, cleats)



Lifestyle Programming

Fall Prevention Educations by Good Shepherd

Thursday, October 5th, 2017 at 1pm



Falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented when seniors are armed with the right tools.

Come learn about those tools!

Members: FREE Non-member: FREE

Must pre-register at front desk by October 3rd!

Stroke Education by Lehigh Valley Hospital

Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 1pm



Stroke, also called brain attack, occurs when blood flow to the brain is disrupted. Approximately one-third of people will suffer a stroke in the year following a transient ischemic attack.

Come learn how you could be at risk & what to do about it!

Members: FREE Non-member: FREE

Must pre-register at front desk by October 24th!

Soup & Salad and a Movie

Sponsored by: ManorCare Health Services

Monday, October 16, 2017 at 12 Noon

Lunch at 12 Noon and movie at 1:00 pm

South Pacific (1958)

Members: \$4 Non-members: \$8

Must pre-register at front desk by October 14th!

Benefits You Should Know About!

Sponsored by: COUNTRY MEADOWS RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Thursday, November 2nd, 2017 at 1 pm

A sampler of information including PACE, PACENET, veteran's benefits, final expense planning, long term care insurance & reverse mortgages....with Eileen Kutzler

Must pre-register at front desk by October 30th!

Fall Social with Lunch and Entertainment

Sponsored by: TRADITIONS of HANOVER Distinctive Independent Living

Wednesday, November 29th, 2017 12 Noon-2:00 pm

Lunch at 12 Noon & Entertainment by

Bethellyn singing Broadway Show Tunes at 1 pm

Members: \$8 Non-members: \$12

Must pre-register at front desk by November 27th!

HTCC Sassy Sisters: Ladies Social Club

Meets the first Wednesday of every month for lunch at an area restaurant. *RSVP by Friday Before Organizational luncheon at Traditions on Jan. 3rd*

Sponsored by: TRADITIONS of HANOVER Distinctive Independent Living

at 12:00 pm Cost FREE RSVP by December 26th

Soup & Salad and a Movie!

Sponsored by: ManorCare Health Services

Monday, January 15th, 2018 at 12 Noon

Lunch at 12 Noon and movie at 1:00 pm

Flyboys (2006)

Members: \$4 Non-members: \$8

Must pre-register at front desk by January 13th!

Hour of Wellness

Sponsored by: COUNTRY MEADOWS RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES

Including BP Screens, Balance, Fitness tips & Healthy Eating & Nutrition tips! FREE

First Monday of Every Month 9:15-10:15 am

"Easel-e" Amused!



Thursday, January 25th, 2018 at 1 pm

Theme painting & warm winter drinks! Cost: \$4/\$6

Must pre-register at front desk by January 22nd!

Afternoon Matinee

Every Monday at 1:00 pm

Members: \$1 Non-members: \$2

Bridge

Mondays at 1:00 pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1

Beginners and experienced players welcome.

Quilting

Tuesdays at 1 pm *Small supply fee

Mahjongg

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm

Members: FREE Non-members: \$1

Learn the basics of the game of mahjongg !

Cooking with Joan

Second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 pm

Members: \$3 Non-members: \$6

Book Group Discussion

Third Monday of the month at 3 pm

FREE

Fire Companies **TALLEST** Donation

By Chief Craig Wasem



85 feet to be exact! As the Fire Company continues to progress there comes a time when our fire trucks must be replaced. Fortunately for our community, we are able to do so by utilizing revenue from the fire tax. A special thank you is certainly due to the Township Board of Supervisors, Township Manager and Township Residents.

After the new apparatus is purchased, we are left with the process of selling the old trucks. In the past, the Fire Company has worked with the Township to price and list the old trucks for sale. As I'm sure you can imagine, there is not a huge market for used fire apparatus and almost all of them sell for pennies on the dollar.

So when it came time to sell our previous ladder truck, the Fire Company worked with the Township and listed it for sale. After several months and no bites, we decided to go a different route.

We donated the ladder truck to Pink Heals!

Who are they?

They put their volunteerism and their labor of love to work for the people in the community. According to their mission, the money raised in their community efforts through individuals, public servants, or local businesses, will remain local in their community, county or state.

Pink Heals is a program that partners with Public Safety, local businesses and families to bring a community together and boost morale. It is a program that provides home visits to show individuals that they are loved, cherished and important to others. Pink Heals brings back the human element by celebrating people, not causes. Pink Heals is health care support at a grass roots level, and visionary leaders across the country are implementing Pink Heals at a rapid pace.

How it works?

The Pink Heals National Tour operates by the sale of merchandise, gifts, local sponsorship and in kind donations used to maintain their vehicles, buy gas and travel across the country to visit individuals and share the program. Tour drivers volunteer for up to 21 days at a time to

drive **pink fire trucks** and police cars across America and deliver the Pink Heals Program to communities. The local chapters use **pink fire trucks** and police cars as a visual reminder that people matter. Chapters partner with local businesses for home visits in order to provide visit recipients with donated goods, gift cards and services while giving the employees of those businesses the opportunity to bring joy, love and hope to people in need.

Pink Heals will be painting our old ladder truck **PINK** and donating it to a Pink Heals Chapter to support people in need on a personal level.

If you have any questions, would like additional information, or would like to know how you can get involved with the local Lehigh Valley Pink Heals Chapter feel free to contact the station at 610.867.2103 and ask for the Fire Chief.

Please check out the Pink Heals webpage and consider a donation of your own!

WWW.PINKFIRETRUCKS.ORG

PPL NEWS — Don't fall for scammers

Phone callers who impersonate PPL Electric Utilities give themselves away by doing two things the utility doesn't.

They claim they'll cut off power immediately if they don't get paid, and they pressure you to pay them by buying prepaid cards. (In real life, PPL gives plenty of notice when there's a possible risk of shut-off, and they don't pressure anyone to use specific payment methods.)

You can always check your account status by logging on at ppllectric.com or calling PPL at 1-800-DIAL-PPL. If you get a suspicious or threatening call that claims to come from another company – like a utility or a bank – do the same thing: Hang up and contact the company directly using a trusted method, like the phone number on your monthly statement.

At PPL, service termination always is a last resort. When it does occur, it is preceded by a formal notification process that involves a letter and phone call as well as a posting at the address in question. PPL Electric Utilities attempts to work with all customers to help ensure uninterrupted service.

EMS CORNER

by Karen Van Why, EMS Captain

EMS Call Statistics

Medical Emergencies	1,140
Motor Vehicle Accidents	126
Fire Support	126
Total calls through August	1,357



In the wake of the recent natural disasters that our country has experienced, I feel it is appropriate to talk about disaster preparedness for your family. First and foremost you should always heed the advice of local officials and evacuate if an evacuation is called for. Understandably, there are times when that is not an option. If this is the case, you should take appropriate steps to ensure that you and your family are prepared to be able to survive for up to 2 weeks after a natural disaster strikes. The American Red Cross recommends having at a minimum of a 2 week supply of water in the event you cannot evacuate. This should include a gallon of water per day, per person in your household. You should also have a 2 week supply of nonperishable, easy to prepare items that you can feed your family with. Just as important as food and water is your medications. If you take daily medications that are prescribed by your family physician, you should have a ready supply on hand for at least 7 days. A full list of items can be found at the American Red Cross website here: <http://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies>.



Please keep in mind that if you choose to stay and not evacuate it could be hours before help can reach you. It could be days until the basic utility services are restored to your area. Firefighters, EMS providers and police officers will be inundated with emergencies and due to the condi-

tions may be unable to reach you. At the height of a storm when conditions are most severe, firefighters, EMS providers and police officers may be unable to respond to emergencies.

Flooding and wind damage is nothing new for our area as was demonstrated by Hurricane Sandy in 2013 and Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Flash flooding can occur at any time from a passing thunderstorm and without any advance warning. Do not attempt to drive through standing or moving water as your vehicle can become disabled putting you in immediate danger. You can drown in as little as 2 inches of water! When strong winds blow down wires, do not approach them and treat those as if they are all live power lines and call 911.

In the event of a power outage in your area check on your neighbor's, especially elderly neighbors to make sure they are okay and do not need any type of assistance. Residents who need electricity to power oxygen or other type of medical equipment should contact 911. Emergency responders will assist residents with finding shelter with electricity or other means the Fire Company may have available at the time of need.



Township Leaf Collection will begin in early October 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 pick-up 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).

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.



A member of the fire company training.

Fire Company News

The Officers and Members of the Hanover Township Vol. Fire Company would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who attended our Open House. This event is fun for all ages.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

Santa will make his annual trip through the Township on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 9 am. Santa loves to receive the children's gift list. He is always happy to except donations for your Fire Company too.



ELECTRONIC SIGN

We are still trying to raise funds on our special fundraising for an electronic sign at the entrance to the Fire House. We have sent letters out to the businesses within our Township in hopes to receive enough donations to purchase the sign. If you know of any business or business owner who would like to support our company with a donation towards our sign please share this information with them.

This sign will enable us to alert the community to township emergency situations such as road closures, detours, hazardous materials incidents, and restricted areas, severe weather alerts, public service announcements and lots more. If you would like to donate to our sign fund please specify LED sign on your donation.

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.

Visit our website: www.htvfc.org

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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. If the stickers are missing you can report an outage by the closest address.

SHADE TREE ADVISORY BOARD

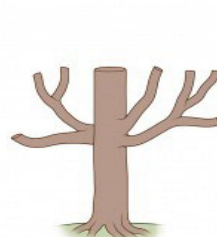
**PLANT A TREE – HELP OUR URBAN CANOPY
REPLACE YOUR MISSING STREET TREE**



MULCH YOUR TREES



PRUNE CORRECTLY - DON'T TOP



Topped Tree



Growth After Topping

**!EMERALD ASH BORER ALERT!
TREAT - OR BE READY TO REMOVE AND
REPLACE YOUR ASH TREE**



AROUND THE 138TH DISTRICT

BY STATE REP. MARCIA HAHN, 138TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT



Rep. Marcia M. Hahn

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, I joined the majority of my colleagues in approving House Bill 453, legislation that would fund the 2017-18 budget without the need for tax increases or borrowing.

When the Senate sent the House legislation that would have increased taxes on your electric and telephone bills and added two new taxes on your natural gas consumption, the response from you -

the taxpayer - was overwhelming. As stewards of your hard-earned dollars, we as legislators need to do better.

The legislation we passed puts taxpayers first. In addition to fully funding the 2017-18 budget, this bill would erase the structural deficit hanging over us from the 2016-17 budget. That fact is particularly important, because it would allow us to square our balance sheet and put us on better financial footing.

House Bill 453 does not ask you to dig deeper into your wallet through tax hikes and does not place an added burden on future generations through irresponsible borrowing. It does ask the Legislature to do more with less, as it removes \$20 million from our reserve accounts.

This revenue package takes elements from proposals offered by the Senate, the governor, the House Appropriations Committee and the groups of legislators who recommended fund transfers. With the latter, it by no means accesses accounts to the extent that group suggested. Only accounts that are dormant or include excessive reserves of taxpayer money are part of this plan. Programs such as farmland preservation and volunteer firefighting are untouched.

Attention Senior Citizens

My annual Senior Expo will be held Friday, October 6th, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bushkill Township Volunteer Fire Company, 155 Firehouse Lane, Nazareth. My staff and I always look forward to this day and the chance to spend time with our friends and neighbors.

It is also a great opportunity for local and state organizations and businesses to showcase their services for seniors, their families and caregivers. We're expecting nearly 70 vendors to be on hand for this year's event.

Door prizes, entertainment and light refreshments will be available. Free flu shots will be administered by the Lehigh Valley Hospital Network. All you need is proof of identity in order to be vaccinated.

I hope to see you at this year's Senior Expo!

Asa Packer Elementary School News

By Jonathan C. Horvath, Principal

On August 28, 2017, 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. 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.

Pride in our school, self and community was stressed in our grade level assemblies that initiated the school year. This year we will focus on finding the strengths and talents of each individual student and will make it an effort to differentiate the learning styles to meet all students' needs. We are also in the second year of implementing The Leader in Me Program. The faculty and staff will additionally continue to support the Bethlehem Area

School District's Roadmap to Educational Excellence.

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 sixth 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 31, 2017. Picture Day was scheduled for September 29th. School will be closed on October 9th. Parent and VIP visits will occur during American Education Week was scheduled for October 10th through October 13th. The Scholastic Book Fair also took place during this week.

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

Hanover School News

By Tim Lynch, Principal

**Bethlehem Area School District-
Shaping the future.
One child at a time.**



VISION — At Hanover, we empower students to be respectful, responsible, critical thinkers and lifelong learners in a culturally diverse world.

August 28, 2017, marked the start of another school year for the 245 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 Miss Shannon Butler to our staff as the new first grade teacher.

The new school year brings a new core reading series to students in Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades and the commitment to ensure that all students are reading proficiently by grade 3. The students and staff will continue to study Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People as we bring forth the leadership skills in each of us.

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 20th our property was filled with Pinwheels for Peace as we took part in World Peace Day. The pinwheels were decorated on one side and contain the students' wish for world peace on the other side.

The annual Hawk Walk was held on the school grounds On September 22nd. If you would like to support the Hawk Walk through a monetary donation or corporate sponsorship you can still contact the school at (610) 691-3210.

October 10-13th 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. On October 12th, 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 for being part of our recipe for success. 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.

FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

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., engine 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.

FYI

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.

SIDEWALK SNOW & ICE REMOVAL ORDINANCE

As a reminder it is the responsibility of property owners to clear snow and ice from their sidewalks as follows:

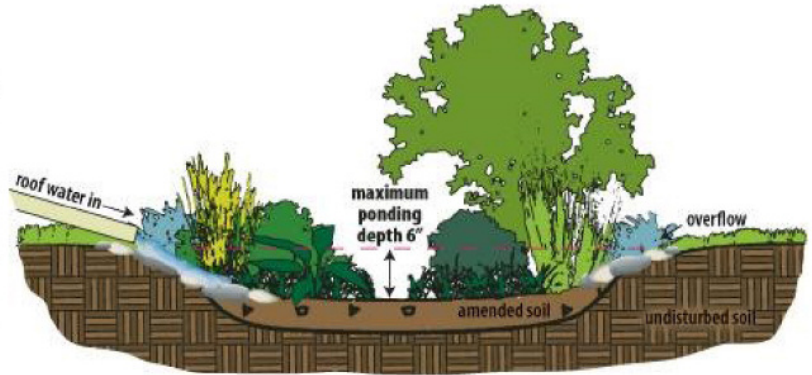
- 1) Within 36 hours of the termination of any fall of snow or accumulation of ice, a path must be cleared through a sidewalk allowing pedestrians to safely pass;
- (2) Within 48 hours of the termination of the Township's snow removal operations the entire width and length of the sidewalk must be cleared.

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

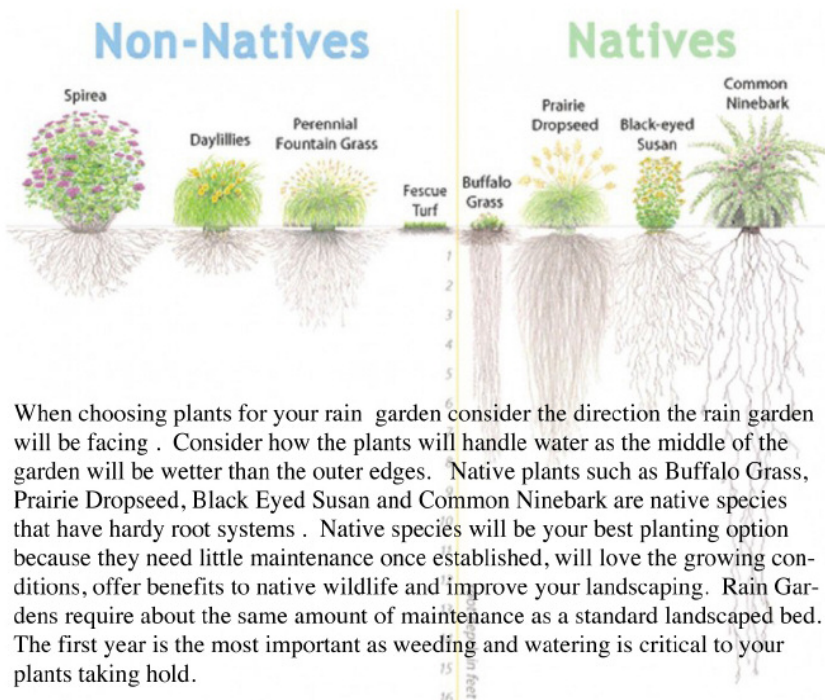
- Native species
- Consider sun, partial sun or shade
- Aesthetically pleasing

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 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.

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.

BETHLEHEM AREA PUBLIC LIBRARY

WWW.BAPL.ORG



HANOVER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS: ENTER TO WIN A KINDLE!

Hanover Township residents who register for a new BAPL library card in the month of November will be entered into a raffle for a brand new Kindle e-reader! Already have a library card? Stop in to the Main Library to check out a book and enter for your chance to win as well. Two Kindles will be given out to Township residents. It's a great time to visit BAPL! Contact jberk@bapl.org for additional information.

PROGRAM INFORMATION Phone **Main Library** at 610-867-3761 x399, **Children's Center** at 610-867-3761 x499, **South Side Branch** at 610-867-7852 OR visit www.bapl.org for details.

UPDATED BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE

Visit bapl.org for updated bookmobile schedule information. The Hanover Township stops have been changed, effective November 1st.

FALL STORYTIMES

There are lots of great events for kids at the library this fall, including storytimes for toddlers (Tuesdays at 10:30) and babies (Wednesdays at 10:30). There are also many events open to families and children of all ages. bapl.org for more information.

THE LARGE FLOWERHEADS - NOVEMBER 10

Celebrate the downtown library's 50th anniversary as The Large Flowerheads bring to life the musical sights & sounds of the '60s.



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

Monday to Thursday: 11AM-8PM
Saturday: noon-4PM

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. 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.